

(122) with the home plantation after they come to the
years of twenty I am to be equally divided
amongst them if either of them should die
before they come of age it shall fall to the others
they all three are to be bound to trade, of their own
choosing. I give to my grandson Robert Barth
Five pounds when he comes of age. I will that
the mill & the land belonging to it and also
the residue of my estate to be sold and equally
divided amongst my four daughters and
grandson Elizabeth Catton Mary Rachel &
Robert Todd. I will that part of that shall be
give to my grandson Robert Todd in full of his
What is allowed sufficient, and I do hereby
declare this & this alone to be my last will &
testament and do constitute & appoint Benja-
min Todd & Peter Todd Executors thereof in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
Gave this twenty fifth day of December in the
year 1786

Joseph Todd
Thomas Todd
John Hendrickson

his
Robert Barth
mark.

(123)
In the name of God I make this fourteenth day of
December in the year of our Lord seven hundred &
eighty seven I Margaret Parks of State of North Carolina
and County of Rowan being weak in body but of a
full mind & memory calling to mind the mortality of
my body knowing that it is appointed for all women
once to die Do think proper at this time to make and
ordain this my last will & testament, And first and
principally I recommend my soul to God he gave it
and my body to be buried in a christian and decent like
manner at the discretion of my Executors Nothing deny-
ing but that I shall receive the same again reunited
to my soul by the mighty power of God through the
Merits of my Redeemer at the Resurrection, and as
touching the good things of this life wherewith it
hath pleased God to bless me with I do give devise &
bequeath in the manner & form following. First I order
& allow all my just & lawfull debts to be paid. 2. I give
& bequeath unto my son John one Negro boy nam-
ed Will to him his heirs & assigns forever. 3. I give &
bequeath unto my son Hugh one Negro wench nam-
ed Doll to him his heirs & assigns forever. 4. I give &
bequeath unto my Daughter Lean one Negro
wench named Rust & my saddle & all my wearing
apparel. 5. I give & bequeath unto my two sons
John & Hugh 2 Cows my two Bibles. 6. I give &
bequeath unto my grand daughter Margaret

Daughter to my Son John my bed & furniture to
her her hair, & signs, forever. 7th I give & bequeath
all the remainder of my personal Estate and what
Money I have in my house unto my two Sons
John & Hugh Parks & my grand son James Reed
to be equally divided to them each to have ~~after~~
the one third after the sale thereof to them their heirs,
& signs, forever. 8th Also I appoint make & ordain
my two Sons John & Hugh Parks executors of
this my last will & testament and I do hereby
revok & disanule all former wills by me made
ratifying & confirming this as my last will &
testament In witness whereof I hereunto set
my hand & seal the day & year first written.

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of
us Robert Cochran ^{her} Parks &
James Ginnady ^{mark}
J. Mark
No. Houston

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Cleaver
North Carolina & County of Rowan being thro'
the abundant mercy & goodness of God tho' weak
in body yet of a sound perfect understanding &
Memory, Do constitute this my last will & testa-
ment & desire it may be received by all as such
First I most humbly bequeath my soul to God
my Maker beseeching his most gracious ac-

ceptance of it through the all sufficient Merits of a
compassionate Redeemer who gave himself to be an
atonement for my sins & is able to save to save to
the utmost all that come to God by him & being be-
liever with to make intercession for them and whom I
trust will not reject me a returning penitent sinner
when I come to him for mercy. In this hope & confidence
I render up my soul with comfort to the ever blessed
Trinity one God most holy & merciful to prepare for my
time of dissolution and take me to himself in that place
& rest & incomparable felicity which he has prepared
for all that love & fear him Amen blessed be God. I give
my body to the earth from whence it was taken in infan-
cy as for my burial I desire it may be decent
without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife
& Executors hereafter named who I doubt not many
it with a piousness. As to my worldly Estate I give
& order positively debts be paid all my worldly
debts be paid to the utmost. First I give to my dear
& loving wife the privilege on my Premises hold-
ing the same till my son comes to age of eighteen
years then at the end of that time I will & order that
my son John Cleaver & my daughter Susan &
Cleaver have my lands & tenements that lie about
it each an equal share or part of the same.
And as for my movables such as household
furniture stock & creatures of the kinds I have