

In the Name of God Amen the thirtieth Day of November  
 1759 in the Year of our Lord 1758 I John Michael in the pro-  
 -vance of North Carolina in the County of Rowan being  
 very sick & weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be  
 given unto God Therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body &  
 knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make and ordain  
 this my last Will & Testament that is to say principally and first of all  
 I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that give it and  
 for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like  
 and decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors not doubting but at the  
 general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power  
 of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased  
 God to bless me in this Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the  
 following Manner & Form. I Give of all allow all Debts Dues and  
 Demands which I owe in Justice or Equity to any person or persons to be  
 paid off the whole and then my principal Estate to be divided  
 equally between my Wife and five Children but if my Wife with  
 Child I allow that Child an equal part with the others and like-  
 wise I constitute make and ordain my wife below wife Ruth  
 Carmichael my only Heir & Exec of this my last Will and Testament  
 and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all and every other  
 former Testaments Wills & Legacies Request & Be by me in any  
 Manner before this time made written & bequeathed ratifying &  
 confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament  
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal  
 the Day & Year above written. John Michael

Signed seal & published pronounced  
 and declared the said John Michael as his  
 last Will & Testament in the presence of  
 of us the Subscribers viz. Robert Marmock  
 George Myott  
 John M. Gowan

1760  
 July 25

In the Name of God Amen I Alexander Leathery of Blount County in the  
 Province of North Carolina being weak of Body but in sound & perfect Memory  
 Thanks be to almighty God for the same and calling to mind the Mortality of  
 Mankind & knowing it is ordained for all men once to die I do hereby make  
 this my last Will & Testament in Manner & Form following that is to say  
 First I recommend my Soul to almighty God that give it and in hopes at the  
 last Day of a joyfull Resurrection thro' the Merits of our blessed Lord &  
 Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth from which it came to be  
 buried in a Christian like Manner at the Discretion of my Executors  
 hereafter named And for what worldly Estate it has been pleased to  
 bless me with I do hereby dispose of in the following manner that is to say  
 to wit First my Wife is and I give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Eliza-  
 beth the Use of the Plantation whereon I now live during her natural  
 Life provided she does not marry but in Case she should marry then it is  
 to be made the best Use & turned to the most Advantage by selling or otherwise  
 for the Benefit of my two youngest Sons James Leathery & Richard Leathery Also  
 I give unto my said Wife & her Heirs the two we commonly lay on  
 & above & below as she shall choose out of my stock & that of my young Son  
 and any one of my mares she shall choose also seven head of Cattle  
 and I do hereby & I leave two working Horses the best plow & plowman  
 and Tackling belonging to the do me two iron pots four pates & six half  
 a doz. plates I do leave I do give & bequeath the Use of my two Negroes serving  
 her natural Life or during her Widowhood and no longer And my Will  
 is that the Maggon & Hears shall continue in the Plantation for the Use  
 & Benefit of the place so long as my Wife & Children continue to live to-  
 gether for the general Benefit of them all. Also I give and bequeath  
 to my beloved Son John Leathery & William Leathery all that Tract  
 Land lying up the Creek joining the Plantation whereon I now live  
 to be equally divided between them their & each of their Heirs & Assigns  
 Also I give & bequeath unto my said Son John a black Stallion two  
 & the best horse named by his name & a pair of plow  
 & my land & great Cattle

his quarter his brother James, and if not then I give to my son  
 James also one cow one heifer & one year old two head of sheep to him  
 His heirs & assigns. Item. I also give & bequeath to my son William be-  
 -they Bupples mare & the yearling & two head of sheep one cow one  
 heifer & one yearling to him his heirs & assigns. Item. I give & bequeath  
 unto my beloved daughter Margaret Cathey the sum of twenty pounds  
 to buy her a good riding creature & her side saddle also five cows &  
 calves three head of sheep a bed & furniture also a note of hand  
 on Richard Lyon at Grosbeck to her her heirs & assigns. —  
 Item. I give & bequeath unto my once beloved daughter Alice Robinson  
 wife to Benjamin Robinson the sum of five shillings nothing & no more.  
 Item. I give & bequeath unto my two beloved sons James Cathey &  
 Richard Cathey the tract of land wherein I now live to be divided  
 unto them at the decease of their mother or at her marriage to be  
 equally divided between them their heirs & assigns. severally. Also  
 I give & bequeath to my said son James my negro which I named  
 Sal. to be delivered him at his mothers death or marriage to him  
 his heirs or assigns. Item. I give & bequeath unto my said son  
 Richard Cathey my negro boy called Tom. to him his heirs &  
 assigns to be delivered him at his mothers death or marriage.  
 Item. I give & bequeath unto my beloved grandson the said son  
 one young heifer called Post Royal and also to pay out of my Estate  
 for three years schooling clothing & boarding also I give him one  
 young mare & her mare known by his name (being common  
 so called) but in case said mare should be dead then I give  
 a young mare that came of my Dunn mare, to him his heirs  
 & assigns. Also my Will is that my great Will & a small tract  
 of land I have joining Mr John Brandon & also one tract  
 of land lying at Fairfield, also an entry & survey of land I have  
 on the Catara River near the Quaker Meadows and all the rest  
 residue of my Estate both real & personal not herebefore  
 disposed of. I give & bequeath unto the said son James

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 to pay all my just debts & defray my funeral Charges which is to be  
 first paid, and the Overplus of any to be equally divided between my  
 beloved wife & children herein after named (to wit) John Cathey, William  
 Cathey Margaret Cathey James Cathey & Richard Cathey. — And lastly. I  
 do hereby confirm & appoint beloved son John Cathey & trust friends  
 Francis Lock Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking  
 and disannulling & disallowing any other or former Wills or Wills by me here-  
 before made, hereby confirming & allowing and acknowledging this to be  
 last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1766.

Signed sealed published &  
 pronounced as the last Will  
 & Testament of said Cathey  
 in the presence of  
 John Hancock  
 Dr. Brandon  
 Fargue Lyngham

Mrs. Cathey

1762

July 1st

In the Name of God the eight Day of March in the Year of our Lord  
 one thousand seven hundred sixty two I John Cunningham of North Carolina  
 in the Province of North Carolina being very sick & weak in Body &  
 of perfect Mind & Memory. Thanks be unto God for the same, and coming  
 to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing its appointed for all  
 men once to die Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament  
 that is to say for my body I first of all I give & recommend my soul  
 into the Hands of God that gave it, & for my Body I recommend it to  
 the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent Manner at the  
 Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Re-  
 surrection I shall rise the same again by the mighty power of God  
 and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God  
 to bless me in this Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the  
 manner & Form following, that is to say. First of all that all my law-  
 ful debts be paid. Also I give & bequeath unto said son James