

In the name of God Amen! I Ralph Picket of Rowan County & State of N. Carolina, being in good & perfect senses but sick in body. Do hereby make & ordain this present my last will & test: in manner & form following that is to say first & principally I commend my soul in to the hands of almighty God, hoping through the merits, death, & passion of my blessed saviour Jesus Christ have fully & free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins & to inherit everlasting life & my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors here after named & as touching such temporal estate as it had God pleased to bless me with I give & dispose thereof as followeth.

1st I will that my debts & funeral charges should all be paid.

2^d I leave unto my loving wife all the land & plantation that I am now possessed in during her life time or widowhood and after her death or widowhood then the land & plantation to be divided as followeth.

I give & bequeath unto my loving son William Picket one hundred & forty acres of land lying on the south side of ready creek running agreeable to plot & numbers, to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my loving son Charles Picket one hundred & forty acres of land lying across the southeast end of my land from one side to the other on the main road that leads from Fredericks town to Longs Ferry & the balance of which land I possess I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth Picket, during her life or widowhood.

My will & desire is also after a division of my lands as above mentioned is that my two loving sons Wm & Charles Picket shall pay to their mother Elizabeth Picket ten pounds current money each to her.

I also appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Picket & Wm Picket executors of this my present last will & test: & I do hereby utterly disallow & revoke & disannul all & every former test: by me in any way before, named, willed or bequeathed; rectifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 29th day of December, AD 1796.

Signed, sealed & delivered

in the presence of us.

John Hyatt Esq. Wm^r Handley

Abraham Taylor

Ralph Picket
his mark.

In the name of God Amen! the 8th day of July AD 1790.
I William Patterson sen: of Rowan County & State of N. Carolina being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God for the same. And calling to mind the mortality of the body, & that it is appointed for all men to die. Do make & ordain this my last will & test: That is to say first of all I give my soul to God, who gave it, & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life