

162 In the Name of God Amen. Third of March one thousand seven
1769 hundred and sixtynine I Abijah Woods of Rowan County Farmer being
very sick & weak in Bodie but of perfect Mind & Memory Thanks
be to God for the same & calling to mind the Mortality of my
Body knowing that it is appointed for all Men to die Do make
and ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say pre-
cisely and justly of all I give & bequeath my soul to God who
gives it and for my Body I command it to be buried in
a Christian like decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors
nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive
the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching
such worldly Estate wherewithal I am provided God to help me in
this Life I give devise & dispose of in the Manner & Form follow-
ing that is to say in the first place I give & bequeath to Martha
my dear beloved Wife a two year old racing Mare by cohered with
her also her Weddell of her Child & the Rearing of Clotes and
Body both the & her Clotes and unto her my dear son I give
of riding Ladle and the Gun which he now makes up of and
the Rest of my Effects is to be divided in four equal Parts
amongst my dear Wife and my dear Children and I do hereby
desire never to dispart them among other former Testimental
Wills and Legacys & Executors by me in any Way before this
Time named and now in this my last Will and Testament to
nominate & appoint Martha my well beloved Wife & her my dear
& well beloved Son my Bequest of Entertainment & in comprising
this and another to be my last Will & Testem-
on this I have written to set ^{in witness} and if at the day of my death
not dead it to be done pronounced to be ^{in witness} here by Woods ¹⁷⁶⁹
I give & bequeath to you my dear Son & his wife ^{in witness} ¹⁷⁶⁹
Abijah Woods ¹⁷⁶⁹

163 In the Name of God Amen, this eighth day of September one thousand seven
hundred and sixtynine I Abijah Woods of Rowan County Carpenter being very sick and
weak in Bodie but of perfect Mind & Memory Thank be to God for the same
and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appoin-
ted for all men once to die Do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament
that is to say principally beforest of all I give & recommend my soul to God who
gives it & my Body I recommend to Earth to be buried in a decent Christian
Manner & the Disposition of my Effects nothing doubting but by the al-
mighty power of God at the general Resurrection to receive the same ~~again~~
and as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow me
with in this Life I give & dispose of in Manner & Form following
that is to say in the first place I give & bequeath to my dear Samuel
Woods all my young cattle & a Bull exchased of one two years old & his for
all my Cows except my blue Bull ^{I give & bequeath to my} ^{Uncle} ^{Samuel Woods}
Ladd & Miss & two of my best Bulls & Calves I give & bequeath of all my best
Animals & one Bullion for his Trade in Duiding my Land and a
small sumon Bull ^{I give & bequeath to my} ^{Aunt} Sarah Woods ^{one} ^{Bullion}
best Cow & my best Calf there I also give & bequeath to my Cousin Jacob
A Bullock of meat best Cow I also give & bequeath to my lesson Elizabeth
Woods of next best of my Cows & my Buck. I also give & bequeath to my
Cousin Ruth Woods one two year old Heifer I also give & bequeath to my
3/4 in Starred Woods my young black Mare I also give & bequeath
to Joseph Hapton my blue Mare & Rounding Hat & one Bristle I also give
my Uncle Archibald Hapton all the Balance of my Book Accounts
I also give to my Cousin Sarah Woods my Bible & one psalme I also give
my lesson Mary Woods one Psalme I also give & bequeath to my Cousin
James McEwens the Balance of my Book Accounts and I give
to my lesson James McEwens my Hatte & purse I also give &
bequeath my Land on Grante Creek and my Land at the Quaker
Meeting house which I allow to be sold out of my Estate I also
give & bequeath to Goffette Parker for my Marriage

164 Oon off the ~~balance~~^{equally} of all my debts, lawfully due, I leave & remainder of my Estate to be divided between my brother and I leave except to my Sister Jan two Pounds and my Mother a debt share of I do hereby defalow, revoke and renounce all and other former Testaments Wills & legacies I have made by me in any wise before this time made and now in this my last Will and Testament Do nominate & appoint my Uncle Samuel Woods and James Whittle, my Executors to now confirm, this to be other to be my last Will & Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, the Day of Year above written.

Griffith Rutherford
Sectr for No. 81
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165 In the Name of God, Amen, the third Day of March in the Year of our Lord 1759. I Benjamin Whipple, of No. 22 Broad St, in the County of Roxbury, Boston, being very sick and weak in Body, but of perfect Mind & Memory, thanksgiving unto God therefor, calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament: That is to say, first & first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my Body I recommend it to Earth, to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner; at the Disposition of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate, wherewithal it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life, I give, bequeath & dispose of the same in the following manner & form:

After my burring charges are paid, (as my just debts, Imprimis, I give and bequeath to Mary my nearly beloved Wife one third part of all my personal Estate with the best Room in my dwelling house. I constitute, make and ordain my Sons Benjamin and Moses Whipple, my only & sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Item I give my well beloved Son Benjamin Whipple in hundred & ten of Land to be his own & to him, joining to his own Lot, with an acre at the Value of fifteen Pounds. Item I give my well beloved Son Moses Whipple my plantation with all the Improvements of every kind, with the River & in or Rivers of all my other Lands that I have not yet bequeathed, also in Land & brickbatts with the Remaining part of Robert Whipples Ground, so freely to be possessed & enjoyed, by him his Heirs and Assigns, at the death of said Whipple provided, the said Moses Whipple shall give unto said Whipple one bay facing Mare, with a new Building Biddle with all other Rooms that the Law requires to be given unto such a Servant for his Lifetime. Item I give my Son Samuel Whipple five Shillings, also I give unto his Daughter Elizabeth Wilson her Dower to the Value thereof to be paid out of my personal Estate. Item I give my Son John McConnell the value of ten Pounds to be paid out of my personal Estate. Item I give my Son Moses Whipple to the Value of ten Pounds to be paid out of my personal Estate. Item I give my son Nathaniel Hamilton to the Value of ten Pounds to be paid out of my personal Estate. If there is any Provision or Reasons that remains I allow it to be divided equally between my two beloved Sons Benjamin & Moses Whipple (viz: Any of my personal Estate remains after those legacies are all paid, then I allow it to be divided between my two Sons as I have already said, viz: Between the 15 & 16 Lms before signing Sealing & Delivering the Wills is entituled to him his Heirs & Assigns freely to be possessed & enjoyed). In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, the Day of Year above written.

Signed sealed, published, pronounced & declared, by the said Benjamin Whipple, as his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us the subscribers,

John Jackson
Wm. Whipple