

& Test: I do appoint James Kerr & George Irvin
executors. In witness whereof, I have put my hand
and hereto this 13th day of August 1804

Attest: I do allow George Irvin all debts due from me, to
any person, that he has lifted on my account from
the day he bought my land to this day.

In presence of
Thomas Irvin, George Irvin, John Kerr
Alexander Lawrence. Secd.

In the name of God Amen! I John Patton of
the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being in
bad health of body but of sound mind & memory, being
desirous to settle my worldly affairs, in the following manner
do make & ordain this my last will & test. Principally
first of all I give & bequeath my soul to God who gave
it & my body to the earth.

Item I give & bequeath to my son John Patton my
Negro Dinah & Edmund.

Item I give & bequeath 2320 acres of land lying on
Tenessee river to be divided equally between my three
sons Joseph, Robert & John.

Item I also give & bequeath to my son Joseph fifty
pounds in money.

And to my son John one hundred pounds.

Item I will & bequeath to my three daughters fifty
pounds each in money.

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Item I will & bequeath to my daughter Sally Kerr
pounds in money.

Item I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Susannah
fifty pounds in money.

Item I also give & bequeath to my son John, my smith
& farming tools, my stock & corn. (The court is specified
that this is the will of John Patton proven by Joseph Patton
& Matthew Whittle & that - given to John Patton)
The 20th of October 1800... A.D. 1800

In the name of God Amen! I Stephen Riddle
of Rowan County & State of N. Carolina, being weak
in body but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given
to God & calling unto mind the mortality of my body
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make & ordain this my last will & test, that is to say
principally & first of all, I recommend my soul to God
who gave it, & my body to the earth, to be buried in a
Christian burial at the discretion of my executors. Nothing
withstanding but at the general resurrection I shall receive
me again by the mighty power of God. And as touching
such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me
with in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in following
manner & form.

1st I will that my just debts & funeral charges be paid by my
executors.

2^d I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth all
the goods & property now remaining that she was possessed
on the day of our marriage, which was the marriage on

satisfied & confirmed by each of us in writing, previous
to marriage. And further I give unto her one feather bed
furniture thereunto belonging, during her natural life &
if she decease the bed to go to the use of my children hereafter
mentioned to each & equal share, & further that she is to have
her maintenance out of my estate & on the premises above
said, if she should so choose, for & during her widowhood
if she should never marry for & during her natural life.
But if she do not see cause to continue on the premises, she
shall be at liberty to remove to any other place, where she
may see cause, & my executors are still to provide for her out of
my estate, a reasonable & sufficient support for the term or
terms above mentioned, on her making application for the same.
I will that all my slaves, & stock of horses, cattle, hogs,
sheep &c together with all my household goods & furniture
& all utensils for husbandry be sold at public sale, &
the money arising from the sale together with all the money
in hand at my death, & all money due to me at this time
or may become due to my estate hereafter to be divided
into seven equal parts. And my two sons, namely John
& Benjamin Riddle is to receive & to enjoy three equal parts
of seven for them selves & their heirs forever, & the other
four remaining parts is to be paid by my executors to my
four children, namely Stephen Riddle, Elizabeth Elrod,
Sarah Elrod, & Ann Ellis, to each an equal part, to them
their heirs forever, And their shares to be paid as soon as
it is convenient after the money is collected, belonging to my

estate.
I will unto my two sons John & Benjamin the
whereon I now live, with all the improvements, &
garnishes thereunto belonging & the land to be divided, &
equality between them both, by three men, whom they
appoint, to them & their heirs forever & the lower end
tract is allotted for Benjamin.
I will that my two sons John & Benjamin, my ex-
ecutors shall defray all costs & charges that shall
may arise in adjusting the affairs, relative to the management
of my estate, on their own expences & the estate is not to be
considered as being responsible for any fees, or costs that may
arise from any suit, or suits whatever that may be com-
menced by my executors against any person or persons in
half of my estate, & further my two sons John & Benjamin
to pay out of their own legacy (left to them) to my
children above mentioned namely Stephen Riddle, Elizabeth
Elrod, Sarah Elrod, & Ann Ellis, is to their heirs the sum
of forty dollars to each of the four above mentioned by
two at the distribution of shares in the estate.
I will unto my daughter Mary Markland ten shillings
per annuity.
I will unto my grandchildren namely David Riddle
& Jonathan Riddle son of my own son Stephen Riddle the
lot of land whereon my son Stephen Riddle now lives,
& being in Stokes county & in the state aforesaid, but
are not to be invested, with a right or title until both
boys become of age, but my son Stephen Riddle is to be

the said land & premises as his own until the
age of twenty one years & no longer & then
of inheritance is to fall to the two boys above-
named & to their heirs & assigns forever.

I do hereby constitute, make & ordain my two sons
mentioned John Riddle & Benjamin Riddle my co-
of this my last will & test: And do hereby after-
allow, revoke & disannul all & every other former
will & test: by me made, either in writing or in a verbal
manner. Notifying this & no other to be my last will
& test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this 11th day of Decbr: 1804.

Signed, sealed, published,

pronounced & declared by

the said Stephen Riddle as

his last will & test: in the

presence of his
Stephen Riddle (seal)
mark,

In presence of
J^r Ellis
Thomas Job

