

It is further my will & desire that my four children (sons) Mary, Philip, James, Elijah & Stephen Philip, be legally supported & schooled out of the profits of my estate which I reserve out of the use of my estate as before mentioned to my wife.

And I hereby make & ordain my beloved wife Diannah Philip & my friend Lewis Hicks my executors of this my last will & test: In witness whereof I the said John Philip have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal. This day of November 1800

Signed, sealed & declared in

the presence of us.

John B. Palmer

John Hicks.

John Philip
mark.

The will & test: of a sick man yet in perfect mind & memory. First & foremost I give my soul to God who gave it to me, & my body to the earth, to be buried after a christian manner, & all my just debts to be paid. Therefore I give unto my brother Abel Baty a tract of land, that my brother John Baty.

Likewise I give to my father one gray horse & a saddle, then & there & therefore, all the rest of my estate & movables to be divided between my two brothers & sisters, every one to have & to hold an equal share, Given under my hand & seal this 25th June 1800.

It is to be observed before signed or delivering I have my own John Armstrong at our water to be executor over all my estate & movables.

Witnesses present. 46
John Cohens
James Wilson.
Edward Williams

Chas^r Beatty
A Copie from the original will
in the office of Mecklenburg county
Court.

Sam^l Martin Clerk

In the name of God Amen! I Thomas Carson of the town of Lurington in the county of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being of perfect mind & memory though not in real health & knowing from daily examples, how often persons of strong & healthy constitution are in a very short time called out of this transitory world, without to have time to settle or arrange their worldly affairs, in order to prevent any uneasiness to my self at the hour of dissolution, I do constitute & ordain & make this my last will & test, in the first place I give & bequeath my soul to God, who gave it in full assurance of his reuniting it to such part or parts of my body in the fullness of time as may be essential for the everlasting happiness of both, which body if at a place, where my executor or executors which I shall hereafter name can with conveyance attend it is my will, that they have the same interred, in such a manner & at such a place, as he or they may approve of. Direct, the expence of which he or they is to pay out of any moneys, arising from any part of my worldly effects, out of what worldly property of all & every denomination viz. land & house & every kind of stock & moveable property what soever except what I may reserve in the following part of this will I allow my just & lawful debts to be paid before any dis-

any kind take place further then I may direct in the following
of this will. And in order to enable my executor or executors
accomplish this part of my will, I do hereby empower him
them to contract for again & sell to any person or persons
whatsoever for cash, or for a credit that will enable them to pay
up ^{my} debts without being subjected to any more cost than the
nature of the case will admit to any or all my Negroes, or any
or all of my other moveable property without exception, or any
of my lands or parts of lands lying in this county of Rowan
Montgomery county or elsewhere, which sales of Negroes or other
private or moveable property my executor or executors is hereby
authorised & empowered to give sufficient bills of sales or other
sufficient instruments of writing, as shall or may be deemed ne-
cessary for that purpose & all land in large or small tracts
that he or they may sell for cash or on a credit, he or they are here-
by empowered by virtue of this will to make good & sufficient
convenient deeds to the purchaser for any part he may have
purchased & to prevent any dispute amongst any of my
legates or any other person or persons, claiming under this
or any of them by virtue of any power or otherwise &
secure my executor or executors from any suit or suits
whatsoever in law or equity, that might be brought against
them, for any sales, he or they shall or may make by virtue
of this will for the payment of my just debts on the trial
or any such suit or suits, they shall be dismissed at the plaintiff's
cost & this will or a true copie thereof shall be sufficient
evidence for my executor or executors in any suit of record
whatsoever; & whereas with the consent of my son John Carson

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before he was of the full age of twenty one years of age
sold a piece of land lying in the county of Guilford containing
one hundred & eleven acres for the sum of three hundred & three
thirty three dollars, this land was the property of my son John Carson
being bequeathed to him by Richard Lacy's deed, this sum
of three hundred & thirty three dollars I put to my own use
& am at this time justly indebted to my son John Carson
which I allow to be paid to him in the same manner & way
as I have in the foregoing part of this will directed; my
other debts to be paid together with the lawful interest
thereon from the first day of January one thousand eight
hundred; my son John Carson is likewise to have, the one half
of all the profits made on the sales, of what goods was sold
in the store since the summer of 1803 at which time he &
myself entered into partnerships as will appear by our books.
After all my just & lawful debts are paid, it is my will
that my son Hugh Carson have as much money, raised out
of the remainder of my real & personal estate by my executor
or executors in the same manner as I have directed, the money
to be raised for the payment of my debts, as my executor or
executors shall deem sufficient to cloath & finish his education
at the university in the state of N^o. Carolina.
It is further my will that the lands lying in the county of Rowan
that Lewis Wearth & myself is in partnership in, remain
in the situation that it has hitherto been in, that is to be sold
by him, & my executors in such quantities & at such time
as it can be done, my part of the sales arising therefrom
to be put to the use of my legates, the payment of my
debts or any other donations mentioned in this will as my

executor or executors may think best & no other person but my
executor or executors is to have any concern with selling
the same or settling with Mr. Baird in any manner whatever.
In the next place after all my just debts is paid it is my
will that my dearly beloved wife Deborah Carson have two
good feather beds, two good sheets, one pair of good blankets
one coverlid & one counterpin & one good bedstead to each bed
& to have my corner cupboard with all the chiny
& Delphid ware, that I may be in possession of at my death
for the use of the house together, with one dozen of silver
teaspoons, my two smallwood falling leaf tables one tea
table & one candle stand two brass candle sticks, two sm-
thing irons, one frying pan, two pots such sizes as she
may choose, one grid iron, one skillet one tea kettle one set
of five irons to consist of cast metal dog irons one pair shov-
& tongs, two washing tubs three water pails of different
sizes, two good milk cows & one horse & saddle, the horse
& saddle to be worth at the least eighty dollars these articles
above mentioned to be kept forever & at her disposal &
if it should happen that those above mentioned articles
that I now possess shall or may have to be sold either by
my executor or other ways, for the payment of my just
debts then & in that case, my executor is to furnish her
with the same quantity of articles above mentioned out
of the residue of my property or if she should think fit
to take any other property in state thereof in that case my
executor is to furnish her with such articles as she may
choose to the amount of the above mentioned articles

together with six good house chairs to sit on, or the value
thereof, the money to purchase the above mentioned articles
if they have to be purchased to be raised by my executor in
the same manner as is directed in this will, for raising money
to pay my just debts or otherways as they may think proper
before any dividend take place.
As a further donation to my beloved wife Deborah, it is my
will that my executor or executors reserve in his or their hands
a sum sufficient to furnish her with a good & decent room
to live in during her natural life time or widow hood, also
with sufficient provisions for tea coffee, sugar & every
other species of provisions that is made use of by the first
kind of women in this part of the country & a female servant
or slave to attend her & sufficient cloathing for a woman
of her distinction, which room is to have a good decent
fire place in it, also a kitchen conveyment thereto of
such a size as will be sufficient to carry on, her cooking
& washing which room & kitchen is to be furnished with
a sufficient quantity of wood for necessary fire, this
donation to continue during her life if she remains my
widow but if she shall marry again then & at that
time this last donation to cease.

The sum to be devised for a fund for this last donation
to my beloved wife Deborah I leave entirely to the discretion
of my executor or executors with permission if they & she
should see cause to contract for a stipulated sum in
lieu of the yearly maintenance my executor or executors
is by virtue of this will sufficiently authorized & empowered
to contract with her for such stipulated sum as they or she

may agree upon which sum reserved by my executor or executors for fulfilling this last donation is to be made, after my first debts is paid before any other dividend take place & no legatee or person claiming under them or any of them is to have any concern with the sum reserved by my executor or executors or others claiming in any manner whatsoever to institute any suite or suites against my executor or executors or either of them in any manner whatsoever for or on account of the sum reserved, or the stipulated sum agreed on, then this will or a true copie thereof shall be sufficient evidence for my executor or executors in any court of record whatsoever & such suite or suites shall be dismissed at the plaintiffs cost.

In the next place I give to my son James Carson & quantity of Goods which he has already received out of my store in the town of Concord & County of Labrador, & sent to his own use, the amount of which I cannot ascertain at present but will appear for books. In the next place I give to my daughter Leudica Childres which she has already & got possession of two feather beds & what furniture she received with them also the price of a Negro boy named Salomon to amount of two hundred & four Dollars, in the hand of her husband James Childres, the donation of the price of the Negro boy she is to receive in no other manner than as followed viz viz her husband James Childres purchased s^d boy at public sale which my self & Will^m Bell of Randolph County executors of Richard Loyer deced^d late of same Negro the property of s^d Loyer for the above amount but never

paid said sum, or any part thereof, on account of it is amongst my papers, signed by James Childres, the my executor or executors, is to give up to s^d Childres, is to be a full discharge of s^d donation but if s^d account should be lost or mislaid before my death or after, that my executor or executors, cannot lay hold of it, to give it up to s^d Childres, they or either of them, is to give him a receipt if he requires it, for that amount, which receipt is to be as full a discharge for s^d donation as if they had the signed account to give him, I likewise give her every other article that she has already received from me of every kind & that she had & now has in possession towards house keeping, except one Negro girl named Em, that is now living with her as a nurse this Negro girl I neither give nor lent to her, nor her husband James Childres, this girl is my property & subject to be sold by my executor or executors for the payment of my debts or satisfying any other donations mentioned in this will in the same manner as is directed in the foregoing part of this will.

In the next place I give to my son John Carson the tract of land that I purchased from Adam Harmon together with the tract of land adjoining it that I purchased from Peter Whitaker. I also give him the lot lying in the town of Lexington whereon my store house & counting room stands upon the following conditions viz As I have in the foregoing part of this will directed my executors to sell any of my lands for the payment of

to these lands bequeathed to my son John Carson to
with the half lot whereon my Storehouse & counting
stands, is nevertheless subject to be sold for the payment
of debts, in the same manner as if the donation to him
had not been made, no in that case if these lands & half lot
bequeathed to my son John Carson or any part of them be sold
for the purpose of paying my debts, then he is to receive the
amount of what was said lands or half lot with or may
be sold for out of the residue of my estate real or personal
before any other dividend take place, except what is particu-
larly mentioned in the foregoing part of this will.
In the next place I give my Daughter Sally Carson two
hundred acres of land lying in the county of Montgomery
in two tracts each tract to contain two hundred acres
to be picked out of any of my lands in that county by
my executor or executors or either of them & laid off for her
I also give her two feather beds & furniture for the same
or if the beds is not to be had then she is to have the
value thereof in other property such as my executor
or executors can most conveniently raise out of my
other effects.

In the next place I give to my Daughter Sally Carson
two feather beds & furniture to the same, or if they are
not to be had, then she is to have the value thereof in other
property, such as my executor or executors can best raise out of my
other property. In the next place I give to my Daughter
Betsey Carson two feather beds & furniture for the same.
In the next place I give my executor or executors to

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raise as much money out of any part of my estate real
personal as will enable my son Hugh Carson to study
such profession as he may make choice of after he leaves
university, such profession to be studied in this state.
The residue of my estate real & personal, I allow to be equal-
divided amongst all my children, sons & daughters in the
following manner viz, that part of my real estate, lying
in the county of Montgomery, if any should be left after
paying my debts & other donations, to be laid off in equal
tracts of six, seven, eight, nine or ten hundred acres in each
as my executor or executors or either of them may judge best
beginning at the Cabarus line & Hambrings, each tract
as they proceed till they lay off the whole thereof, if they
should turn out then by adding any number of tracts, to-
gether to be an equal number of lots for each legatee, then
my executor or executors, is to proceed in the presence of
two freeholders of repute citizens, either of the county of
Montgomery or Rowan & on justice of the peace, a citizen
of the same county that the freeholders reside in & put all
the numbers of the tracts or lots in one hat or box & all
the names of my legatees both sons & daughters in another,
& then proceed to draw out of the hat or box that the number
of the legatees are in, one name then draw one number of the
lots which lot shall belong to the legatee whose name is
drawn against & so proceed till they draw out the whole
of the names of the legatees, an entry of that being made, then
put the names of the legatees back in the hat or box & proceed
in the same manner till they draw the whole number of lots

executor or executors or either of them for the better securing
distinguishing each legatee part as by virtue of this will
to make each of them one deed for the lots they shall draw
each legatee to pay an equal proportion of what the whole
amount of the expences will amount to in lying of said
land into lots & every other necessary expence attending the
same, but if the lots when laid off should not turn out to
make an equal number for each legatee in that case my
executors is to take as many of the lots as will be
equal & draw as before directed the balance to be laid
off in seven equal parts, according of the number of the
legatees & draw off itself at the same time. But if it
should be happen that a bed of valuable ore or pure metal
of any kind should be discovered on any part of my lands
lying in Montgomery county before the division take place
that part or place let there be one or more shall not be laid
off & drawn for but shall be equally the right & property
of all my children sons & daughters.

And for the carrying this will into effect in every part
thereof I do hereby nominate & appoint my well beloved
son John Carson, & my well beloved friend Lewis Beard
the whole & sole executors of this my last will & test: re-
voking all other will & wills by me heretofore made & re-
voking & confirming this & this only to be my last will
& test. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed
my seal & subscribed my name with my own hand the
fourth day of April in the year of our Lord 1804 &

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acknowledged the same in the presence of the subscribing
witnesses, who in my presence subscribed their names as sub-
scribing witnesses.

Sam^l Owen, Samuel Davis ~~Sam^l Owen~~ Thom^l Carson

The last will of ~~Anthony~~ Newman of Salisbury
in Rowan County & State of N^c Carolina, executor the,
22nd Day of October in the year of our Lord 1805.
I give & bequeath to my son John Newman my Negro man
Peter & Flora his wife & her two children namely little Sam
& Jordan. Item, I give & devise to my son Hugh Newman
my Negro man Sam & Negro woman Jane. Item I give &
bequeath to my son Daniel, my Negro boy Perry now in his
possession, & my Negro man Doctor & my Negro woman Dick.
I give & bequeath to my trusty friend John Steele in trust
for my son Montgomery Newman, a tract of two hundred
& ten acres of land, conveyed to me by William Vickers,
Alexander, Vickers, Ann Vickers & Henry Carson the heirs &
representatives of Thomas Vickers deceased, also my Negro
man Lasher & negro woman Amy, & my will & meaning is
that the whole of the legacies specified & devised & above in
set to the said John Steele for my son Montgomery shall
be paid over by my after named executors, to the said John Steele
soon as the circumstances of my estate will admit
it to for the use of my said son Montgomery, to be ad-
vanced to him by my said trustee in such sum or sums &
such time & times, as may appear to my sd trustee in
discretion, to be necessary & proper for his reasonable