

1763. In the Name of God Amen. I Walter Carruth of Rowan County
in the Province of North Carolina being sick & weak of body
but of sound mind & memory Thanks be given to God therefore. Coming
to mind the Mortality of the Body and that it is appointed for all
Mankind to die. Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament.
That is to say principally & first of all I give & bequeath my per-
cious Soul unto God who gave it. & my mortal Body I command
to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Manner, at the
Discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general
Resurrection I shall receive the same还原 to my soul by the
mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Goods
as God hath been pleased to bless me with in this life, I give, demise
and bequeath the same in the following manner & form.

First. I allow all my lawful Debts & funeral Charges to be duly
paid, for which purpose let so much of my Corpse Stock be
sold as may suffice to pay the same, & the Remainder to be dis-
posed of as herein after mentioned. Secondly. I give & bequeath unto
my wife beloved James Carruth, all that Part of my Lands
lying on the East side of Coddle Creek, together with Negro
Smart, now in his possession, & one half of the Waggon. & paying
one half of the Charges of replacing her, and also paying to
Robert Brown or his Order the sum of five pounds currency
when demanded. Thirdly. I give & bequeath unto my wife be-
loved Son John Carruth the other Part of my Lands and
Furniture lying on the West side of said Creek together with
one Negro viz. Will and the other half of the Waggon, also one
Black Horse called Punch & one Bay Mare called Nelly, two cows
one half of all my Household Furniture, and my share in the
Treasury, & paying to Robert Brown five pounds currency
when demanded. Fourthly. I give & bequeath to my wife beloved
Daughter Agnes Carruth the other half of all my Household
Goods & Furniture together with one large grey Horse and
two Cows & also three pounds out of Negro Smart's posse

(whom I intend to be sold) And fifthly I give & bequeath unto my wife
beloved Daughters Anna Cupples & Sarah & to her the Remainder of my
moveable Estate together with the Remainder of the Negroe price to be
equally divided between them. And lastly I do hereby nominate Con-
stitute & appoint my wife beloved Son James Carruth to be my Executor,
Executor of this my last Will & Testament, under the Inspection of my
trusty friends James Huggins & my beloved Son John Gray, rat-
ifying & confirming this as other to be my last Will & Testament.
In witness whereof I have caused set my hand & seal this eighth
day of February in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven
hundred & forty nine.

Signed, sealed published pronounced &
and declared by the above named Walter
Carruth as his last Will & Testament & his
Mark
in the presence of us
David Kerr
Robert Carruth
John Gray

1772 August 1st In the Name of God Amen. I Isaac Brannon being weak in
body & sound judgement & memory blessed be God for it and coming to
mind that it is appointed for all men once to die I first commit my
soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Dust to be decently buried
at the charges of my estate Estate in general, and disposing of my Estate
as hereinafter follows & also that all just & lawfull debts to paid
of my whole Estate in general and next I bequeath unto my living
Sister Margaret Brannon five shillings, and to each one of her daugh-
ters now living twenty shillings, one pair of old Kickers unto her
Son David, & one pair of new Kickers to his Daughter Barbara. To
my wife beloved James Brannon I bequeath and also five Shillings
to be paid out of my last year's Schooling which I left in his hands
to collect & the Remainder to his David. In the most plain I bequeath