

Salisbury May 12th 1799. I William Nesbit
being sensible of the uncertainty of life I think it my
duty, to put into writing, what I think best to be done, with
my estate after my death, & which I desire may be disposed of
in the following manner & form. Three of my Negroes I give
to my wife Mary, named Andrew, Fanny & her daughter Peggy
also all my household furniture to have & to hold to her &
her heirs forever also I give her the house & lot I now live on
with all the improvement thereon, during the time of her natural
life which I allow to be in full for her dower from my real
estate.

I give to my daughter Rebecca one tract of land containing
680 acres known & distinguished by the name of the jumping
run plantation - Also five Negroes named Betsey, Hannah
Daniel, Ben & Eloy to have & to hold to her & her heirs forever.

I give to my son David five Negroes named Tom & Lot
Peter, Fanny & Dick - Also all the remainder of my ^{real} estate
to have & to hold to him & his heirs forever, the remainder
of my personal estate after all the debts is paid I desire
may be divided in three equal shares, one to my wife, one
to my son, & one to my daughter.

I desire that my wife do keep my children & three
Negroes, during the time she remains my widow also all that
the two waggons, chair, likewise all the cleared land, with the
buildings in town & timber to support it together, with
all the farming utensils, & other conveniences belonging to

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ADDRESS TO
MRS. Edwin Barle Jr.

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these Negroes during that time, &
of my personal estate from
that time
after my decease I allow
of all the store goods that may
be sold, likewise the Negro man
by private sale. And I do appoint
my father in law Joseph
for my two children, to dispose of
their part of the estate in cash putting it out at interest with
backing the best securities for the same, after my wife's mar-
riage I desire the guardians to take the care of my children &
these Negroes & real estate also to sell the stock, waggon &
chair & farming utensils - the two old Negroes Soly & Betty
that lives on the jumping run plantation, are not to be sold
or hired or given to any of the legacies but to live on the plan-
tation during their life they are to be under the command & in
the care of their mistress during her widowhood & after her
marriage, to be in the care of my guardians, & if by reason or
sickness or old age rendered incapable of maintaining themselves
I desire the guardians to assist them & charge the expence to
the personal estate of my daughter Rebecca - And I do
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The remainder of the expences that may arise from maintaining
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desire may be paid from the whole of my personal estate from
each of the legacies on equal share.

As soon as will be convenient after my decease I allow
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executrix of this my last will & test: & for their trouble in the management of my estate I allow them an ample compensation for the same. Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & test. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written.

Signed, sealed, pronounced

W^m Herbert

In the name of God Amen! I John Atwood of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being sick & weak in body but of sound mind & memory & understanding, Do publish this my last will & test: In manner following, I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved sister Fanny Batts Atwood, all the estate & legacy that may be coming to me or that I am intitled to from the estate of my grand mother Ligger of the State of Virginia, as also all that may be coming to me from Alexander Norton if there should be any thing after paying the Doctor, funeral expences & all my other just debts.

I give & bequeath to John Norton son of my sister & Alexander Norton all the estate or legacy that may be coming to me, or that I am intitled from the estate of my grandfather James Atwood late of the common wealth of Virginia. And I hereby nominate & appoint Fanny Batts Atwood executrix of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 26th day of August A.D: 1799.

Signed, sealed & declared in the presence of us.

Max: Chambers Jst: John Chambers.

John Atwood
mark.

In the name of God Amen! I Erasmus Wethers Allen of Rowan County in the State of N. Carolina being of sound mind & memory (blessed be God) & calling to mind the mortality of the body & knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make ordain, publish & pronounce this my last will & test: in manner & form following.

First my just debts being paid I lend to my beloved wife Sarah Allen two of my Negroes which she shall choose, my household furniture, stock of all kind & the use of my plantation during her life.

2- I give to my daughter Mary Chapman's four children viz: Allen, Erasmus, Phreshley, & Sally Chapman one ninth part of my estate & to their heirs amongst them equally.

3- I give to my daughters Susannah Dewitt's five children viz Frances, Sally, William, James, & Thomas Dewitt one ninth part of my estate & to their heirs to be equally divided among them, which is to come out of the estate I lend my wife.

4- All the rest of my estate both real & personal I give & bequeath to my seven children viz W^m Allen, Th^s Allen, Rachel, P^rea, Hannah, Estes, Milley White, Betty Chapman.