

In the name of God I James Lyon of the County of Yates & State of N. Carolina knowing the uncertainty of this life & being of sound & disposing mind & memory do on this 19th day of July A.D. one thousand Eight hundred & fifty Eight make & publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made declaring this to be my last & only true will & testament in manner & form as follows, to wit,

First to the Infinite mercy of God I commend my soul - Item I will & bequeath to my Grand children Margaret Martin, Myra Martin, & Joseph Martin children of my deceased Christina Martin who inter married with Joseph Martin the sum of one hundred dollars each I desire that my Executor shall pay the above Legacies to Margaret Martin & Myra Martin as he may deem their necessities demand the legacy above provided for my Grand son Joseph Martin I desire that my Executor shall pay to him with interest when he shall have attained the age of twenty one years

I desire the above Legacies to be paid out of the money found in my Effect at my death and if there be not enough to pay the same I desire the deficiency to be made up from the proceeds of the sale of my Stock of cattle, Horses, Hogs, Household & Kitchen furniture, the except if any to be appropriated as herein after provided

I will & bequeath to my daughter Sarah W. Flippin wife of Joseph F. Flippin & Francis F. Flippin wife of Samuel M. Flippin, and my four grand children, Mary, Moore, Elizabeth, William and Francis Moore being the children of my deceased daughter Nancy B. Moore late wife of William M. Moore, the land on which I now reside lying in three tracts situated on the south side of Dan River containing four hundred & ninety two acres, by estimation to be divided equally one third to my daughter Sarah W. Flippin one third to my daughter Francis F. Flippin, and one third to my four grand children Mary, Elizabeth, William & Francis Moore, and in case they cannot agree in the division of said Land it my will that each party shall choose one disinterested free holder, making three in all, who shall present & make the division in such manner as they shall deem to be right & proper.

Now it is my desire to secure to my two surviving daughters above mentioned only a lifetime interest in the lands above mentioned and after their death then the share of each respectively shall pass to the heirs of their body for ever

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah W. Flippin wife of Joseph F. Flippin ~~together with~~ ^{present} one negro woman Mary now in possession of the said Joseph F. Flippin, together with all her present & future increase to have & to hold during her natural life then to the heirs of her body for ever

Item - I give & bequeath to my daughter Francis F. Flippin wife of Samuel M. Flippin during her natural life the two children of the negro woman Susan who died a few years ago in the possession of the said Samuel Flippin together with all their future increase also a negro woman named Rachel with all her future increase also my old blind man Sampson & I desire that my said daughter Francis F. Flippin shall support this old man comfortably and for the purpose of which I give & bequeath unto her the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid from the proceeds of the sale of my Household & Kitchen furniture, Stock of horses Cattle hogs plantation utensils &c after the legacies above provided for the children of my deceased daughter Christina Martin have been paid -

Item - I give & bequeath to my grand children Mary Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Wm. Moore, & Francis Moore, being the children of my deceased daughter Nancy B. Moore, late wife of Wm. M. Moore, a negro woman named Agnes now in the possession of Wm. M. Moore, together with all her present & future increase also a negro woman named Ruth with her future increase & my old man George to be held by them and their heirs for ever, and to be divided equally between my four grand children above named or as many of them as shall be alive when the oldest has attained the age of twenty one years, or if any of them should marry before the time mentioned for the division above it is my will that the division should be made at that time

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Francis Lyon my man Alfred and to my sons James & William Lyon I give the sum of one dollar each

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and to the heirs of my deceased daughter Christina Martin
not herein before mentioned I give the sum of one
dollar each. It is my will that all my property
personal & real not otherwise disposed of or remembered
by me shall be sold and after the legacies above
mentioned in money have been paid the surplus
if any shall be divided equally one third to the children
of my deceased daughter Nancy B. Moore, one third
to my daughter Sarah W. Flippin, and one third to
my daughter Francis F. Flippin.

And lastly it is my will should my beloved
wife Betheloud survive me that she shall retain
for her use what ever of my property may be deemed
necessary to support her comfortably as long as she
may live - and I do hereby appoint my son in
Law Wm M. Moore, Executor to this my last will &
testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my
hand & seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed & declared
by the said James Lyon to be
his last will & testament in
our presence
J. L. Peetrop.
C. B. Christman

James Lyon (Seal)

Whereas I James Lyon of the Co. of Stokes &
State of N.C. having in my last will & testament in writing
& duly Executed bearing date on the 19th July A.D. 1858
omitted some dispositions which I am desirous of making
do therefore make this present writing which I will & direct
to be annexed as a codicil to my said will and taken
as a part thereof. And I do hereby will that my
Executor shall be allowed five per cent commissions on
all money & claims collected & paid out by him in the
settlement of my Estate. & I will & bequeath to my
daughter Sarah W. Flippin the benefit of a claim of
one hundred dollars due by Joseph F. Flippin to my self
for that amount paid by my self for said Flippin
to William M. Moore. If I remember aright some
time in the year 1856. declaring this to be a part & parcel
of my will I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd
day of July A.D. 1858
Signed sealed & declared by James Lyon in our presence
J. L. Peetrop.
C. B. Christman

James Lyon (Seal)

September Term 1858

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The execution of the last will & Testament of James
Lyon deceased with the Codicil annexed Thereto (of which the
following is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court. That
is to say, The said will by the oaths of J. L. Peetrop & C. B. Christman
the subscribing witnesses to the same, and the said Codicil by the
oaths of J. L. Peetrop & Edwin M. Shelton the subscribing witnesses
Thereto & ordered to be recorded

Tested
By J. C. Kinison Jr. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Nathan Brown
Stokes County & State of North Carolina being of sound
mind & memory do this 3rd day of June in the year of
our Lord one Thousand Eight-hundred & fifty two
make & ordain this to be my last will and
Testament in manner and form following, Viz:-

First, I will that my just debts &
funeral charges be paid by my Executors out of
my cash in hand or moveable Estate &c

34 I will that my beloved wife Elizabeth Brown
after complying with the item above, have all my
property both real and personal including her life time
and after her death to be equally divided amongst
the heirs of her body. I mean my own children
namely, Bedford J. Brown, Sarah Ann Elizabeth
Wilson Davis, Nancy Amanda, Stephen, and Penney
Brown.

35 I do hereby nominate appoint & ordain my
wife Elizabeth Executrix & her son Bedford J. Brown
Executors of this my last will & Testament to carry the
same into effect. & I do hereby revoke and make
void all former wills by me at any time heretofore
made, ratifying, establishing & confirming this & no
other to be my last will & testament in testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
the day and date above written, signed sealed
published & declared by the said Nathan Brown