

WILL OF ROBERT ABERNATHY
TRYON COUNTY, N.C.
31 JAN 1772

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Abernathy Sen of Tryon county and province of North Carolina being weak in body but of a sound and perfect understanding and memory thanks be to God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and knowing it is appointed unto all men once to die and being desirous to settle things in order I do make and constitute and appoint this and no other to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I give my soul to God the giver thereof in hopes to receive the same again at the joyful resurrection at the last day with a full and free pardon of all my sins and transgressions through the death and merits of my blessed savior and redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner and as lacking my worldly estate as the Lord his mercy hath lent me my will and meaning is that the same be employed and disposed of in the manner following and first that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid Item I leave give and bequeath to my loving wife the labour of two negroes during her life to wit will and sue and after her decease I give the said negro will

_____ my daughter Ann Turner _____ Item, I give and bequeath to my son John five shillings I give likewise to my daughter Elizabeth Williams five shillings Item, I leave give and bequeath to my wife aforesaid her choice of my beds and furniture also the use of what part of my stock as will _____ sufficient for her well support Item, I leave give and bequeath to my son Miles seven negro slaves to wit, Sue aforesaid after my wife's decease _____ Anthony, Jesse, Jo, Tom, Bet and Mille together with all my other estate _____ personally with my outstanding debts and lastly I do hereby appoint my son miles aforesaid sole executor to this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all other wills _____ by me made allowing this and no other to be my last, In witness I have hereunto set my hand and fix? my seal this 31st day of January 1772.

Signed Sealed published and Declared
In presence of us

Robert Abernathy
his mark

James Abernathy, Jurat
David Criles his mark
David Abernathy his mark