

Last Will and Testament of Elijah Aldridge Dec'd  
12 October Term 1786

State of N. Carolina }  
Wells County } Elijah Aldridge of P. County the most  
in Body, perfect in mind & memory Do hereby  
of my worldly affairs as follows (To wit) after my lawful debts  
are paid I give to my Wife Pany an equal in the possession of  
the plantation & Land whereon I now live & adjoining her  
Widowhood and after her Decease or marriage to be  
Equally divided between my two Sons Francis and Edmund,  
and also my stock of all sorts I give to my wife Pany during  
her Widowhood and at her Decease or marriage to be Equally  
divided among my three Children, Francis & Edmund and Keziah,  
and as to my Real estate I give after the Decease or marriage of  
my Wife I give it all to my Daughters Keziah & John Barber &  
Fred Kates Executors, witness my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1786

Joseph <sup>his</sup> Nath  
mark  
Katherine <sup>his</sup> Kates  
mark

Elijah <sup>his</sup> Aldridge  
mark

(Witnessed before)

State of North Carolina }  
Wells County } October Term 1786  
The within Deed was duly Read in open  
Court by the Cath. of Nathans Redd  
Balyard & ordered to be Recorded; Test  
17<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1786

It is to be remembered that my Wife Pany and George  
Whitely all of Wells County, in the State of North Carolina are and lawfully  
bounden, Benjamin Barber and the Heirs of the families of the  
County Court, Richard Quarter Sellers for the County of  
Wells in the State of North Carolina, County Court, to be bound to the  
said Justice, in their lawfull execution of their then Executors &  
Administrators in Court for the Receipt of the Children here of  
as named committed to the custody of the said Pany Aldridge  
to the which Payment well and truly to be made, we bind our  
selves, and Each of us then Executors, and Administrators,  
Jointly and severally, jointly by their heirs, and  
Descendants and the 2<sup>th</sup> Day of October Term 1786

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whosoever the  
above named John Alexander is constituted and appointed Executor  
into the said Pany and then Executor or one of the said Executors  
shall faithfully execute his said Executorship by view-  
ing and improving the Estate of the said Pany that shall  
come into his possession for the Receipt of the said Children, and  
they shall answer at full age, or sooner than the Receipt and true  
Render a plain and true account of his said Executorship  
Oath before the Justice of the said County Court and Deliver  
up, paid, or paid, said Executors of all such Estates and  
as he ought to be possessed of or do such other persons as shall be  
lawfully empowered or authorized to receive the same, and the  
fees arising therefrom, then this Obligation to be void, Other  
writ to be and remain in full force and virtue

Sealed and Delivered }  
In the presence of }  
17<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1786

John Alexander  
G. Whittley