

Will, NC, Mecklenburg, Abraham Alexander 1786

In the name of God Amen.

I **ABRAHAM ALEXANDER** of the county of Mecklenburg and state of North Carolina being in a low state of health but in a sound mind and memory, thanks be to God therefore, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordained this my last will and testament, That is to say:

PRINCIPALLY and first of all I give my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors, and as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God bless me in this life, I give dispose of the same in the following Manner and form, viz:

FIRST I give and bequeath unto **DORCAS ALEXANDER** my beloved wife all that part or parcel of the plantation where I now live which contains my mansion house and improvements to possess the same during the term of her natural life together with my two Negroes named DINAH and TEMM to possess the same during the term of her life, so also my negro girl named VENUS, to her and her heirs and assigns forever. I further give and bequeath unto her the one good horse and saddle one bed with its furniture with all that my movable property which may remain after the payment of my several legacies hereafter bequeathed.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **ISAAC ALEXANDER** the sum of five pounds.

ITEM I give and bequeath to **ELIZABETH ALEXANDER**, my only daughter, two hundred and five pounds.

ITEM I give and bequeath to **ABRAHAM ALEXANDER** my son the sum of fifty pounds.

ITEM I give and bequeath to **NATHANIEL ALEXANDER** my son some of fifty pounds together with one good horse and saddle to be paid to him when he may arrive at the age of twenty one years.

ITEM I give and bequeath to **JOAB ALEXANDER** two hundred and fifty acres of land being the southern parcel or division of the plantation where on I now live.

ITEM I give and bequeath to **EZRA ALEXANDER** my son whom I recommend to be taught the trade or occupation of a tailor or any other which he may prefer their to the sum of fifty pounds and also one good horse and saddle to be paid to him when he may arrive at the age of twenty one years.

ITEM it is my will and I direct that my son **MARCUS ALEXANDER** be put to a grammar school and passed through what is commonly called a liberal education under the direction of my executor as also I give and bequeath to him some fifty pounds to be paid when he may arrive at the age of twenty one years.

ITEM it is my will and I direct that my son **CYRUS ALEXANDER** shall receive the same English learning which has been given in common to my other children and I also give and bequeath unto him that parcel or division of my land which remains and which contain my present improvements to him his heirs and assigns forever to revert to him at and after the deceased mother.

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ITEM It is my will that within a convenient time after my decease all my personal estate not heretofore disposed of shall be sold by public by vendue and the money arising there from shall, after payment of all my just debts and all the above intended legacies, be equally divided among my six youngest children and in case any more of them should die before the age of twenty one then their portion to be equally divided amongst them.

AND I hereby constitute and appoint my dearly beloved wife **DORCAS ALEXANDER** and my two sons **ISAAC ALEXANDER** and **ABRAHAM ALEXANDER** to be my sole executor of this my last will and testament and also trustees and guardians for all my children as named that are in their minority, and I do hereby disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former will or legacies by me, in any wise, named willed or bequeathed before, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof the said **ABRAHAM ALEXANDER** have here to set my hand and seal this third day of April 1786.

ABRAHAM ALEXANDER {seal}

Signed Sealed pronounced and declared by the sudden tram Alexander as his last will and testament in the presents of us and his presence in presence of each other we hear into subscriber names.

ISAAC ALEXANDER [I^s ALEXANDER, J. Alexander]

JOHN M. WILSON

HEZEKIAH ALEXANDER, jurat