

Will, NC, Mecklenburg, Ezekiel Alexander 1823

In the name of God Amen.

This 12th day of August in the year of our Lord 1823, I **EZEKIEL ALEXANDER** of the county of Mecklenburg in the state of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but in perfect sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, and calling to mind my mortality so that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner and form.

First of remanding my soul to God who gave it, my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner not doubting about to receive the same again at general resurrection by the power of God hoping that the merits death and passion of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to receive a full and free pardon of all my sins and at the last touchest everlasting life and as touching such wordly estate as god hath blest me with in this life I give and devise and bequest in the following manner and form.

First it is my will and I order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be satisfied by my executors here after named.

ITEM 1. I give and bequeath to my loving daughter **SUSANA JOHNSON** one negro boy named **TONEY** together with five dollars to be paid to her when she comes of age at the division here after named if this said **SUSANA JOHNSON** is not equal in value to the other legatees including **TONEY**, I order that she shall be made equal to her and hers forever.

ITEM 2. I give and bequeath to my loving wife **RACHEL** after my debts is paid the whole balance of my estate for the term of 15 years and then my whole estate is to be equally divided with and between my wife and my daughter **MINTY** and all that is younger and if my wife **RACHEL** should marry or get incapable in any way of taking care of our children or property I order a division to take place within the 15 years.

ITEM 3. I name, nominate, constitute and appoint my well beloved friends and wife viz: **JAMES GILSON, EPHRAIM ALEXANDER** and my wife **RACHEL** executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and disanulling all former wills and bequests made by me heretofore, either by word or writing, ratifying, confirming this and no other to by my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed, pronounced and acknowledged by the said testator in the presents of us.

EZEKIEL ALEXANDER {seal}

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WILLIAM MCINTOSH, Jurat