

Will, NC, Mecklenburg, John Patterson Sr. 1831

In the name of God, Amen.

I **JOHN PATTERSON** Senr. of the county of Mecklenburg & state of North Carolina, being in a low state of health; but through the mercy of God, of sound & perfect mind and memory and calling to mind & memory, and calling to remembrance the mortality of my body, as God hath appointed to all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and testament in the form & manner following, viz.

FIRST & PRINCIPALLY I recommend my soul to God who gave it through grace and mercy in Christ Jesus, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my executors herein after named.

Touching my worldly estate, wherewith divine providence has bless me, I give & bequeath & dispose of the same as follows.

FIRST I direct that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid and discharged out of my property as soon as convenient after my decease.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my beloved wife **MARGARET [PATTERSON]** the plantation on which I now live, together with all the plantation or land which I purchased from **WILLIAM SAMPLE** during the term of her natural life.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my wife **MARGARET** my Negroes **JACOB, CONGO, & NAN, LUCY, JANE, DARY, ADALINE, JESS, SHAM** to her & her heirs forever - also all my household & kitchen furniture, also my road wagon & new Gig with all gear & harness to them belonging with all the farming utensils on my plantation. And also four head of horses called **Jim, Diamede, Pigeon, Phebe** with her colt. Also five cows and their calves & three young cattle of her own choice & my two yoke oxen & cart and all the hogs and sheep on my plantation and a years provision of every necessary for her & her family.

ITEM I give & bequeath to my wife **MARGARET** three hundred dollars in specie.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARY [PATTERSON] ROSS** and her heirs forever my negro woman **JIN** and all her children.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM PATTERSON** & to his heirs forever the plantation on which he now lives, and also my Negroes **PHEBE** & her family, **EPRAIM, ISAAC** & little **JIM** and five of my young cattle at the discretion of my wife.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH [PATTERSON] DENKINS [DINKINS]** and the heirs of her body forever my negro woman **MILLIS** & her children now in her possession and also the man which I gave her at her marriage with all the stock, and furniture of every [kind] that she then received, also my negro girl **FLORA** to her & her heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my **JOSEPH PATTERSON** & his heirs forever the plantation bequeath to me by my son **JAMES N. H. PATTERSON**, deceased, with all the stock of cattle, hogs & sheep to it belonging, and farming utinsels on the same.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my **JOSEPH PATTERSON** & his heirs forever at the decease of my wife **MARGARET** the plantation on which I now live, including the tract of land I now live on with the two adjoining which I purchased from **JOSEPH REED**, deceased, and **JOHN MORRIS**.

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ITEM I give and bequeath to my **JOSEPH PATTERSON** and his heirs forever my Negroes REUBEN, FLORA, TOM, JOHN & FANNY.

ITEM I give and bequeath **JOSEPH PATTERSON** four head of horses, viz: Two gray horses, one gray blond horse & a sorrel mare.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **JOHN P. ROSS** at the decease of my wife **MARGARET** the plantation or tract of land which I purchased from **WILLIAM SAMPLE** to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **JAMES N. ROSS** & his family forever the tract of land which I own on the SE side of MCALPIN's Creek and divided by the creek from the plantation above bequeathed to my son **JOSEPH PATTERSON** and containing eighty nine acres to be the same more or less on which land **ARCHIBALD UNDERWOOD** now lives.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my granddaughter **MARY ADALINE ROSS** and her heirs forever my negro girl EMELINE.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my three grand children **ANN ROSS, ELIZA M. ROSS & WILLIAM [ROSS]** one hundred dollars each, to be paid by my executors into the hand of their father **WILL [WILLIAM] ROSS** at my decease.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my granddaughter **MARY ADALINE PATTERSON** one hundred dollars to be paid by my executors into the hands of her father **WILLIAM PATTERSON** at my decease.

ITEM I give and bequeath **MARGARET H. PATTERSON** & her heirs of her body forever my negro woman IRISH.

ITEM I give and bequeath **MARTHA ADALINE PATTERSON** & her heirs of her body forever my negro girl MARY now living at **JOHN STEPHENSON's**.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **JOHN N. DENKINS [DINKINS]** one thousand dollars to be paid by my executors out of the money coming to me from **WILLIAM FULGER** in the hand of **LEWIS DENKINS [DINKINS]** at my decease, which \$1000 in case the said **JOHN N. DENKINS [DINKINS]** should die in minority shall go to the heirs of the body of my daughter [**PATTERSON**] **ELIZABETH DENKINS [DINKINS]** share & share alike.

ITEM I will and direct that my cotton gin & screw & smith tools run as they are for the mutual benefit of my wife & children & that they bear an equal part in all the repairs that may be necessary on the same.

ITEM I have some time back made a verbal contract with **ROBERT ARNOLD** for a part of the tract of land which I purchased of **MOSES KERR**, which part I suppose would measure somewhere near one hundred acres; and for which he, [**ROBERT**] **ARNOLD** was to pay me eight dollars per acre. Now if **ROBERT ARNOLD** will give payment or such bond & surety as shall satisfy my executors for the safety of the price, then & in that case, it is my will & I authorize & direct my executors to convey to him, **ROBERT ARNOLD** the said land allowing him five years to pay for the land, with interest on the price from the day.

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ITEM it is my will and I direct that my executors shall sell at public sale at reasonable credit all my lands not herein bequeathed or otherwise conveyed before my death.

ITEM it is my will and I direct that all my perishable property not herein devised be sold at public sale and on a reasonable credit.

ITEM I also will and direct that all the money in my possession & due me by notes & accounts and also all the money arising from the sales of my property in compliance with this my will, after the debts & legacies herein before mentioned are paid shall be paid by my executors to my daughter **MARY ROSS** also one share shall be paid to my daughter **ELIZABETH DENKINS** & one share shall be paid to my son **JOSEPH PATTERSON** and the other share shall be paid by my executors into the hands of **WILLIAM ROSS** in trust for & to be laid out for the use of **JOHN PATTERSON Jr.** and his family.

LASTLY I nominate & appoint **LEWIS DENKINS [DINKINS], WILLIAM ROSS & JOHN PATTERSON Jr.** executors of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of July, 1831.

JOHN PATTERSON Sr. {seal}

In presence of us.

H. FOSTER
JAMES GRIBBLE
MARY POTTS