

Will, NC, Mecklenburg, MARGARET PATTERSON 1839

In the name of God, Amen.

I **MARGARET PATTERSON** of the county of Mecklenburg and the state of North Carolina being in a weak and low state of health, but of sound mind and memory, do make, and ordained, this my last will and testament, in words and manner following viz.

ITEM 1st I will and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner. As to my worldly affairs which it has pleased God to bless me with I divided in the following manner inform viz.

ITEM 2nd I will and bequeath that all my just debts be paid.

ITEM 3rd I will and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM PATTERSON** and his heirs to negro men **DAVID** and **ISAAC**. Also I give to his son **JOHN NEWELL** and his daughter **MARGARET H. PATTERSON** the sum of one hundred dollars each, to be kept at interest until they marry or arrive at age, or should one or both died before marry or arrival at age, the above sum or sums to descend equally to the surviving Children of the aforesaid **WILLIAM PATTERSON**.

ITEM 4th I will and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH DINKINS [DENKINS]**, and The Heirs of her body, my two Negroes **LUCY** and **VENUS** also one bed bedstead and furniture and all my kitchen Furniture.

ITEM 5th I will and bequeath to my two grandchildren **MARCELLUS LEE DINKINS [DENKINS]** and **HARRIET E. JENKINS** the sum of one hundred dollars each to be kept at interest until they arrive at the age or marry or should one or both died before arrival at age or marry the aforesaid some or sums to descend equally to the surviving Heirs of the body of the aforesaid **ELIZABETH DINKINS [DENKINS]** share and share alike.

ITEM 6th I will and bequeath to my son **JOSEPH PATTERSON** and his errors, my Negroes **WASHINGTON**, **JANE** and her two children **CALVIN** and **DORCAS** with their increase.

ITEM 7th I will and bequeath to my granddaughter **ELIZABETH ROSS** a negro girl **ADELIN** and her increase. Also one bed bedstead and Furniture a walnut Falling Leaf table and bookcase.

ITEM 8th I will and bequeath to my grandson **JOHN P. ROSS** one note of hand I hold upon him of thirty dollars and the interest thereon.

ITEM 9th I will and bequeath to my three grandchildren, children of **JOHN PATTERSON Jr.**, deceased, viz: **MARGARET H. PATTERSON** the sum of fifty dollars also one bed bedstead and furniture and walnut Falling Leaf table. To **MARTHA A.** and **EMILY PATTERSON** each the sum of twenty dollars to be kept at interest until they arrive at age or marry or should either die before arriving at age or marry, the aforesaid sum or sums to descend equally to the Survivor or survivors or should all die before the times specified the above sums to descend equally among the lawful heirs in the **PATTERSON** line.

ITEM 10th I will and bequeath that all the money and notes remaining on hand at my deceased except the special legacies above devised be equally divided between my three children **WILLIAM PATTERSON**, **JOSEPH PATTERSON** and **ELIZABETH [PATTERSON] DINKINS** share and share alike.

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ITEM 11th I will and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM PATTERSON** my old negro woman JOICY together with the sum of fifty dollars out of my estate for her maintenance.

ITEM 12th I will and bequeath that my negro JACOB, CONGO and NAN together with all my stock crop and horse household Furniture not above devised farming utensils carriage and c. together with all other on devised property that may be found upon the premises at my deceased be sold at public vendue and the proceeds there of with the exception of the above specified \$50 allotted for the maintenance of the old negro woman JOICY to be equally divided between my son **WILLIAM PATTERSON, JOSEPH PATTERSON** and **ELIZABETH DINKINS [DENKINS]** and the children of my daughter **MARY ROSS** deceased, as one heir, share and share alike.

ITEM 13th I constitute an appoint my son **WILLIAM PATTERSON** sole executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and a fixed my seal this 22nd day of October 1839.

**MARGARET PATTERSON** {seal}

Signed sealed and published in the presence of

attest

**F. WILLIAMSON**  
**S. H. SMITH**

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State of North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

January term 1840

I certify that the execution of the within will was duly proved and **WILLIAM PATTERSON** qualified to execute the same.

**B. OATS**

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