

**Will, NC, Mecklenburg, Robert Irwin 1800**

In the name of God Amen.

I General **ROBERT IRWIN** Esquire of Mecklenburg County state of North Carolina being through the Abundant mercy and goodness of God the week in body yet of a sound in perfect understanding in memory to constitute this my last will and testament and desire it to be received by all as such.

IMPRIMIS I most humbly bequeath my soul to God, my maker, beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full Assurance of the Resurrection from thence at the last day. As for my burial I desire it be decent with out pump or state at the discretion of my dear wife and my executors, hereafter named, who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence. And as to my worldly estate I will and positively order that all my debts be paid.

ITEM I give to my dear and loving wife [**MARY BARRY**] a comfortable living becoming her station on my Plantation I now live on both for boarding and clothing and that she shall have the parental government whilst she remains over my children, as heretofore, and that it is my will that they each of them use her as a parent in every respect and ... her bed and it's furniture, and her clothing of every kind, and also a good riding young creature of not less value than one hundred silver dollars, and also at the expiration of five years from my decease, I will that my executor pay her three hundred silver dollars, and also a good saddle when she calls for it, and also a chest of drawers, and a genteel set of tea-ware in full in all parts and one dozen tablespoons and five silver tea spoons marked RI, and one dozen and a half of genteel plates with two bowls but in case she should choose for to marry again and I will that she remove off my premises and that she should have all the aforesaid legacies given her above named with one dozen of knives and forks. Also and further I will that during her widowhood my executor shall not see her in want of anything needful for her also I will to her good case of bottles, if she chooses to have them, together with her Emberello and her wheel and one pair of cards.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my daughter and **NELLY** my negro wench named LUCY together with every other thing I have heretofore given her also one hundred silver dollars paid her by my executor at the end of five years after my decease.

ITEM I will and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM** all the plantation I now live on the Waters of Steel Greek containing four hundred acres with all its rights and improvements provided always that the power shall or be vested in him to sell or dispose of it or any part thereof the full time and term of seven years after my decease or accounts of provision for the rest of the family also my walnut desk and the largest looking glass and also my negro fellow LIMERICK, and my silver watch, also my saddle and bridle, also my silver cart... with all it's bottles also six silver tablespoons and six silver teaspoons not marked.

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ITEM I will my son-in-law **ANDREW HERRON** married to my daughter **DARLEY [DORCAS]** my roan mare with all the other property I have given him and cash I have heretofore discounted for him.

ITEM I will my daughter **MARY DINKENS** my negro wench **HANNAH** I have given her also all the other things I have given her also one hundred dollars I owe her for a horse to be given her one year after my decease.

ITEM I will my son **ROBERT** a plantation bought for him at a price not exceeding ten thousand dollars by my executors and that he shall have no power to sell it or any part of it for the term of five years after my decease ... together with a bay filley kept for ... for the ... year on my Plantation.

ITEM I will my daughter **MARGARET** her living on my Plantation during her single state of Life hand a negro wench to be bought for her of about twelve years of age, healthy, likely sound negro and a horse and saddle worth not less than one hundred and twenty dollars with a bed well furnished off in every part and other clothing as what her other three sisters had when they went away from me and a full set of wear and other necessary things for her cupboard and she and in case she should marry before she comes of age I will let these things be given her when she needs them to set up house with.

ITEM I will and bequeath my son **JAMES** a plantation bought for him at a price not exceeding two thousand dollars by my executor and trustees and that he shall have no power to sell it until he is thirty years of age without the consent of the executor and trustees of my will, and a negro fellow bought for such and one as his brothers had given them, with a good horse and saddle and to be well schooled.

ITEM I will my daughter **SARAH** her living on my Plantation during the time she remains single and that she shall be provided for with clothing in every such necessary she stands need of and be well schooled and have a horse and saddle bought for her when they think she stands in need of it to be worth not less than one hundred and twenty dollars and also my negro wench named **PHILLIS** together with a bed well furnished off in all its parts and clothing as what her other sisters had been married and went off from me, and a full set of all wear necessary for her shelf and cupboard such as her sisters received from me.

ITEM I will my daughter **AMY LENIRA** her living on my Plantation I now live during the time she remains single and that she be well provided for in every thing necessary for her as to clothing and and schooling and that she have a horse and saddle and ..dle bought their worth not less than one hundred and twenty dollars together with a negro wench bought for her of about twelve years of age and to be given to her when she stands in need of it, also a bed well furnished off in all its parts and clothed as what her sisters was when they were married and went from me and a full set of all were necessary for her cup board and shelves such as her married sisters received from me.

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ITEM I will my grand-daughter **MARY IRWIN HERRON** ... negro ... likely healthy and sound and sensible to be bought for her when she stands in need of it together with five hundred acres of land on the western Waters where the executive think suits best also to be made over to her when she stands in need.

ITEM I will to my two sons **WILLIAM** and **ROBERT** my tracts of land entered in their own names on Duck River on the western Waters of three thousand two hundred Acres as appears in record; and to my son **JAMES** as much value onto off the rest of my stock of land as will make him equal in value to the one half of the aforesaid tract of three thousand two hundred Acres willed to my sons **WILLIAM** and **ROBERT**.

ITEM I will to my daughter **NELLY** five hundred acres of land on the Western Waters when my executor and trustees thinks best also her son **ROBERT IRWIN MOORE** five hundred acres as aforesaid.

ITEM I will my daughter **MARY** five hundred acres and her son five hundred acres on the western Waters where ever the executor and trustees see it and answers best.

ITEM I will my three younger daughters **MARGARET, SARAH, AMY LENIRA**, each of them six hundred acres, wherever it can be laid off by my executives and trustees, to the best advantage for the whole of the legatees.

All the remainder of my property I will to be divided in the following manner ... to be divided equally amongst my children, then alive, and such order that every one of my sons have two shares in my daughter's one or half of each one of them of what the son's get.

And lastly I appoint my son **WILLIAM IRWIN** and my son-in-law **JAMES MOORE** and my son-in-law **ANDREW HERRON** and my son-in-law **JOHN DINKENS** executors of this my last will and **THOMAS GREER**, Esquire and Captain **HUGH PARKS** guardians of my wife and children.

In witness whereof I have here on to set my hand and seal and I declare this to be my last will and testament this 26th day of June eighteen hundred.

**ROBERT IRWIN** {seal}

In presence of us

**JAMES GREER**  
**DANIEL GALLANT**  
**ANNE BARRY**

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