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In the name of God Amen.

I, **JAMES GORDON**, being very sick of body but have sound and perfect mind and memory, calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to dispose my worldly affairs in the following manner and form, to wit:

PRINCIPALLY and first of all I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it, nothing doubting, but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the Same Again by The Mighty power of God who gave it.

SECONDLY I recommend my body to the Earth, to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my executors.

AND as to what worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath it in the manner and form following, viz.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **ANNE GORDON** one first choice of my slaves and also of six cows from my stock and one horse, her bed and furniture, all my pewter and other kitchen furniture. Together with her living in my dwelling house and on my plantation as long as she may live, unless she marry, in which case I do will at the said house and land do revert to the benefit and behoof of my son **HUGH [GORDON]**. Further that my said wife do retain to her use for the benefit of the junior legacies two horses and my other implements of husbandry.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **SAMUEL GORDON** one house Bible with marginal notes of the value of 5 Shillings Sterling money.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARY [GORDON] JONES** one house Bible with marginal notes of the value of 5 Shillings Sterling money.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM GORDON** ne house Bible with marginal notes of the value of 5 Shillings Sterling money.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **HENRY GORDON** one plantation or tract of land bounding western on the land formerly by me sold to **WILLIAM WRAY [WILLIAM MAY]**, and extending towards Crowder's Creek until he is secured in one half of the lands by we held on that side to be divided equally according to quantity and quality.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN GORDON** my to stills with their appurtenances.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **ANNE GORDON** one good bed and furniture together with one slave of the value of £100 or in the room and stead thereof £100 as my executor has shall think meet.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **JAMES GORDON** one horse of the value of £20, a set of blacksmiths tools, 1000 weight of iron, and half a faggot of steel to be provided for him by my executors as he may stand in need thereof. And the purchase money to be raised and levied out of my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELEANOR [GORDON]** one good bed and furniture together with one slave of the value of £100 or in stead thereof the sum of £100 as my executors shall think meet.

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ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARGARET [GORDON]** one good bed and furniture together with the sum of £100 current money to be raised and levied out of my estate, and further I also will that my executors do give my said daughter schooling suitable to her degree and reimburse themselves out of my state.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **HUGH [GORDON]** my plantation I now live on, to revert to him immediately on the marriage or decease of my beloved wife.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **JAMES GORDON**, son of **WILLIAM GORDON**, my plantation of land on Beaver Dam bounding Northeast on land sold by me on to **WILLIAM WRAY** and that my son **WILLIAM**, if he he see or think meet, to occupy the said land until my said grandson attained to the age of 21 years.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my deceased son, **ROBERT GORDON**, children £5 each, to be raised and levied out of my estate, and put out to interest until they attained to the age of 15 each.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson, **JOHN JAMES**, a horse and saddle with the value of £23.

FURTHER I do will that if any remainder should be, after the above legacies are made up and the necessary expenses and debts discharged, that such remainder be equally divided among all my children.

LASTLY I do will and bequeath the whole and sole management of my estate on to my beloved wife **ANNE GORDON** and my son **HENRY GORDON**, I hereby make, ordain, constitute and appoint my whole and sole executrix and executor of this my last will and testament.

AND I DO HEREBY utterly revoked, disallow, disannul, all other Wills, legacies, and bequests by me and anywise willed, bequeathed, or made, ratifying, allowing, and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have here in to set my hand and I fixed my seal this 23rd day of November in the year of Our Lord 1774.

JAMES GORDON {seal}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared in the presence of us, who in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

NATHAN MENDENHALL, jurat
FANCY ANDERSON
EZEKIEL POLK

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The last will and
testament of **JAMES GORDON**

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North Carolina
Tryon County

To wit

January Court 1776

The within will was proved in open court by the oath of **NATHAN MENDENHALL**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which was ordered to be put out of record.

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