

In the Name of God Amen I Abraham Alexander of the County of
Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina being in a Low estate of health
but of Sound mind and memory Thanks be to God therefor calling to mind
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last
will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give my soul
into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend
to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent manner at the Discretion of my
executors and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to Bless me in this life I give and Dispose of the same in the following
manner and form viz. -

first I give and Bequeath unto Dorcas Alexander my beloved
Wife all that part or parcel of the plantation whereon I now live
which contains my Mansion House and Improvements to possess the
same during the term of her Natural life together with my two
graves named Dinah and Temm to possess the same during the
term of her life as also my Negro Girl named Venus to her her
Heirs and assigns forever I further give and Bequeath unto her
one good Horse and Saddle one Bed with its furniture with all
the Dresser and Kitchen furniture as also a full third part of
all that my movable property which may remain after the payment
of my several Debts hereafter Bequeathed

~~Item I give and Bequeath unto Isaac Alexander my son~~
~~the sum of five pounds~~

Item I give and Bequeath to Elizabeth Alexander my only
Daughter two Hundred and five pounds

Item I give and Bequeath unto Abraham Alexander ^{my son} the sum
of fifty pounds

Item I give and Bequeath unto Nathaniel Alexander my son the
sum of fifty pounds together with one good Horse and Saddle
to be paid him when he may arrive at the age of twenty one
years

Item I give and Bequeath unto Jacob Alexander two Hundred
and fifty Acres of Land being the Southern parcel or
Division of the plantation whereon I now live

Item I give and Bequeath unto Ezra Alexander my son
(Whom I recommend to be taught the trade or occupation
of a taylor or any other which he may prefer thereto)
the sum of fifty pounds as also one good Horse and Saddle
to be paid him when he may arrive at the age of twenty one years

Item It is my will and I Direct that my Son Marcus
be put to an amas School and payed through what is
commonly to be a Liberal Education under the Direction of
my Executors as also I give and Bequeath to him the sum
of fifty pounds to be paid when he may arrive at the age
of twenty one years.

Item it is my will and I Direct that my Son Cyrus shall
receive the same english Learning which has been given
in common to my other Children and also I give and Bequeath
unto him that parcel or Division of my Land which remain
and which contain my present Improvements to him his Heirs
and assigns for ever to revert to him at and after the
Decease of his mother.

Item It is my will that within a convenient time after my
Decease all my personal Estate not heretofore disposed of
shall be sold by public vendue and the moneys arising
therefrom shall after payment of all my just Debts and all
the above mentioned Legacies be equally divided amongst my
five youngest Children and in case any one or more of them should
Decease before the age of twenty one years then their portion
shall be equally divided amongst the survivors of them.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my Dearly beloved
wife Norca Alexander and my two sons Isaac and Abraham
Alexander to be my sole Executors of this my Last will
and testament and also trustees and guardians for all my
Children as is named that are in their minority and I do
hereby revoke and Disallow and Disannul all and every other
former testament and Legacies by me or my wife named wills or
Bequeathments before Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be
my Last will and testament in witness whereof I the said
Abraham Alexander have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this 10 day of April 1786

Signed Read and pronounced and Declared by
the said Ab. Alexander as his last will
and testament in the presence of us who
in his presence and in the presence of
each other we hereunto subscribed our names

Abraham Alexander

R. Alexander

John M. Wilson

Wm. Alexander or Trust