

ALEXANDER, Zenas

1826



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Third Cut #9203R

In the of God Amen

1st I Lewis Alexander of the County of Washington and State of north carolina being past middle age, reflecting that Death may not be far distant do order and Declare this to be my last will and testament

I First that My body, committed to the earth in a decent and Christian like manner clear of superfluity as my executors here after to be mentioned, will doest and as my worldly estate it is my will that the following distribution take affect after my Death

2^d I will and bequeth to my beloved wife Margaret Alexander my dwelling House where I now live with all the out houses and barns and all the land of the old tract with what I bought of John Allen from the fence next allans to the old machine track and to the

branch next the Sawmill except what is called the ditch and to the crop land which includes the meadow during her life or widowhood, together with an absolute

of two beds and furniture one horse, gig and lamp, two cows

Earth and Gently her daughter half a dozen silver teaspoons one set of china at 15 dollars one dozen Delf plates

one dozen knives and fork at four dollars one dozen table spoons

of his I will at her whole disposal

3^d I will and bequeth to my daughter, Hannah Alexander one black woman and one black girl called Mitter together with her

two beds and furniture and all the household & kitchen furniture that I give her after she married and also the one half

of all my land that lyes on the East side of the road that leads from charlotte to beates ford all to be for and her heirs

proper, ~~the land to be equal in quality and quantity~~ and the use of said buggy and Mitter in the same way

4th I will and bequeth to my son George W. Alexander all my tract of land containing 45 1/4 acres lying in madison

County Tennessee the horse he rides and saddle and birds a negro

boy slave called Joe all his medicines and medical Books one bed and furniture and all the money spent on his

Education, him to pay cash one of his brothers one hundred dollars when the come to need it to them that survives

5th I will & bequeth to my Daughter Hannah J. and one black woman named Sally and one married Betsey together with her two

beds & furniture with all the household & kitchen furniture that I give her after she married and also the one half of all my land that lyes on the east side of the road that leads from charlotte to Beates

ford all to be for her and her heirs proper, and the use of said Sally and Betsey in the same way together with their lives

Sixth, I will and bequeath to my son James, C, ~~Philipson~~ Alexander
 all that tract of land on the ^{North} side of the old Machine Branch
 and a part at this side including the ditch meadow beginning at the
 at the ford of the branch at the head of the ditch then a fourth course till
 you strike the crop fence that encloses the meadow and ^{get} with that fence
 to the said branch ^{then} with the branch to the mill pond and up the
 pond to where my line crosses S. pond and ^{and comes to the 30} line of the line
 and Bryan tracts till the ~~factory~~ stone corner, and still with Bryan
 to two small hickies not far from the ditch thence to the beginning in
 the ford of the branch - and one negro boy called Job and one other
 called ^{one called Peg} Sam, one horse saddle and bridle to be valued at one hundred doll
 are one bed and furniture in proportion to the rest of my beds
~~with the same proportion~~ and also that tract of land lying on the
 north side of Duck river Eight Miles below Columbia Tennessee in
 including a Bank spring in my last lease containing ~~two~~ hundred
~~and seventy~~ ^{thirty} acres - running from a large white oak ~~Robert corner west to the river~~
~~and up the river to corner~~
 7th I will and bequeath to my son Robert M. Alexander all that tract of
 land on the North side of Duck river Eight miles below Columbia Ten-
 nessee beginning at a stake 16 poles west from a beach ~~bowels~~ and my
 own ^{corner} marked Z.A. ~~thence~~ south to a large white oak about 100 poles off the
 River then ~~west~~ to the river and down the meanders to bowels corner on the
 bank of the river ~~thence~~ with bowels line ^{east} to the beginning supposed to
 be 300 acres and also all the land I have on the East side of Sugar
 Billy creek joining the Sawmill, one horse saddle and bridle to be valued at
 one hundred dollars one negro boy and one girl named Lucy and one black girl
 named ~~Lucy~~ ^{one boy called Billy} and one bed and furniture in proportion to the
 rest of my beds -
 8th I will and bequeath to my son James, R, Alexander all that
 tract of land on the North side of Duck river Eight miles below
 Columbia Tennessee Beginning at a Black walnut at the head of
 a hollow ~~near~~ the old road that ~~lead~~ leads from H. Winters
 ford to Square Hudspratts running west one the top of the ridge
 to a dogwood then south to a Beach Powell and my own corner
 marked Z.A. then with bowels line west 16 poles to a stake then
 south passing ~~Plaibours~~ ^{Robert's} large white oak corner to the river
^{then up the river about H. Winters ford} about 15 poles to some or a Boxelder then North with grives land to
 the beginning supposed to be 300 and more acres and also all that
 parcel of land off of the North & west end of the Bryan tract
 beginning at the 2, Stone corner of Chabourns, Bryan, and Leas tract then
 to what is called to Baxels Spring then west to or some north of west
 to a small crooked Hickory Leases corner then with Leases line & back
 to the beginning - and one negro boy named Washington and a negro
 girl named Lucy one Horse saddle & Bridle to be valued at one hundred dollars

To be
 to Sam
 to Peg

Trace

Washington
 to Lucy

2 also one Bed and furniture in proportion to the rest of my beds

9th I will and bequeath to my son ~~Abel~~ ^{where I now live} Abel, A. Alexander all the residue of my land, ^{on} this plantation, and that adjoining it that has not been heretofore mentioned or what shall hereafter be mentioned including my Dwelling house barns and other houses (Except my Shop, & the Doctor Shop and that is to any use if he chooses tomorrow it or as long as he wishes to occupy it,) and not to claim a priority during my wifes widowhood or lifetime and one negro boy ^{named} ~~Tommy~~ ^{Tommy} one Horse saddle and bridle ~~to~~ to be valued at one hundred dollars one bed and furniture Equal in proportion to the rest of my beds, and also one negro by slave named ~~Tommy~~ ^{Tommy} with a reserve ~~to~~ to continue of the plantation without my wife to assist in keeping up the farm and to support the family during my wifes widowhood or lifetime

10th It is also my will that my Shop and all belonging to it ^{Left} to the use of my wife and family during widowhood or lifetime and also my ~~old~~ ^{my} ~~wagon~~ ^{all} ~~the~~ ^{my} farming utensils and ^{all} ~~in~~ ^{to be} manner above described and at her marriage or death, ^{all} to be sold and the profits arising to be divided amongst my four youngest sons Equally or otherwise as they can agree

11th It is also my will that all my just debts shall be paid and for the enablement of the same, I Desire that my sawmill and seat and all the land beginning at the ford of the Branch, that leads out of my field next the mill, ^{then} nearly south to a Spanish oak a corner J. B. Byrns made me, of one acre tract then with said lines to the creek below the mouth of the race then up the creek passing the flood gates to the mouth of said branch mentioned above then up said branch to the beginning ^{with the dam & what water I lay in it} and also all the land I claim lying on the west side of the Beatties ford Road 3 1/2 miles from Charlotte together with what property not will and all the residue left after debts being paid ~~to be~~ to be paid to each one of my sons as much as will get them a dozen silver tea spoons and my sons Robert & James & Christopher one hundred dollars each and the balance to be divided amongst all of my children & my wife

Head
I also will to my wife during ^{her lifetime or widow hood} all my house hold and
kitchen furniture - with an absolute the best bed room &
small folding leaf Table To be at her disposal -

Head
I also will to my son Zenas C. Alexander my curd maple
folding leaf table the walnut ~~leaf~~ bureau the spinning disk and
one small table ^{at my death or term of widowhood or before she please} and the chery candle stand

Head
I will to my son Abel, A. Alexander My Secretary and book case
My walnut ~~leaf~~ bureau the chery folding leaf table ~~with room~~
^{and dinner table spoons}
and one small Table, to my wife use during life or widowhood

12th I also will to my three sons Zenas, Robert & James all the
residue of my Duck river tract of land not yet willed that
lies my ^{to} ~~where~~ Eng^d Hudsbeths to be equally divided each one
of them to pay their Brother Andrew thirty three & one
third dollars

13th It is my will that if either of ^{my} sons dies before the at-
tain to the age of twenty ^{five or longer} years, and having no family
nor increase ^{their} portion shall be divided equally amongst
my surviving sons and daughters

Head
14th I will to my daughter Abigail Rudeille the two lots
in Charlotte wher on William Rudeille has built a tanyard

15th I will & appoint my beloved son Amasy W.
Alexander & my trusty friend Thos. A. Alexander
to execute this my last will and testament in
witness where of I here unto set my hand &
seal this 21st day of May 1826

Signed sealed & delivered } Zenas Alexander
in presence of }
Zenas Alexander
James A. Alexander
Jno. H. Harris

Merkinburg County & August Term 1826
I hereby certify that the Execution of this will
was duly proven in Court according to Law and
records - - -
Jas. Alexander Clerk

Genes Alexanders
Will

August Term 1826

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