

In the name of God Amen. I the said John being in my
County of North Carolina & State of North Carolina being in my
believeing health of body and mind for which I desire to be
the witness yet calling to mind the mortality of my body &
knowing that it is appointed by all men once to die
Do hereby make & bequeath this my last Will & Testament
that is to say principally & first of all I commend my
Soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to
be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discre-
tion of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate
whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give
& dispose of the same in the following manner & form viz
I give & bequeath unto Mary the wife my dearly beloved
wife all that double tenancy or tract of land on which
I now dwell for & during the term thereof and during the
part of the same during her natural life, together with
her my said wife three negro men viz Saml & Abram
and John to wit under her choice, all the plow and
Harrow and all other farming utensils, she also
may also have the head of horned cattle her choice
of the whole stock and all the sheep, Hogs, Geese Poultry
and all the Hatching & hatching preparations that appears
necessary to keep the family steadily together for & during
her widowhood, and then to be sold into my estate to be
disposed of as here after directed, I likewise give & bequeath
unto my said wife Mary her Bed & furniture, her
and Saddle and all the Dressing furniture and one negro
woman named Ned to her and her assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath unto William Alexander my beloved son
the sum of six hundred & fifty pounds, five hundred pounds
of which I have already paid into the hands of Thomas
Polk cleared on his account, I also give & bequeath unto
my beloved son William S. Alexander one negro man named
Jack in Trust to be equally divided among his Children
as he shall think proper at his decease

Item I bequeath unto the said son James the
right, Title & Claim to the Estate of my former
wife, now in possession of John Parks said by my