

In the name of God Amen. I James Fletcher Senior of Wilkes County and State of North Carolina, being in perfect sense and memory though weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and knowing that my worldly effects may in a manner go to them not Deserving, I do hereby make this my last Will & Testament in manner following (to wit) in the first place I give and bequeath my Soul to God who give it, and Hoping through the Merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer that he will raise both Soul and Body into the Mansions of Eternal Glory.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Susanna Fletcher a certain part of the tract of Land that I now live on, containing three Hundred Acres, beginning at a Forked Hickory near the bank of the Yadkin River a little below the Horse ford, and running a straight Course to a Prize tree at the base thence a straight Course to the Back line thence with said line a south Course to the Corner thence with said line to the Yadkin River thence down said River to the Beginning including the Dwelling House & out Houses there unto belonging, for and during her natural life & no longer, also I give & bequeath unto my wife Susanna Fletcher another tract of Land containing four Hundred Acres of Land adjoining to the aforesaid tract including the meeting House for & during my wife Susanna Fletcher's ^{natural life} & no longer & after the decease of my wife Susanna Fletcher I give and bequeath unto William Fletcher son of James Fletcher Jr. the above mentioned tracts of Land, to him & his heirs and assigns forever, also I give and bequeath unto the said William Fletcher son of James Fletcher Jr. the Colt that my black mare is now with foal with to be delivered to the said William Fletcher when fit to be recored to him & his heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto ~~my wife Susanna Fletcher~~ ^{my wife Susanna Fletcher} all and every of my Household & Kitchen furniture and farming utensils of every kind, my stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs, for and during the life my wife Susanna Fletcher & no longer and after the decease of my wife Susanna Fletcher I give and bequeath the aforesaid Household & Kitchen furniture & farming utensils, my stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs, unto him the said William Fletcher his heirs & assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Susanna Fletcher My Negroes in the following manner (Harry excepted), namely Samuel a Negro fellow about the age of twenty eight years of age, David a Negro Boy about the age of fifteen years of age, aged Harry a Negro wench about the age of fifty years ~~of age~~ & Lucinda a Negro girl about the age of ten years & her increase for and during the natural life of my wife Susanna Fletcher & no longer ~~and after the decease of my wife Susanna Fletcher~~ I give and bequeath unto William Fletcher son

of James Fletcher my Negro fellow Harry to be Delivered to the said William Fletcher after the date of this present year. also I give unto the said William Fletcher son of ~~James~~ Fletcher Jr. after the decease of my wife Susanna Fletcher the residue of my Negroes. Namely Samuel a Negro fellow about the age of twenty eight years David a Negro Boy about the age of fifteen years - Harry a Negro Wench about the age of fifty and Lucinda a Negro girl about the age of ten years & her increase to ~~them~~ the said William Fletcher his Heirs and Assigns forever. I Item I give and bequeath unto John Fletcher son of Thomas one Hundred & fifty acres of Land on the Brushy Mountain on the Head

I give and bequeath unto my wife Susanna ~~my~~ ~~Execution~~ and ~~John Fletcher~~ and my Executor hereafter mentioned all my ready money. Bonds. Notes of Hand and Book accounts to pay my Just & Lawful debts with

I Item I give and bequeath unto James Fletcher Jr. John Fletcher son of Thomas. Enoch Fletcher son of Benjamin J. John Fletcher his Brother all the and every of the Part of my Land not mentioned lying in Wilkes & Ashe Counties to be equally Divided between them according to value to them and Heirs and Assigns forever.

I Item I give and bequeath Hugh Gilreath son of William Gilreath ~~the~~ ~~son~~ of rest of his Brothers and Sisters (Henry Gilreath excepted) one thousand acres of Land lying on Cove Creek to be equally ~~Divided~~ Divided between them to them their Heirs & Assigns forever.

I Item I give & bequeath unto the rest of my Heirs five shillings each & no more And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Susanna Fletcher my Executor and John Fletcher son of Thomas my Executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills made by me
Witness my Hand and Seal this twenty sixth day of April one thousand eight Hundred and five

Witness lined in the eighteenth line at the word Fletcher.

before assigned - natural life

Legd. & Seald

In Presence of

Thompson

Samuel Profit

Barbara Stover

James Fletcher
Seal

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James Fletcher
Last will &
Testament

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