

Gordon, James

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In the name of God Amen James
Jordan being very sick of body, but of sound and perfect mind
and memory, calling unto mind the mortality of my Body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die:
do 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 hath pleased
God to Bless me withal; I Give and bequeath it, in the man-
ner and form following Viz

Item I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Anne
Jordan, the 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 that the said house and Land do revert to the bene-
fit and behoof of my son Hugh, further, that my said
Wife do retain to her use for the Benefit of the Junior Legat-
ees Two horses and my other Implements of Husbandry

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Samuel Jordan one
house Bible with Marginal Notes of the Value of Five Shil-
lings Sterling money.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Jones, one
house Bible with Marginal Notes, of the Value of five
Shillings Sterling money

Item I Give and bequeath to my son William Jordan one house
Bible with Marginal Notes of the Value of Five Shillings
Sterling money

Item, I Give and bequeath to my son Henry Gordon, one
plantation or Tract of Land, bounding Westward on the
Land formerly by me sold to William Gray, and extending
towards Crowders Creek, untill he is secured in one half of
the Lands by me held on that side, to be Divided Equally
according to the Quantity & Quality.

Item, I Give and bequeath to my son John Gordon my two
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 One hundred Pounds, or in the room and
stead thereof One hundred pound as my Executors shall
think meet.

Item, I Give and bequeath to my son James Gordon one
horse of the Value of Twenty pounds, a sett of Blacksmiths
Tools, one thousand Weight of Iron and half a Tagger 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 paid out of my Estate.

Item, I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Eleanor a good
Bed and furniture Together with one Slave of the Value
of One hundred pounds, or instead thereof the sum of
One hundred pounds, as my Executors shall think meet.

Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Margaret one
Good Bed and furniture, Together with the sum of one
hundred Pounds Current money to be raised and paid
out of my Estate, and further I do Will that my Executors
do give my said Daughter schooling suitable to her degree
and reimburse themselves out of my Estate.

Item, I Give and bequeath to my son Hugh my plantation
I now live on, to revert, to him Immediately on the marriage
or Decease of my beloved W^{ife}.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson James Gordon
son of William Gordon my plantation of Land on Beaver
Dam bounding North East on Land sold by one Wm
Williams Wray, and that my son William if he see or
think meet do Occupy the said Land untill my said
Grandson attain to the age of Twenty one years.

Item I give and bequeath to my Deceased son Robert
Gordons Children Five pounds each, to be raised and
Lived out of my Estate, and put out to Interest untill
they attain to the age of Eighteen, each.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Grandson John James A
horse and saddle of the Value of Twenty three pounds.
— 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 unto my beloved Wife
Anne Gordon and my son Henry Gordon, whom I
hereby make, ordain, Constitute and appoint, my whole and
sole Executors and Executors of this my last Will and Testament
And I do hereby utterly revoke, Disallow and Disannul all other
Wills Legacies and requests by me in any wise Willed Bequeathed
or made, Ratifying, allowing, and Confirming this and no other
to be my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my seal this Twelveth
third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and seventy four.

Signed Sealed published and pronounced
and Declared in presence of us who in the presence of
each other have hereunto Subscribed our Names
James Gordon
Nathan Mendenhall Jr.
Jenny Anderson

The Last Will and

Testament of James Gordon

James Gordon

Will

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North Carolina } to wit;
Tryon County } 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 Ord.^d to be put of Record

W. D. Hall to