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they paying to each of their Sisters Ann and Jane the price of a negro.

I also give and bequeath to my beloved Son John one Negro boy named York. And if there is more than one negro apiece for the children then the remainder to be divided between my beloved Sons John, Duncan, Malcolm, Daniel and Angus.

I also order that my beloved Son Duncan be his first choice of the Negroes then the eldest son to choose to the youngest Son.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 16th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1780. and in the fourth year of American Independence.

In presence of Witnesses

John Campbell

Dugald Blair

Alexander Shair

his
Daniel & Shair Seal

In the Name of God Amen
I Patrick Stewart of Bladen County in the State of North Carolina being at this present time through the mercy of God in perfect health body and mind and the situation of my affairs requiring now in some degree to be regulated think it necessary to print litigation and other contingencies to make a final testament and do constitute make and appoint this to be his last will and testament.

Impensis. After my just debts and financial charge are discharged I will and desire that the remainder of my effects may be disposed of in the following manner.

It is my request that Sister Margaret should be put in possession of two Negro Men of the names of Will and Jack required with the Bed and bed

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clothes and likewise a black horse named Tom

It is my and request that an infant of which Joanna Matthews is now pregnant should prove to be a boy to be put in possession of fifty pounds if a girl thirty pounds which sum my Executors David Bailey to see expended for the benefit of their education and if they or it should not survive to vest to the child said.

I will and request that the rest and remainder of my estate be equally divided between my sister Ann Keston Duncan and James.

I do make constitute and appoint my father William Stewart, David Bailey and William McMaster Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 10th day of December in the year of Our Lord 1777.

Signed sealed and delivered

In the presence of

William McMaster

Alexr. Cormickal

John Doane

Patrick L. Stewart Seal

In the Name of God Amen

The 12th day of November in the year of Our Lord 1773. I Johannes Singletary of the County of Bladen and Province of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory and understanding thanks be given unto God therefor calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing 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 recommend my soul into the hand of God who gave it. and for my body I recommend it to the earth. to be buried in a Christian manner.

decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching my 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.

Imprimis It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied.

Item I give unto my loving wife Caroline three hundred and twenty acres of land more or less with all the buildings and improvements during her natural life it being the plantation whereon I now live as also all household goods working tools with all my stock of Hogs and Horses and Cattle, after my just debts are paid and satisfied.

Item After the decease of my wife Caroline Singletary I give and bequeath to my son Richard Singletary the upper half of the above mentioned three hundred and twenty acres with all buildings and improvements thereon to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item After the decease of my wife Caroline Singletary I give and bequeath to my son John Singletary the lower half of the above mentioned three hundred and twenty acres with all buildings and improvements thereon to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item After the decease of my loving wife Caroline Singletary I give and bequeath unto my four daughters Elizabeth, Deborah and Mary, all my household goods as also my stock of Cattle Horses and Hogs to be equally divided between them immediately after their mothers decease at the discretion of my Executors, and I do hereby utterly disclaim revoke and disannul all other former wills by me made.

I do declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. And I hereby nominate ordain and appoint my loving Brothers Benjamin Fitzrandolph and Thomas Owen to be my lawful Executors of this my

last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first within written. Signed Sealed, Published, Pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of the Subscribers who subscribed Our names in the presence of the Testator

John Roberts 3 Richard Singletary Seal
Philip Dore Matlocks, 2
Prudence Roberts 3

In the Name of God "Amen"

The 8th of March A.D. 1773. I Richard Singletary Son of the County of Bladen and Province of North Carolina being sickly and weakly in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto god for causing unto me the mortality of my body and knowing 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 and recommend my soul unto the Hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of God. and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased god to bless me in this life. I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Benjamin Singletary the heirs of his body forever three hundred and twenty acres of land beginning at the lower corner of the Aneur Camps or the Strayboge land