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of his estate.

The above mentioned Richard Reynolds deceased the 24th of December 1803. And the above Copy was taken and Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th of January 1806.

Richard Holmes, J. P. }
J. P. }

Samuel Smith and
Benjamin Smith and

State of North Carolina }
Bladen County }

Personally appeared before me Joseph Thomas Esquire and after being duly sworn said that he was at the dwelling house of Mrs Peter Byrne on the 15th day of January the Chancery Court heard and on at which time and place Robert Masfield Jn^r McCulloch lay dangerously ill and he the said Robert M^r McCulloch told the said Joseph Thomas Esq. that provided he should die it was his will and desire that all the property which he had received by and from the estate of John Cook Junr. deceased should return again to the said estate from which it came and all other property which he should die possessed of it was his desire should be given to Mary Byrne daughter of Peter Byrne after all his just debts first being paid as he said and he said he intended to marry the said Mary.

Sworn to before me January } J. P. Thomas
21st 1805 }

After Personally appeared before me Thomas Lock and Thomas Byrne and said that they were present at the taking and place above mentioned and Robert M^r McCulloch

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told them the said Thomas and Thomas that it was his will and desire that his father's bed and furniture should be given to Mary Lock daughter of John Lock Junr. deceased and furniture and furniture the said Joseph Thomas Esq. Thomas Lock and Thomas Byrne said that the said Robert Masfield M^r McCulloch died this life the 10th instant.

Sworn to before me January 21st 1806.

Jas. S. Purdie J. P. } Thomas Lock
Thomas Byrne

In the Name of God "Amen"

This second day of September Eighteen Hundred and four and in the thirtieth year of American Independence.

I Joseph Massingale of the State of North Carolina Bladen County. Sheweth, being very sick and weak of body but of sound mind and knowing that he gives into God therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed once unto all men 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 into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First

I give and bequeath to Mary my dear beloved wife all my lands messuages and tenements by her to be solely possessed and enjoyed with all my cattle hogs sheep with me Mark with all my household

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I desire I give and bequeath unto Mary my dear beloved wife all sum and sums of money which are due unto me at this time and I do hereby publicly disclaim wrote and disclaim all and every other former will testaments legacies bequests and Executors by me in any way before made Willed and bequeathed testifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and Year above written.

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Joseph Messing as his last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers.

John ^{his} Messing } Joseph Messing as
William Young } Seal

Joseph Carolina
Bladen County

In the Name of God Amen

I, Robert M'Conne of the County of Bladen being through the abundance and mercy of God through weak in body yet of sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received by all as such.

I most humbly bequeath my soul to God who gave it to me. I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken, as for my burial I wish it may be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and my Executors hereafter named. That is to say Mary M'Conne my wife and John M'Conne my son, as to my worldly goods and property I order that all my

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lawful debt be paid the remainder part of my estate to be kept together until my beloved wife Mary's death. The estate to be equally divided among all the children except Patrick Child M'Conne. He is to have two parts for the cause of his being crippled. Further I desire that my children namely James Maichen, Archibald Robert David Patrick and George should be raised in the fear and admonition of God as he himself could make the mother. I do also desire to give them education as far as their ability will allow. Further that my daughter Jane shall have two flaxen beds and coverings and an equal part of all furniture the land excepted.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four and in the twenty eighth Year of Independence

In the presence of } Robert M'Conne
M. M'Conne }
David Campbell }
John M'Conne }

In the Name of God Amen

I, Joseph Ruse of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it. Therefore calling unto mind 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.

Primarily and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial.