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In the name of God Amen.

I, Richard Smith of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner following to wit:-

First I desire all my just debts and funeral charges may be paid by my Executors hereafter mentioned.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Lucy Smith the land and plantation whereon I shall die together with one negro wench Phillis during her widowhood and after her marriage or decease I give devise and bequeath the same to my son Macom Smith to him and to his heirs forever.

Also I give to my said wife two of the best feather beds and furniture I die possessed of and a chiece part of the rest of the household furniture and stock of Cattle and Hogs so that I shall die possessed of.

It is also my desire that should the above named negro wench Phillis build to the amount of four children that my son Lyon shall have the two first and my son Noble the other two, to be delivered to him at a year old each. It is also my desire that after my decease my executors may hire out the unwedded negroes I may die possessed of, if the negroes should not be agreeable to my said wife to keep the money for the support of my family.

Also it is my desire that the remainder of my estate be equally divided between the rest of my children viz- Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Tobias, Lyon, Noble and Mary to them and their heirs, and assigns forever.

And I hereby appoint my friends John Willis Eliza Burns and Samuel Porter Esquires Executors of this my last Will and Testament and revoking all former wills by me made confirming this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this - day of - in the 8th year of American Independence.

Pronounced and acknowledged by the Testator

Richard Smith in the
Presence of us

James ^{his} Washburn

Elizabeth ^{his} ~~St~~ ^{mark} Cade

Richard Smith (Seal)

In the name of God Amen

I Hugh Stewart planter in Bladen County in North Carolina through the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory blessed be God for it, do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth.

I order and desire all my lawful debts to be paid in the first place, afterwards I order and desire my dear and beloved wife Catharine Stewart to have all my horses and cattle and sheep and hogs and all my household goods and all manner of movables whatsoever belonging to me to her Will and disposal. I order and desire my beloved wife to have the plantation whereon I now live upon, containing a Hundred acres of land with all the privileges thereunto belonging during her life time and after her decease I order and desire the said plantation with all its site and title to my dear brother Robert Stewart first lawfully, mail heir to him and his heirs, failing a mail heir of my brother Robert I order and desire the about said plantation to my brother Robert's daughter Elizabeth Stewart to her and the heirs of her body.

I order and make my dear wife sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand