

In the Name of God. Amen

The Twenty Second day of August 1798. I William Standon of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina Plantist being my weak and sick in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God Christed having 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 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 a decent Christian burial 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 such worldly estate which with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First

I give and bequeath unto Lydia my dearly beloved Wife after my just debt and funeral charges be paid all and singular my Real and personal estate so long as she is capable of taking a prudent care or during her widowhood except my two negro boys Peter and Jack. which I give and bequeath unto my son William and it is my will and desire that as soon as my Wife marries then there may be a division and that she have an equal share with my children.

I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah a tract or parcel of land containing 240 acres joining Daniel Whites land and that if so be the two brothers should join to build a mill it is my will and desire that he have the benefit of the stream and timber on all my lands during their Partnership.

I give and bequeath unto my son William the Tract of land I now live on together with all the land I now own except the 240 acres aforesaid. And it is my will and desire

that as soon as may be after the decease of my Wife division be made of all my remaining estate. Equally amongst all my children except my three youngest daughters which shall have the pounds more each than the others.

I likewise constitute and ordain my two sons Josiah and William Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

And I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament Wills Legacies bequests and Executors by me in anywise before named or bequeathed. ratifying 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 delivered by the said William Standon as his last Will and Testament in presence of us the subscribers

Agathus Smith } William Standon Real
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This 2^d day of October in the Year of Our Independence 1781. I Joseph Cook of Bladen County and Province of North Carolina plantist. being weak and much indisposed in body but of perfect mind and memory and having to mind and duty considering the uncertainty of human life and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and Testament First and principally. I commit my soul to the Hands of God That gave it. My body I commit to the earth to be buried decently at the discretion