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The following letters were presented to the Court & distributed to Records Dept.

In the name of God amen I Jacob William one of
the County of Lincoln & State of the Carolina being
in good health & in a sound and disposing state
of Mind and Memory. But knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die. And wishing
to make a distribution of the property of this
world which it has pleased God to bless me
with I do hereby devise & bequeath the same in
the following manner viz To my Beloved wife
Rebekah William I give the privilege & right
to live on the plantation whereon I now live &
the privilege & use of my dwelling house wherein I now
live or such a part thereof as may be convenient
and comfortable for her during her natural life
- Also one good horse beast & as many Cows
& calves as she may choose or stand in need
of one two or three likewise sheep hogs & poultry
& so much of the household & kitchen furniture
as she may wish to keep or may stand in need
of. I also give & bequeath unto my two youngest
daughters Sally William & Sarahannah William
the plantation whereon I now live which contains
about two hundred & fifty acres & about
seventy acres of pine land lying on the waters
of Lockarts Creek joining land of Lyman Woodford
& others being the balance of a tract from which
I have sold of one hundred acres for my
son John William which I bought from John
Lambert about forty acres to be taken off the
upper end of an other tract of pine land lying
on the pine woods on the waters of Little Creek
which I bought from Eli Blackman joining
lands of John Rammonson Sr & John Wilson
& others The right of the aforesaid lands
I do hereby invest in the said Sally

I do give to my daughter Ruana her claim
of the stock I do give to my daughter
Nancy and her heirs a piece of land
lying on the west side of Hickory Creek
in the county of Rutherford joining lands
of Matthew Gurlin Jacob G. Beatty also I
allow fifteen dollars out of said lands
to my daughter Ruana I do give to my
daughter Ruana one acre and a half of
and Buckleys I do give to my son Jacob
G. Beatty one dollar To whom I do constitute
make and ordain this my last will
and testament all and singular my
lands Me pures and testament them
to possess and enjoy and I do hereby
utterly disallow revoke and disannul
all every other former testament wills
legacies bequeath and Executors by me
in any wise before named wills
Bequeathed Ratifying and confirming
this and no other to be my last will and
testament in Witness whereof I have
herunto set my hand & seal this fifteenth
day of February one thousand eight
hundred twenty seven signed sealed
Published pronounced & declared by the
Said Francis Beatty as his last will and
testament in the presence of us who in
his presence and in the presence of
each other have hereto subscribed our names

W. B. Davis

Francis Beatty (Seal)

Philip Sellers

Mary Beatty

and
Francis Beatty Jr. ³ Executor

Francis Beatty

& Supannah & their heirs of a pignus forever in fee
 simple provided nevertheless they are not to sell
 or convey the same unless be to some of their
 Brothers or sisters or some one member of our
 family - They are to possess & enjoy the aforesaid
 lands & premises as tenants in common & they
 may divide the same (equally) at any time
 they may choose but they are not to interfere
 with the right & privilege of my wife Rebecca
 Hillian by any division or any act whatever
 to her injury or prejudice. And I also bequeath
 my said daughters Sally & Supannah each
 a good horse & cart (and Supannah a good side
 saddle & bridle Sally having one already) & each
 two good cows & calves each a good breeding sow
 two or three head of sheep & each at least two
 good beds each a good spinning wheel & cards
 & other household & kitchen furniture as much
 as my other daughters have received from me
 the same to be given them by my executors out
 of my estate unless they are previously furnished
 by myself. The balance of my property consisting
 of a tract of land lying on Shoal Creek joining
 lands of David Lutz and others containing about
 250 acres and the balance of the Eli Blackburn
 tract lying on Little creek is to be sold at public
 sale by my executors on a credit of one & two years
 & the balance of my personal Estate consisting of a
 still & several hoes, cattle, sheep & hogs, waggon
 farming utensils & household & kitchen furniture
 to be sold on a credit of ~~three~~ ^{three} months and after
 all my just debts & the necessary expenses are
 discharged the balance of the money belonging
 to my estate is to be kept at interest by my exe-
 cutors & by them kept as a fund in order to
 supply my wife Rebecca with money at any
 time she may stand in need of it for
 her maintenance or decent support

And it is my will that at the decease of my wife
Rebeckah Willian my son John Willian receive one hundred
dollar & fifty dollars & my son Daniel Willian one hundred
dollars in money, because they have not received an
equal share of land which the balance of the money
if there should be any is to be equally divided among
all my children And it is my earnest request
and desire that my son John Willian & my
friend John Couter take upon themselves the
execution of this my will - And I do hereby
nominate & appoint them as the executors of
this my last will & testament And I do hereby
revoke disannul & discontinue all other & former
wills by me made & heretofore executed & I
do hereby ratify declare & publish this to be
my last will & testament In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
seal this 14th day of February, A.D. 1828 and in
the 52nd year of American Independence signed
& sealed in the presence of

Elkanah Couter Lucat Jacob Willian (seal)

Daniel Hamson Lucat

I Jacob Willian hereby annex this Codicil to the
foregoing will I having disposed of some of my property
since I have given a part of the Old Blackburn
tract of land back again to my son Daniel which
I had given him before & which I bought from him
he is not to have any more of my estate except twenty
dollars which my executors are to give him when
they have funds sufficient in their hands to discharge
it And I have given my son John a set of
& some cattle he is to have one hundred acres
of land which I see it in him being a part of a tract lying
in Lockarts Creek joining lands of Lyman
Woodford & others which I bought from
Adam Groenbanc & at the death of
my wife Rebeckah she is to have one

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hundred dollars more than any of the rest
of my children out of the estate that remains
unexpended. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal the 2nd day of August
1830 signed & sealed in presence of

Elisha Gales Jacob Hillman (seal)
Israel Oetj Hurat

In the name of God I now this 6th day of November in the year of
Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty six I Samuel
Oedrae living in Lincoln County North Carolina and in
the house of James Carroll being in a weak and declining
state of body but perfect mind memory & judgment thanks to
Almighty God & calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make
& ordain this my last will & testament in manner &
form following that is to say after commending my
soul to god who gave it & my body to be buried in a
Christian & decent manner & as touching my worldly
property I desire to dispose of in the following
manner & form first I allow all clothing to my
grand daughter Hannah Bennet Except two horse
frocks that I leave to my two grand daughters
John Bennet two oldest daughters I will &
Beith unto my grand daughter Hannah Bennet
my wheel & barrel & My feather bed & half of
the bed clothes furniture the balance to be
John Bennet I will that my funeral expenses
and note of kitchen furniture be first paid I will that my son William
Bennet shall have my share of the land
that Samuel Kelly now lives on and for
just and full execution of this my last
will and testament I do nominate & appoint
James Carroll my Executor signed &
acknowledged day & date above mentioned
James Oetj Hurat here
Hannah Oetj
Mark