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at public sale given two years credit, the rest of my stock to be & remain in the hands of my wife, & to be delivered to my sons, as they arrive of age also my plantation utensils to remain in her hands delivered as aforesaid also my household furniture as above mentioned it is my will that my wife shall have the use of my plantation during her widowhood & if she shall live single, shall have the use of it also untill my son Ephraim arrives to the age of eighteen years then all my land is to be sold & five pounds to be paid to each of my Daughters viz: Peggy & Luci & the remainder to be equally divided between my wife & seven sons. I do constitute & appoint Phineas Arnyon & William Cole executors of this my last will & test: for my wife & children in witness I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th day of June 1789.

Witness present
Henry Davis, John Davis
mark.
Will^{is} Davis.
mark.
There I take off my seal & do declare this to be my last will & test
Thomas Davis (seal)

In the name of God Amen! August the 1st Day 1800.
Whereas I Braston Deatherage of the State of N. Carolina & County of Rowan being at present in a low State of health but in perfect sense & calling to mind that we are all to die & do make this my last will & test I give & bequeath my soul to God who gave it & my body to the dust to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors & as for my worldly estate I will &

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bequeath it unto my dear beloved wife to her own use till my youngest child comes of age & then the land to be sold at public sale & twelve month credit given for it, & then the money equally to be divided between my wife & children I do make & appoint my beloved friend Doctor Henry Fruling & John Backster, sole executors for this my last will & test: as witness my hand & seal this day above written

Benjamin Wilton. M^r Fruling. Braston Deatherage
Elizabeth Rice.

In the name of God Amen the 23rd of March A.D. 1795.
I Jacob Davis of Rowan County in the State of N. Carolina being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God - therefore 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 & test. That is to say principally & first of all I give my soul to God who gave it, & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian like manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again through the mighty power of God, & as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, & dispose of, in the following form.
1/ It is my will & I do order that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my estate by my executors. Item it is my will & I do order that my son Henry Davis shall have one hundred acres of land where he now dwells on

The water of new river, being part of a lot that I purchased from Christopher Hufor with his paying to said Hufor, ninety seven pounds ten shillings, & that together with what I have already given him shall be his share of my estate.

Item I give to my son Jacob Davis one hundred acres of land where he now dwells, lying on the waters of new river, being part of the above mentioned that I purchased of Christopher Hufor with his paying to said Hufor, seventy pounds & that together with what I have already given him shall be his share of my estate.

Item I give to my son John Davis that lot of land whereon he now dwells, lying in Rowan County, joining north of my Homestead plantation, containing two hundred & forty five acres to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give to my daughter Mary the wife of Myah Tapp, the sum of ten shillings, together with what I have already given her as her share of my estate.

Item I give to my daughter Sarah, two cows & four sheep, a lining wheel & a great wheel & a feather bed & furniture.

Item I give to my daughter Margaret two cows, a lining wheel & a reel & a feather bed & furniture.

Item I give to my two sons, Samuel & Benjamin Davis my homestead plantation, whereon I now dwell, lying in Rowan as aforesaid, joining Alexander Thomas line, Peter lines, Henry Davis lines, supposed to be three hundred acres, be the same more or less to be equally divided between them to them their heirs & assigns forever, & also all my moveable estate that is not herein above bequeathed, with their paying to my two daughters Sarah & Margaret ten pound a piece & lastly I constitute &

appoint my two sons Samuel & Benjamin Davis, my only & sole executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have set hereunto my hand & seal the day & year above written

Signed, sealed, declared, in the presence of us.

James Gordon, Jesse Davis.
Grace Odett, Henry Davis.

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Jacob & David Davis
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In the name of God Amen! I Andrew Davis of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina, being sick & weak in body, but of sound & perfect memory, calling to mind the frailty of nature & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament in manner & form following - First of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it, & my body to the ground to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors. And as to the worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, in this life, I give & devise in following manner 1st I give & devise to my brother Moriso Davis all & singular my lands, mesuages & tenements to him & his heirs forever. I also give & bequeath to my brother Moriso Davis all my personal estate, after paying my just debts & giving to Simon Davis son of Simon Davis dec^d the sum of ten pounds & Augustus Davis & Jonathan Davis both sons of Jonathan Davis dec^d the sum of five pounds each, I also constitute & ordain & appoint my brother Moriso Davis to be the sole executor of this my last will & testament, & annulling all other wills by me made, confirming this to be my last