In the name of God amen. I Hartwell Chandler of the County of Halifax being in perfect health of body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God 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 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 — And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. —

First That all my just debts be paid and the ballance of my Estate I give & bequeath to my well beloved brother Willis Chandler to his heirs & assigns forever. I also constitute make & ordain my same brother (Willis Chandler) the sole Executor of this my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of June one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven. —

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Hartwell Chandler L.S.

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At a Court held for Halifax County the 27th day of June 1803. —

The written written Last Will & Testament of Hartwell Chandler dec.d was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of two witnesses — thereto subscribed — and ordered to be recorded. —

Teste John Wimbish C.H.C.

Truly Recorded. Teste Samuel Williams D.C.H.C.