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State of North Carolina Ashe County

In the name of God Amen

I Jacob Bear being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frailty and transitory life do make constitute and declare this to be my last will and Testament saying first after all my lawfull debts are paid and discharged the residue of my Estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit, to my beloved wife all my household and kitchen furniture one mare three hds of cows such as she wants six hds of sheep eight killing hogs one sow and five shoats and all my specie and my home tract of land and what improved land she wants on the joining tracts all to her during her natural life all the Ballance of my land and property to him share and share alike them that has had land must have it valued at what it was worth when I gave it to them the Rest must have the Ballance of my land to make them up share and share alike if there is not enough they must have it in other property so as to make them share and share alike in witness whereof unto I have declared this to be my last will and Testament this the 13th day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and sixty five both here unto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written

Jacob Bear
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Witness

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