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State of North Carolina

Ashe County 3 September 24th 1838

I Jordan Councille Sen being afflicted and not knowing how it may terminate with me I now make an instrument of writing to show how I wish my property disposed off at my death and a death of my wife Sarah Councille my wish and desire is that she my wife Sarah Councille is to retain all my Negroes and all other goods & Chattels Farming tools stock &c. to have and to hold during his natural life or widowhood, at such time as she may die or marry again I then wish all my property equally divided amongst all my children according to what they have had as regards their horses and lands and as my daughter Polly Calloway has had two head of horses and land and as my daughter Polly Calloway has had two head of horses one worth seventy five dollars the other worth sixty. Charlotte Hardin has had one man worth sixty dollars. my daughter Rebecca Norton has had one worth seventy five or the money. Sarah Martin has had one worth seventy five. Elizabeth McGee has had one worth fifty dollars. Nancy Baird has had one worth forty dollars. Rachel Louisa has had one worth forty dollars. in which I have given my daughter Louisa my Negro Boy Wilson at two hundred dollars. all of which I wish to be accounted for out of my Estate at these valuations, and my Boys Jesse Councille has had land worth five hundred dollars. Jordan Councille and Benjamin Councille the same, and each of them has had a horse worth fifty dollars in which I wish all of the heirs

made equal one with the other according to the valuation and when they are all made equal and there is an overplus I wish it equally divided amongst my children, to my girls children and then heirs and not to be disposed of without the consent of my daughter by their husbands, and for it to belong to them & their heirs, and should my wife Sarah Council think fit to have a division of any of the property sooner, she can call the heirs together and dispose of it as she and they agree amongst themselves, and should there not be property enough to make the girls equal to my sons according to this valuation made in this instrument of writing my intention is that the boys are not to pay any thing back to the Estate in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day and date before written.

signed & sealed & presence
of attest

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