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State of North Carolina, In the Name of GOD, Amen!
 Brunswick County, I, Harry Willatts, of the State and County aforesaid, Rauter, being in a low state of health, but in perfect mind & memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to 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 & testament, that is to say, Principally and first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it, & my body to the dust - and as touching such worldly estate wherewithal hath pleased God to bless me. I give, devise and dispose in the following manner and form, viz.: Item First, I bequeath my beloved wife Elizabeth Willatts during her natural life all the plantation and land wherein I now live & situate between Dog Creek and the Field branch - and after her death I give and bequeath the aforesaid plantation and land to my son Harry B. Willatts, to him and his heirs forever. Item 2nd, I also give to my wife Elizabeth, aforesaid, all my negro and their increase and all the rest of my goods & chattels during her natural life and after her death I give and bequeath all my said negroes with their future increase and all the rest of my goods & chattels aforesaid to all my children by my present wife which is to be equally divided among them; but if my said wife do think proper she is authorized to give a part of said property to any said children during her life, but it must be so given as to make the portion of any aforesaid children all equal her death. Item 3rd, I give & bequeath to my son William Willatts my plantation and land on negro Creek, to him and his heirs forever. Item 4th, I give and bequeath to my son John H. Willatts one hundred acres of land below Negroe Creek, to him and his heirs forever. Provided never the less do hereby authorize my Executors, here after to be named, to sell & execute titles to the aforesaid lands, given to my sons Miles & John H. Willatts if they should think best and that the money in some other property or put it to interest as they may think. Item 5th, I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna Lee One dollar. Item 6th, I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Bellers One dollar. Item 7th, I give and bequeath to my daughter Lydia Green, One dollar; And I do hereby make my constable and appoint my beloved wife, Elizabeth Willatts, to execute of this my last will and testament, and I do further confirm this my will to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have caused to be read this day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty two, and every thing else.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & delivered to be the last will and testament in presence of us. John Willatts
 State of North Carolina, John C. Barker.
 Brunswick County, May Term, 1827.

The due execution of the within will was proved in open Court by the oath of John Willatts the subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered. Recorded in Book B p. 45, 46 & 47. Nathaniel Potter, Clerk, I, Nathaniel Potter, Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Brunswick, do hereby certify this to be a correct copy of the original filed in my office at May Term, 1827.
 Recd^d & copied, Clerk of Brunswick, April 1908 } Nathaniel Potter, Clerk
 Ratified July 1908. Copied from Old Records Book B.W.H. 45, 46, 47.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen! I, Miles Potter, Sub. of the State of North Carolina, and County of Brunswick, being of sound and perfect mind & memory, blessed be God, do this 6th day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand, eight hundred and twenty-seven, make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner as following, that is to say, first, I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Miles Potter my negro man Larry, and one large Mahogany table, and to my son-in-law Nathaniel Potter's two daughters, Susan Jane and Elizabeth Ford, I give instead of giving to them my negro girl Mary, and one note which I have against said Nathaniel for Sixty five dollars and fifty dollars due by the estate of Thomas Leonard a late lawfull representative, it being due me in swap for lands; and to my son Samuel L. Potter I give my negro man Bill, and to my daughter Sarah Jane Leonard I give and bequeath all that piece or parcel of land wherein she now liveth, together with all houses, orchards, & appurtenances thereunto, for which Isaac Leonard has a deed previously given in consideration of his wife's part of my estate, together with the following property etc. One barrel Mare previously given, One scute making my table, four Windsor chairs, my loading glass &c, and to my daughter Rebecca Evans I give and bequeath my negro woman Minnie and Ninety acres of land joining John Evans, & one note already received by said Rebecca & John Evans for Sixty six Dollars & Sixty six cents & sundry other articles and gear given by them, and to my daughter Anna Eliza Potter I give my negro girl Kitty & one note for Sixty five dollars on Dick and Bellies farm given to me in the year 1816, on Springfield Island, One feather bed, cord and hide &c. I do hereby nominate & pray, authorizing my son Miles as a lawful Executor for my daughter Eliza until she shall marry if ever, if said Eliza should be before me in lawful marriage I wish her property to be equally divided among her surviving brothers and sisters.