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Ephraim Golds last Will & Testament.

In the name of God Amen. This 20<sup>th</sup> of July, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand seven hundred & seventy seven, Ephraim Gold of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to God, and calling to mind the mortality of my body & uncertainty of this life do constitute, Ordain & appoint this my last Will and Testament, And first I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, And my body to be decently buried by my Executors hereafter mentioned; and as for such worldly goods, as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I devise and dispose of them in the following manner & form.

Impresis, I order and devise that my beloved wife, Rachel Gold being after my decease all my moveable Estate (Excepting Five pounds for Ephraim Gold Sen. & Daniel Gold & four pounds for Ephraim Sargent Son of Stephen Sargent to be paid in Virginia Money, out of my moveable Estate to the boys when at age) also my Improvement and Vacant Land if she can save it for her own proper use, also I order and devise that my Wife have her living on my deced land during her life. — After I give and bequeath to William Gold, Son of Joseph Gold who is my heir at law my Deced Land lying and being in the County of Rowan & one fourth being the same now on lot, and he is to enjoy the said land with all the appurtenances at

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at the decease of my wife, to him & his heirs forever. —

Item. I order & devise that should Ephraim Gold, son of Daniel, or Ephraim Sargent Son of Stephen, either of them die before they arrive at age to receive the money as left them above I order & it is my will that the Survivor shall have the sum of the deced.

And lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved wife Rachel Gold & my beloved Brother Joseph Gold my Executors to this my last Will and Testament, to be receiving and discharging all other Wills or Wills by me made, And I ratify & confirm this only to be my last Will & Testament. Given under my hand & Seal the year and day first above written.

Signed, Sealed, Published by  
Ephraim Gold  
Promised & declared as the  
last Will and Testament in  
presence of.

Wm. H. Wray  
Daniel McFarland  
Ed. Debo

The Execution this Will & Testament was proved by the Oaths of Wm. H. Wray & Ed. Debo, two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. And ordered to be recorded, at the same time Rachel Gold & Joseph Gold were qualified.

Ed. McKeown