In the Name of God Amen, This 6th day of January Anno 1785 I John Cate Senr. of the County of Caswell State of North Carolina being Sick and Weak in body but of sound Perfect mind and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, First I Commend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I commend it to the Earth to be buryed in a Christian like manner at the Direction of my Executors, And as it hath pleased God to bless me with Worldly Estate it is my Direction to Dispose of in the manner and form as follows, That is to say, I give grant and bequeath to my grand daughter Ann Cate the bed and furniture which I lye on, also one pot, one large pewter dish one Bason & Two plates — And to Nancy Cate I give my other bed & furniture and one heifer — And to my youngest son Thomas Cate One Sow and Three Shoats, One young Steer and all my Farming Utensils — And I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Cate one Cow and Calf — And to my grandson Joshua Cate, I give One Chest and one Table, And to my son Joshua Cate I give all my Wearing Apparel of late Kind — And one Gun to Joshua Cate my Grandson — And all the rest of my Goods and Chattels to Elin Cate except five pounds good Money to be paid by said Cate to my grandson John Cate the son of my son John, And one Large Hog to my Daughter Nancy Cate, This I do in my last will and Testament in revocation of all other gifts grants whatsoever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day date above written

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of
Epse Robinson
Jesse Cate
Thos Cate
Elin Cate } Executors

his
John ✗ Cate (Seal)
mark

July Court 1785

This will was duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Joseph Cate a Subscribing Witness thereto & ordered to be recorded —

Test A. Murphey Clk

Know all men by these presents that we Saml Ledbetter Senr & Ledbetter Prudence Ledbetter & Elizabeth Ledbetter of Caswell County State of North Carolina & Phadrias Powell of Orange County State aforesaid are held and firmly bound to each other in the penal Sum of five hundred pounds Specie to which Payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each of Our Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this 15th day of April 1785

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above named persons being Heirs to the Estate of Henry Ledbetter Deceased and have agreed to and with each other to leave the whole of the Estate (except the Land called and described) of the said Deceased Ledbetter in the Possession of Edey Ledbetter late wife of the said Henry Ledbetter Where to remain during her Natural Life or Widowhood & then to be equally divided amongst us the above named persons being Legatees, Now in case that each and every of us do stand to and abide by the said agreement that then the above Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force & virtue

Test
William Glenn
Robert Hicks
Benjamin his mark Glenn

Saml Ledbetter (Seal)
Saml Ledbetter (Seal)
Prudence Ledbetter (Seal)
Elizabeth Ledbetter (Seal)
Phadrick Powell (Seal)

July Court 1785

This bond was duly proved in open Court by the Oath of William Glenn and ordered to be recorded

Test
A. Murphey Clk

July Court 1785

Peter Hamblin Administrator of Stephen Hamblin Decd. Makes a return of what he has received into his hands which is £35. 11. 10

Peter Hamblin

Sworn to before me
A. Murphey Clk