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I In the Name of God Amen I James Phelps of Brunswick County
Province of North Carolina being Weak of body but of perfect
Mind and Memory do make and Declare this my last Will &
Testament in Manner and form following To Wit I recommend my
Soul to Almighty God who gave it me Hoping to receive it again
at the last day in a Joyful Resurrection. My body to be Buried
in a Christian like Manner. Order What Wherry Estate of both
Clears God to Bless me with after my Funeral Expenses Very just
able Paid. Order and Dispose of the Following Manner,

1st Give and Bequeath unto my son William fifty pounds Current
Money to be Paid Out of my Estate To Wit I send the
Residue Part of my Estate with my Land to my beloved wife
Ellen During her Natural life or Widowhood the raising my
Children Out of it as I have heretofore done

2nd Give and Bequeath after my wife's Decease to my Youngest
son Ambrose that Part of my Land lying on the North
side of the Branch being the Part whereon Snow lies

3rd Give and Bequeath to my next Youngest son William the
Other Part of my Land to him and his Heirs only my Mother to
have her life time the Heir of the estate, & the Remainder Part
of my Estate, after my wife's Decease I Give to be Equally
Divided amongst the rest of my Children To Wit, Andrew, Thomas
Larkin Lucy Polly & Polly If my wife should marry them
to be Equally Divided amongst my six Children To Wit, Thomas
Larkin Lucy Polly & Polly and my wife & the my Will and
Desire is that if either of my eight youngest Children die
without Lawful issue that their Part be Equally Divided amongst
the Survivors of them To Wit Lastly I appoint my beloved wife
Ellen my Executor & my Son William my Executor to his my
last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal this 5th of March 1786.

Signed Sealed Witnessed in Presence of
Shadrach Hudson Miller James
James Williamson

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This Will was duly proved in Open Court by
the Oaths of Shadrach Hudson John Phelps & William
Hudson to be recorded in the Public Deeds at 1786
at the Court House

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Know all men by these Presents that Samuel Morris of Brunswick
County have Bargained Sold Released and Confirmed and by these
Presents doth Bargain sell Release and Confirm unto James Rice
of the County aforesaid one Negro Girl Named Ruth, To have &
hold the said Negro Girl by these Presents Bargained Sold
Released and Confirmed to the only proper use and
 behoof of the said James Rice his Heirs Executors Administrators and
Assigns forever and I the said Samuel Morris for my self my
Heirs my Executors & Administrators the said Negro Girl unto
the said James Rice his Heirs Executors Administrators and
Assigns against me the said Samuel Morris my Heirs Executors
and Administrators and against all and every Other Person
and Persons whatsoever shall and well Warrant and forever Defend
by these Presents In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal this 19th day of July 1786.

Jonathan Rice,

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This Bill of Sale was proved in Open Court by the
Oaths of Jonathan Rice & Deacons to be recorded

at the Court House

Know all men by these Presents that I John Lee of Brunswick
County State of North Carolina have Bargained Sold unto William
Lee of said County and State One Small steer about 8 or 9 years
old also one saddle one bed and furniture my Stock of Hays one
case of knives Forks one Table 3 Chears one better Bed one peg
one better Hardstick 1 Mattock 1 Iron Wedge one Drawing knife
one Working hoe 1/2 Fire Tongs 1 Wheel to drive of tatters 1 Spout
Young Lashes 3 Plates Iron Parer for and in consideration of Reason
of Twenty pounds Company on hand paid the said William Lee his
acknowledge and am therewith satisfied and do by these Presents
Wise myself my Heirs to Warrant and Defend the said Articles
aforesaid Mentioned to the said William Lee his Heirs Executors

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from all Persons laying Just Claim or Demand against them as Witness my hand & Seal this 10th day of August 1786.

Sign'd Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of us

his
John Rainey
Mark

John Rainey
Thomas Rainey
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This Bill of Sale was duly Read in
Open Court by John Rainey a Notary Public

Edw. A. Murphy

I Shew all men by these Presents that I Stuart Parley of Caswell County and State of North Carolina as hereby Bargain & Sell unto my son Daniel S. Parley of Halifax County and State of Virginia a Negro Woman by the Name of Lucy which was Willed to me by John Parley Decd. of Chatham County and State of Virginia at the Death of his wife Mary Parley formerly the said Stuart Parley for and in Consideration of the sum of Twenty five Pounds lawful Money of Virginia to me in hand paid by my said son Dan. S. Parley afore Named as here by Bargain and sell the above Named Negro Woman Lucy of a Black Complexion and about Twenty one or Twenty two years of age to him and his heirs forever without any Manner of Challenge Claim or Demand of me the said Stuart Parley or any Other Person or Persons in my Name by my Means Consent or Procurement to be the above Named Dan. S. Parley right & Title at the Death of the above Named Mary Parley (Widow) of the above Named John Parley Decd. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the 17th day of July 1786.

Sign'd Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of - Mason Poy
& Arthur Graves

his
Stuart Parley
Mark

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This Bill of Sale was duly Read in
Open Court & Ordered to be recorded

Edw. A. Murphy

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Know all men by these Presents that I Michael Dixon of Wilkes County of the State of Georgia have Named and Constituted and by these Presents do Name Ordain Appoint and Make Josias Dickson of Caswell County State of North Carolina my True and Lawful Attorney for me and in my Name and to my Use to Sell Dispose of Convey and Grant give Liberty Release of all or any part of any of my Tracts of Lands or Tenements which I have lying and being in the aforesaid County of Caswell and to receive and for and Receive all Debts due and Demands due to me lying and being by Granting unto my said Attorney any full Power and Authority to Use and Exercise all such Lawful Acts things and Deeds in the Law as shall be necessary for the Selling and Conveying the said Lands and to make and give Acquittance or Other Discharges for me and in my Name and Generally to do & Execute in the Premises as fully and as amply as I myself might or could do were I personally Present. Ratifying Confirming and Approving whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by Virtue of these Presents In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal Dated in Caswell the 16th day of August 1786.

Sign'd Sealed & Delivered

Michael Dixon

in Presence of
John Burnett
Josiah Duerst
Hugh Burnett
his
Burnett

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This Act of Attorney was duly Read
in Open Court by the Clerk of Thomas Russell a Notary
& Ordered to be recorded

Edw. A. Murphy