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That my will and desire is that my negro man named Frank a girl named Sam a girl named Lida a boy named Peins a girl named Lued and a negro girl named Chany together with all the residue of my Estate after taking out the debts and legacies above or before mentioned shall be sold by my executor on a reasonable credit and the debt owing to me collected and the surplus or whatever money may be left over and above the payment of my just debts the aforesaid legacies and expenses that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my daughter Joanna Joshua Wilson who is now married my daughter Priscilla & Mathew McGardin who is now married with my daughter Margaret in equal proportions share & share alike to them and each and every of them their executors Administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend and son in law the above named Joshua Wilson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the said and every part and clause thereof hereby writing and declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made in writing whereof I the said Margaret Wilson do hereunto set my hand & seal this 29 day of November A.D. 1843

Margaret ^{her} Wilson Seal

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
Margaret Wilson to be her
last will & testament
in the presence of us
who at her request and
in her presence do
subscribe our names thereto
as witnesses thereto
W. J. Gentry
David Robinson

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In the name of God amen I Adam Sherill of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina do make & ordain this instrument my last will & testament hereby writing all other. In the first place I give & bequeath to my wife Anne the use of my land during her natural life also negroes Sam and milly willy for her use during her life and after her death to be equally divided among my children and it is my will that Sam be not sold out of the family but that some one of my children keep him to my wife I also give all my house hold and kitchen furniture including the Clock excepting the beds and it is my will that each of my children shall have a bed and the necessary furniture there unto belonging also two horse brach John & Maria all forming tools the old waggon & Gen all the wheat corn fodder oats hay &c my stock of sheep hogs and cattle excepting two cows & calves to to her & her heirs forever. It is further my will and I so direct that my Executors hire out all the Bullam of my negroes until the amount of hire shall be sufficient with other means that may come into their hands to discharge and pay off all my just debts after my debts and then paid off I direct them that my said negroes always excepting Sam & milly be divided into two equal shares one share of which I give to my daughter Melissa one other share to my daughter Nancy one other share to my son Mariah one other share to my daughter Elizabeth one other share to my daughter Margaret one other share to my daughter Rosy and one other share to my son Alexander - to them & each of them their heirs and assigns forever I give and bequeath to my son Mariah and Alexander at and after the death of my wife all my land property to be equally divided between them they Mariah & Alexander on coming in possession of said Land shall pay to each one of their five sisters that may be living at that time or if deceased to heirs if any be left two hundred dollars to each one of my children I give a bed and the necessary furniture thereunto belonging to my daughter Melissa I give a cow & calf her choice to my daughter Nancy I give a cow and calf to my son Mariah I give my horse hicks and my Rifle gun. It is my will and I so direct that my Uncle Eli Sherill be supported decently out of my Estate so long as he shall live. It is my will & desire that all necessaries for the year such as sugar Coffee Molasses or for the use of my family be taken and purchased out of my cotton whatever balance there may then remain together with the residue of my property not before given I direct to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be applied to the discharge of paying my debts I constitute and appoint Executor of this my

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I do hereby constitute & appoint Executors of this my last will & Testament my Brother Miriam & Theophilus Pharis In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of November A.D. one thousand eight hundred & forty four (1844)
in presence of
Henry B. Connor
Isaac Pharis J.T.
Adam Pharis

In the name of God Amen I John Drum of the County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina Being weak in Body but sound in mind and knowing it appointed for all men to die But in perfect mind & memory I first recommend my soul to God that gave it to me & commend my body to dust from whence it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors knowing that I shall receive the same again at the General Resurrection of the deceased by the mighty power of God as touching my worldly Estate that has pleased God to give to me I dispose of in the following manner
Item first I bequeath and give unto my beloved wife Mary Drum the plantation & every other thing therein to be long in Consisting of Stock of horses Cattle hogs & sheep household & kitchen furniture for the use of my beloved wife Mary Drum during her widowhood & the children hereafter named my son Eli Drum & my daughter Mary Drum & my son Williams Drum & my son Philip Drum & my son David Drum & five shilling to the heir of my son of my son Peter Drum & after the death of my wife Mary Drum the whole of my Estate Real & personal to be sold at public sale or divided amongst themselves as they can best agree except the heirs of my son Peter Drum I also appoint my two sons John & Eli Drum my Executors & no other I also revoke or disclaim all former wills or in any wise any form of a will or Testament & acknowledge this to be my last will & Testament which I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this ninth day of Feb: 1843.
In presence of
John D. Warrathy
Robert McCreary

John & Drum his mark

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I John Ramsour (son) of the County of Cataula in the State of North Carolina Being weak in body but sound & disposing mind & memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and Testament in the manner & form following Viz I wish my body buried in a decent & Christian like manner and my Spirit to rise into the hands of my Creator who gave it Trusting that through the merits of my Blood Saviour my soul & Body will be again united to enjoy a happy Eternity and as the worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me it is my will that it be disposed of in the following manner.

Item 1st I give & bequeath to my son Daniel Ramsour his heirs or assigns the plantation I now live on I reserve my old plantation & my cutting box. Item 2^d I give & bequeath to my son Jacob Ramsour five acres of meadow land that I reserved out of that tract he lives on when I made him the deed of Conveyance for said tract.

Item 3^d It is my will that all the Balance of my lands be sold and the proceeds of the sale be equally divided or if my Executors should deem it most expedient to divide the land without selling it they are hereby authorized use their own discretion then the same to be equally divided amongst all my Children & grand Children that is my son John Ramsours Children & my daughter Susannah Stokes Children are to have to have the share their Father & Mother would be entitled to were they still living.

Item 4th It is my will that all my negroes be kept in the family and as equally divided as possible they are to be valued by two disinterested men selected by my Executors for that purpose by the said Commissioners laid off into lots as equally as may be and then drawn for by the Legates and those getting negroes of less value are to have the deficiency made up to them out of the other funds belonging to my Estate so as to make them all equal.

Item 5th All the balance of my property to be sold on a reasonable Credit at public sale and the proceeds thereof together with all other funds belonging to my Estate after paying all my just debts & the necessary expenses attending the execution of this will, to be equally divided amongst my Children & grand Children viz my son John & my daughter Susannah, Children to have the same share that their Father & Mother would be entitled to were they still living.

Item 6th It is my will that in the division of my Estate as directed in this will no gift or conveyance of Land or any other property that I have heretofore made to any of my Children shall be taken into Consideration or any account taken thereof be cause I have