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15 In the name of God Amen I George C. Hilderman of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory Bequeath to God all this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susanna one chest and one bedstead and all her own Bed clove one tub and floy wheel and one cow & two Barrow and one Camphor Bottle and one small round Bottle one small Pot and one side saddle which side after her death is to fall to my daughter Mary I give to my son Jacob the Smith tools and a small Stear And to my son Andrew I give his Paddle and Rifle gun and shot gun and one huffer his horse & two Sheep and which sheep and then increase is to stay on the plantation so long as my wife lives and the applehill and one white bottle And to my son Valentine I give one huffer & two Sheep and to my son David I give one mare & cow and calf and one huffer and one Stear two year old & two Sheep and to my daughter Mary I give one ^{bedstead} ~~bedstead~~ and furniture one chest one set of cups and saucers & one set of plates and one cow one sow & one ewe ~~sheep~~ ^{sheep} and a bottle

The plantation I now live on Andrew & David is to have all the use of so long as my wife lives and have all they can make there on for which they are to maintain my wife so long as she lives and my daughter Mary is to stay on the place and work as usual and be maintained off of it and my son Valentine is to have privilege to live on the place where Jacob formerly lived and make what he can on the saw and if he chooses to have he makes in it and the clock & cupboard and all the shelf furniture & cupboard in the kitchen and all the furniture and all the pots and other things belonging to the place and the table and cloth and two stags and karnaps and all the chairs and all the waterpail and washing tub one large jug one churn one ston jar all the crocks and what baskets is on the place and the half bushels and the waggon and all the horse gear and all the tools and all the plow and one horse & still and all the vessels belonging to it and all the log cabin and one grind stone all the last named property is to stay on the place

and my sons Andrew & David is to have the use of it so long as my wife lives and after her deceased the land & all the last named property is to be equally divided among all my children And all the provisions such as wheat corn & fodder and oats hay & floy & also the cotton and wool and bread they that is now

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on the place is to go to the use of the place The windmill I give to my sons Andrew and David each an equal share the wheat now growing and the meat and land now on hand and what cotton is on hand is to go to the use of the place And the balance of the hogs I give to my sons Andrew & David each an equal share I appoint my sons Valentine and David my lawful executors In witness whereof I the said George C. Hilderman have here unto set my hand and seal the year and date above written Signed sealed published and declared by the said George C. Hilderman & attested in presence of us

Eliza Sanders
Jesse Wingate

George ^{mate} Hilderman

In the name of God Amen

I John Sizer of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will & testament in manner as follows following that is to say

First that my executors hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends & pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Then I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Sizer the plantation I now live on not otherwise disposed of in my will to have & to hold to her the said Mary Sizer for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in love of her thirds and dower of and in all my real estate Then I give and devise to my son Henry Sizer all that tract of land whereon he now lives to have & to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple for ever joining Lands of David Wicks and others commencing on David Wicks line at rock at the ford of the branch thence up the lane to the head of the lane thence a N. W. course to McHoffy line thence with the old line round to the beginning it being a part of the old tract on the west side of said tract it being the full part of his daughter's share - Then I give and devise to all my daughters that tract of land lying in Lenoir County on the waters of Rock creek to be equally divided between all my daughters Sally Carpenter excepted her proportionable share to go to her heirs of said land

Then I give and devise to my two sons George & John I Sizer all that tract of land on which I now live Except the life estate of my wife