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In the name of God Amen

- I John Norris of the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina being in good health and possessing a sound & disposing mind & Memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and feeling an inclination to make a disposition of the property wherein it has pleased God to bless me. It is therefore my will to dispose of the same in the following manner viz.
- I To my beloved wife Jane Norris. I give the use of the plantation wherein I now live together all the appurtenances thereto belonging during her life I also give her the following negroes viz. my negro man named Tom & Ned & my negro woman named Lucy & two girls named Clara & Sarah with their increase also all my household & kitchen furniture.
- II To my son James Norris I have given a horse saddle & bridle and a negro man named Jerry & I also give him the following notes which I hold on him viz. one dated 4th Sept. 1820 for \$122.75 one dated 24th October 1820 for \$74.75 and one dated 14th Sept 1822 for \$70.75.
- III To my daughter Louisa Summey I give a negro woman named Daphne & her increase together with the children she now has, which negroes are now in the possession of my said daughter & her husband Jacob Summey. I give her also three hundred dollars in Cash in addition to what she has already received from me. The said money to be paid her out of my Estate by my Executors.
- IV To my son William Norris. I have given a negro man named Harry & in addition to what he has already received from me I give him three hundred dollars in Cash to be paid him out of my Estate by my Executors.
- V To my daughter Nancy Warlick I give a negro man named Peter & a girl named Anne & her increase which negroes are already in the possession of my said daughter Nancy & her husband Philip Warlick and in addition to what I have already given her. It is my will that she have two hundred dollars in Cash given her out of my Estate by my Executors.
- VI To my son Richard Norris I give a Liberal Education in addition to which I give him two hundred dollars in Cash to be paid him out of my Estate by my Executors.
- VII To my son Benjamin Norris I give all my lands together with the appurtenances thereto belonging in fee simple Reserving the right which I have given my wife Jane Norris (his Mother) in the plantations wherein I now live and also the privilege of my daughter Elizabeth Perkins living on the plantations with her Mother if she should remain single at that time

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- It is my will that my son Benjamin should support his Mother during her life & his sister Elizabeth Perkins so long as she remains single & that they have the use of the dwelling house & the out houses I also give my son Benjamin Norris the following negroes viz. Ponca, Jess, Sam, Rube and King & her increase, my slave all my stock of horses, mules, cattle, sheep & hogs, also all my farming utensils waggons plough, hoes, guns & my Blacksmiths tools.
- VIII To my daughter Elizabeth Perkins I give my negro man named George, and my girls named Caroline & Nina & their increase Also a good horse team with twenty or twenty five dollars & two good Cows & Calves to be furnished her by son Benjamin Norris when she wants them Also the right to remain on the plantation with her Mother during her widowhood & her support at off the farm during that time.
- IX It is my desire that all my just debts should be paid and after all my debts funeral expenses &c are paid and the legacy as set forth in the foregoing articles then the balance of my Estate not otherwise disposed off by this my last will & Testament is to belong to my son Benjamin.
- I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Benjamin Norris my Executor I do hereby revoke disannul & disallow all other or former Wills by me made or executed; and do hereby publish & declare this to be my last will & Testament.
- In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the 17th day of February A.D. 1826.
- Signed sealed & Executed in the presence of
- John C. Butler
Robt Blackburn
- John Norris (Seal)