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In the name of God Amen. I John Wilson of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of perfect sound mind and memory do make publish and ordain this my last will and Testament in the form and manner following Viz

1st I give and bequeath to my wife Eleanor all my household and kitchen furniture, all of my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, all of my farming tools, waggon and all of my property not otherwise disposed of during her natural life or widowhood to be at her disposal in any way that she may think proper and in case that she should marry then the above property to be sold by my executor and the proceeds to be equally divided among my three sons.

I further give my wife Eleanor the use of my dwelling house and all the out houses where I now live which plantation I shall hereafter name to my son Bonach who is to furnish her with a decent support during her lifetime or widowhood and in case my wife should marry or leave her premises and move off to my other places my son Bonach shall be free from my charge as to her maintenance.

2nd I will to my son Lawson Eighty Eight Acres of land part of a tract of land that I purchased of John Shuford which land is surveyed and plotted by Maxwell Wilson The 28th day of March 1837

I also give my son Lawson part of a tract of which contains 82 acres 2d part is to begin at a forked Black-oak my corner also John Rabbs corner and run along the outside fence and corner and run to a white oak corner on the Stony hill so as to make 50 ac

3rd I give to my son Bracl Wilson seventy five acres of part of the John J Shuford land surveyed and plotted by Maxwell Wilson also the other part of the 82 ac tract containing thirty two acres adjoining the seventy five acre tract

4th I give unto my son Elisha Wilson ninety two acres of land including my old place and part of my Shuford Tract the survey and Plat made by Max Wilson also another tract of land containing 30 or 31 acres that was surveyed by the sd Wilson.

5th I will and bequeath my following creek tract

of land containing 110 acres to my three daughters as follows, The upper part to my daughter Eliza Traverset to be run off across the creek to belong to her her lifetime then then to her children.

The middle part I give to my daughter Caroline to be run across the creek to belong to her her lifetime then to her children. The lower part I give to my daughter Amanda Brown to belong to her her lifetime then to her children. The above tract of land is to be divided into equal number of acres by straight lines across the creek.

I make and constitute my son Elisha Wilson my executor of this my last will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal
This 16th day of November A. D. 1865

sealed and signed
in presence of }
Gentry Hamilton }
Lawson Propet }

John Wilson (seal)