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I have I hereby revoke & annul all other wills made by I hereby nominate and appoint my sons William & Randolph my Executors of this my last will & Testament in testimony whereof I have set my hand & seal the 5th day of January 1838

Signed & sealed in
the presence of us 3

John Fanning
Robert Perkins

John D. Abunaty Seal

In the name of god amen I Margaret Wilson of the State of North Carolina and County of Catawba being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner & for on following that is to say First my executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with any just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of any money that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate not otherwise disposed of. Item I give and devise to my daughter Leticia Wilson and widow of John Tompkinson deceased who is now living in the State of Tennessee Henderson County the sum of ten dollars to be paid to her by my executor within two years from the time of my death out of any moneys belonging to my Estate not otherwise disposed of to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever - Item I give and devise to my daughter Ruth wife of David Roder the sum of twenty five dollars to be paid to her by my executor within two years from the time of my death out of any moneys belonging to my Estate not otherwise disposed of to her and her personal representatives for ever - Item I give and devise to my daughter Leticia wife of Samuel Wilson who is now living in Henderson County North Carolina as her right and property forever to be paid to her by my executor in the same manner as the last bequest the sum of twenty five dollars. Item I give and devise to my grand son Thomas W. Koon son of Ephraim Koon, the sum of fifty dollars to him and his heirs forever and my will and desire is that said money (viz. the sum of fifty dollars) shall be kept or remain in the hands of my executor and be by him loaned out at interest whenever he may have an opportunity of leaving it

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out in safe hands for the use and benefit of the said Thomas W. Koon until he arrives at the full age of twenty one years when it shall be paid over to him or his personal representatives together with what whatever interest may have accrued on the same. Item I give and devise to my grand daughter Margaret Jane Koon a calico quilt a stone of curtains and a white flowered counterpane which are now in my possession and which it is understood in the family formerly belonged to her mother together with the sum of one hundred dollars and my will and desire is that the above named articles of personal property devised to said Jane Margaret Koon be kept and remain in the possession and safe keeping of my daughter Joanna until she arrives at the age of eighteen years when the shall be delivered over to her and my will and desire is that the money (viz. one hundred dollars) I have devised to her be & remain in the possession and care of my Grandson and be by him loaned out at interest for his benefit until she arrives at age of eighteen years old when over he can have an opportunity of loaning it in safe hands and when she arrives at the age of eighteen years it shall be paid over to her or her personal representatives together with whatever interest may have accrued on the same. Item I give and devise to my daughter Joanna my negro man named Peter to be her hers and appurtenant for ever - Item my negro woman named Milly is with child and my will and desire is provided said negro woman lives to be delivered of her child so far recovered her health as to be able to be out of bed then at some suitable time after that said negro woman and child (provided they are both alive, or the survivor provided either of them are alive) shall be sold on a reasonable credit and whereas it is my opinion that my son Miriam although not in law is not fully capable of managing or conducting his own business to advantage and having in my daughter Joanna that she will do him justice and my will and desire therefore is that the proceeds or money arising from the sale of said negroes or negro provided either of them be alive shall be paid over to my daughter Joanna by my executor deducting monthly the sum of thirty of thirty one dollars money that I have paid to some of the heirs of my husband Thomas Wilson deceased which they were entitled to receive of my son Miriam as soon respecting the division of the land belonging to the Estate of the afore said Thomas Wilson deceased said money being as above advised paid over to my daughter Joanna shall be by her managed for the benefit of my son Miriam in any way she may think best with by loaning it out at interest or otherwise and applying it to the only proper use and behoof of my son Miriam and to no other purpose as his necessaries or the several circumstances of the case require -

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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
mark

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 bracks 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 Maria 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 Maria and Alexander at and after the death of my wife all my land property to be equally divided between them they Maria & Alexander on coming in possession of said lands 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 Maria 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