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In the name of God, Amen, I, Philip Baker son of the County of Graham and State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory do this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner and form as follows that is to say Item First I give and bequeath my soul to God & my body to be buried decently by my heirs or their nearest executor as to my worldly concern it is my will that funeral expenses be first paid out of my my estate and the remainder of my estate to be distributed as follows Item Second I give and bequeath to my three eldest daughters Barbery Susanah & Polly a tract of land lying in the waters of Leno County adjoining Martin Doenhans Henry Taylors & others containing 230 acs more or less

Item 3 I also give & bequeath unto my son Philip the same plantation that is that joins Joseph Hunsucker Sollingers & Jacob Doenhans containing by estimation 166. more or less also one horse & one blood wagon & one tansan Coal 2 years at all.

Item 4 I also give & bequeath unto my two sons & four daughters my never traded Land namely Henry Martin Sally Eastman Harriet & Solomon to be equally to be divided among them the tract to contain 890 acs more or less I also give my son Henry one horse after my death and the mare that he has got & my son Martin one horse & a calf that is about 6 months old one wagon for Plantation.

Item 5 I also give to my three sons sons Philip Henry Martin my blacksmith tools and ten acres of land where the saw mill is to include the pond and mill and shale to run as the wish to have it

Item 6 I also give & bequeath to my son Philip another small tract of woods land joining Martin Doenhans and Marous & Emmitt Shaws containing fifty acres more or less

Item 7 I also give and bequeath unto my four youngest daughters one and each & one wheel & cards one Calf & Calf, Noah Harriet & Salina one saddle each also each of my four daughters to have five dollars to furnish them with dresses

as they wish Item 8 it is my will that the remainder of my property after paying my debts to be equally divided among my lawfull heirs that is to say that be entitled to be paid by my executors at public sale & the money to be divided.

Item 9 it is also my will that my said Philip Baker be my executor of this my last Will & Testament and do hereby ratify disallow revoke & disannull all and every other former Will & Testament I have bequeathed by me in any way before this term named Will & bequeath the ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal the day and year last above written

Philip Baker son of the County of Graham and State of North Carolina
Signed Sealed Published & pronounced by the said Philip Baker in presence of us the undersigned
J. W. A. Wood
Thomas Wilson
Newland Wilson

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137 I Joshua Wilson of the County of Graham and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say First that my executor (here is a full name) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, however to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Next I give and devise to my son-in-law Rufus England and his wife Mildred England (who is my daughter) all my lands or real estate that I now own either in this County or elsewhere and all the interest I have in any lands either by Patent, Deed, entry, or otherwise to have and to hold said lands in equal proportion where I share alike to them & their heirs in fee simple forever.

Then I also give and devise to my said son-in-law and daughter Rufus England & Mildred England my negro man named Prince and all other personal property that I now own or may own at the time of my death and all wharves that may be on hands or shall owing to me at the time of my death I give to them in equal proportions now & share alike to them & their personal representatives forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son-in-law the aforesaid Rufus England my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last Will & Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same hereby revoking and disavowing utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me hitherto made.

In witness whereof I the said Joshua Wilson do hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of September 1863

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Joshua Wilson to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

George W. A. Wood
Thomas Wilson
Newland Wilson

Joshua Wilson (Seal)