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To all Christian people to whom this present shall come  
know ye that I Arthur Whitaker of the County of Chatham  
and State of North Carolina being weak and sick in body  
but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to  
God, calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life  
and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall  
please God to call. on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the  
year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & fifteen  
make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament  
in manner and following. viz. My Will is that I bequeath  
my well beloved Wife after my decease have and enjoy  
pleasant possession of my dwelling House, Barn & other  
convenient Houses, including the Land and acres of Land  
comprehending all my improved Land and enclosures which  
I have formerly cultivated or occupied during my natural  
life; the Woodland belonging to the above the Land  
Acres of Land to be included on the North side of my  
improvement adjoining the same. I also will to my said  
Wife all my House-hold Furniture during my natural life  
after her decease I will the said House-hold Furniture  
to my son John's children, share & share alike to them  
and their Heirs and assigns forever. I also will & bequeath  
to my said Wife one Cow & Calf, one year old Heifer  
also all my Stock of Hogs & Two Sheep; also my  
Farming Tools. I also bequeath to my only son John

263 The sum of Five Shillings. Then I give to my son  
William Duty the sum of Five Shillings. Then I give to my  
son Nura Duty the sum of Five Shillings. Then I give to  
my son Abraham Duty the sum of Five Shillings. Then  
I give to Peter Claton five Shillings. Then I give to my  
daughter Nancy five Shillings. Then I give to my daughter  
Sarah Hocking five Shillings. And the rest of my prop-  
erty to be divided in four Shares, Susanna Dorn to have  
one Share, Thomas Duty son of William one Share  
Sarah Hocking to have one Share. And as by these  
witnesses ratify and confirm this to be my last Will &  
Testament appointing Solomon Dorn, Executor to the  
my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof  
I have set my hand & Seal this day and date first above  
written

William Dorn  
Duty Donee

William <sup>his</sup> Duty  
mark



Proved and signed 1815  
by William Dorn  
Duty Donee

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To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come  
know ye that P. Arthur Whitbread of the County of Chatham  
and State of North Carolina being weak and sick in body  
but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to  
God, calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life  
and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall  
please God to call. on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen  
make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament  
in manner and following. viz. My Will is that Rachel  
my well beloved wife after my decease have and enjoy  
pleasant possession of my dwelling House, Barn & other  
convenient Houses, including the Land and acres of Land  
comprehending all my improved Land and enclosures which  
I have formerly cultivated or occupied during her natural  
life; the Woodland belonging to the same and the Land  
acres of Land to be enclosed on the North side of my  
improvement adjoining the same. Also I will to my said  
Wife all my House-hold Furniture during her natural life  
after her decease I will the said House-hold Furniture  
to my son John's children, share & share alike to them  
and their heirs and assigns forever. Also I bequeath  
to my said Wife one Cow & calf, one year old Heifer  
also all my Stock of Hogs & two Sheep; also my  
Farming Tools. I will & bequeath to my only son John



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and improvements whereto he now lives, also after the death  
of his Mother: I will my said son John the said  
Acres more comprehending all my Houses & improvements  
where I now live which is all my estate in Land to him  
his heirs and assigns forever. I also will my carpenter  
tools to my said son John. My Wife and I request  
that my House and the remainder of my Estate be sold  
and the money to be applied to the use of my Wife for  
life time. I also will and bequeath to my Grand daughter  
Ann Johnson the sum of one hundred and ten Dollars & the  
interest of ten Dollars till she comes of age to be paid  
her by my Executors when she becomes of age, also two  
Dishes and six Pewter plates also a Moravian's Saddle  
and a Chest being the share of property which I allowed  
for her Mother to her & her assigns forever, also the  
Money which I have now out on interest. I desire that  
my executors collect it and keep it until my said grand  
daughter becomes of age, and <sup>then</sup> the before mentioned one  
hundred and ten Dollars and interest of ten Dollars until  
she becomes of age to be paid to my said Grand daughter  
by my executors. I constitute name and appoint my  
son John and Robert Andrew to be my Executors of  
this my last will and Testament. In witness  
whereof I have the said Arthur Whitehead hath