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 Chatham County } This certifies that the foregoing
 February 1840 } last Will and Testament of
 John H. Hottel was proved in open Court at
 February Term 1840 by the oath of Stephen Mann &
 Septa Hottel the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be
 recorded Whereupon said J. H. Hottel entered into bond with
 the Will annexed with Stephen Mann & Septa Hottel as
 his securities and was duly qualified
 List M. H. Hottel and C. H. H.

Whereas J. Simon White of the County of Chatham
 and State of North Carolina being of perfect mind
 and memory but weak in body and being sensible of
 the mortality of the body do make and ordain this my
 last Will and Testament My Will and Desire after my
 death that all my just debts with my funeral expenses be paid
 out of my Estate by my Executors Hereafter named

I Will and bequeath unto my four daughters (namely)
 Hannah, Catharine, Mary and Chaney two hundred
 Dollars to be equally divided amongst the four above daughters
 to have share and share alike

I Will and bequeath all of my Land and Lands belonging
 to me to my sons and daughters (namely) William, John,
 John, Simon, Hannah, Catharine, Mary and Chaney to be
 equally divided amongst the above Eight children upon
 being paid to improvement and the quality of the Land
 to have share and share alike in value

I Will that my son William pay to my Estate one hundred
 and twenty dollars

My Will and desire is that my Executors give all my land
 along that chooses to live at my place of abode a sufficient
 quantity of provision for a support one year

My Will and Desire is that my Executors sell all my
 perishable property and household and kitchen furniture
 and all other things belonging to my Estate within at least
 or private sale so as to make the best advantage
 the proceeds therefrom with all the Cash, Bonds and
 accounts that he may find at my deceased after all
 just expenses, and what I have left away is paid out

of my Estate to be equally divided amongst my eight
 children (namely) William, Samuel, John, Simon,
 Hannah, Catharine, Mary and Chaney so as to have
 share and share alike

I constitute and appoint my son William and my
 friend Nathaniel Newton Executors to this my last
 Will and Testament and have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this eighteenth day of the Twelfth month
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and thirty two
 Signed in the presence of } Simon White
 J. Williams (clerk) } mark
 William Laffoon

Chatham County } This certifies that the foregoing
 February 1840 } last Will and Testament
 of Simon White was
 proved in open Court at February Term 1840
 and proved by the oath of J. Williams one of
 the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be
 recorded - Whereupon said Nathaniel Newton one of the Executors
 therein named appeared in open Court and
 was duly qualified List M. H. Hottel and C. H. H.

In the name of God Amen I, Edwards Rives of
 the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
 being of sound and perfect mind and memory
 do this 19th day of March in the year of our Lord eight
 hundred and thirty nine make and publish this
 my last Will and Testament in manner and form
 following (viz) first my Will and desire is that my
 Executors herein after named pay all my just debts
 Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
 Mary Ann Rives during her life one half of that
 tract of Land wherein I now live divided by a

North and South Line equal in Granting and the taking the Eastern Section which will include the main house and most of the plantations, also the following negroes to wit Sam. Andrew, Chancy Caroline and Hager with their increase unwilling that all my house and kitchen furniture, plantation tools and waggon and team that is to say four horses four milk cows and four of the younger cattle such as she may choose ten sheep and one half of the stock of hogs after furnishing pork for the family the year after I am dead, my will and desire is that should James F. Rives or Mary Edwards Rives, change their situation in life so as to need a bed and such of the furniture of the house as was given to the other children who have left us it should be furnished from the furniture already accumulated or so far as their mother can spare the balance if any to be furnished by my Executors out of the unwilling part of the Estate that is to say that part of perishable property or otherwise sold to pay the debts of the Estate and for an equal distribution my will and desire is that my wife with the family shall have at least one years provisions allowed and furnished by my Executors out of the crop and what is on hand my will and desire is at my wifes death all that she had a life Estate in (not will'd) should be equally divided among all my children male and female she and share alike, except the land my will and desire is that my son James F. Rives should possess the Land immediately after his mothers death and any part of it during her life as she in any think proper him and his heirs forever also excepting two hundred and fifty dollars to each of my daughters, Martha R. Goldston and Ann P. Harris which I wish my Executors to pay over to them and then distribute the balance equally among them. I give and bequeath to my two sons, John F. Rives and my two daughters Martha R. Goldston

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and Ann P Harris all the property of every description that I have possessed them with to them and their heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son John L. Rives the other half of my Land after my wife's portion is laid off for a life estate to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son James H Rives the following negroes, to wit. Jerry, Sally and Porter also and shot gun, one horse and saddle and cow and calf one sow and piggs, 14 sheep, one bed and furniture 14 sitting chairs, and tables, 14 knives and forks, 14 plates one pott, one skillet and one frying pan also one axe and weeding hoe, one plow to him and his heirs forever also to enjoy any part of the Land left with his mother for a life estate that she may think proper and at her death to possess the whole forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Edwards Rives the following negroes to wit George Louisa, Eliza and Jordan together with one horse and saddle, one cow and calf one sow and piggs, 14 sheep, one bed and furniture, 14 sitting chairs one table 14 knives and forks, 14 plates, one pott, one skillet, one frying pan, also one bureau to her and her heirs forever - Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto my Executors her or after named and to the survivors or the survivor of them and to their Executors and to the Executors of ~~the~~ survivors or the survivor of them the following negroes, to wit. Madison, Fisher Eliza and her children minor, Lewis and Martin with her further increased in trust for the sole use and benefit of my son Robert C. Rives and of such child or children as he now has or may hereafter have with full power and authority after the death of my said son Robert C. Rives to divide and allot the same among and between the surviving children of my said son. My will and desire is the above named negroes given and devised in