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In the name of God Amen The Fifth day
of June Eighteen hundred and one I Henry Cook of
Chatham County and State of North Carolina being of
sound mind and memory and in perfect health thank
to almighty God, but calling to remembrance the uncertain
estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must
yield to death when it shall please to call do constitute
ordain and declare this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following to wit: That is to say
first that all my debts be paid by executors hereafter
named. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved
Wife Ann, (also Negroes men & woman named Dick, and
one woman named Hannah, during her life or widow
hood and then to be sold and the money equally
divided between my three daughters and one son
to wit; Lilly, Nancy, Sally and Abscillus and the
money in hand to purchase Land for three sons
to wit David, Newton and Abscillus; then Abscillus
Cook, Isaaciah Harmon and Adam to have two
shillings each; and what Land I hold at my death
with the household furniture stock of all kinds and plantations
to be sold and the money to be equally divided
between my wife and three daughters also named &
my three youngest sons David, Newton and Abscillus
Item I give and bequeath to my youngest son Abscillus
one Negro Boy named Ben; I also constitute Verdin
and appoint Abraham Cook my Brother & Isaaciah

both my son executors to execute and perform all
things according to the intent, and meaning herein contained

Signed in presence of

John Hopper

Henry Cook

Bethany ^W Hopper
mark

prova. per Spem 1800

Sarah ^W Hopper
mark

by Bethany Hopper Sarah Hopper

In the name of God amen. Whereas
A. Jonathan Hopper Senr of Chatham County and State
of North Carolina. being very low and weak of body
but in perfect mind and memory and desiring to make
that ~~arrangement~~ for all others to do. I therefore commit
my Soul to him that made it and my body to the
earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors. And
as touching my worldly Goods. I will and bequeath
them as follows. — I will to my son Robert Hopper
all my Lands whomever I now live to turn his Share
but he is to pay my debts. Only that my beloved
Wife is to have her life time in it in Peace and
Quietness; And my son George is to have the piece of
ground called his lot land as long as his Mother doth
live; And as to my moveable property. I will that
it be equally divided between my Three Sons, Henry
George and Richard: And will to my son John
and Matthew to each Five Shillings and to my son
William's share Five Shillings each lawful money this
to be divided after the death of my Wife & Son, but
for her to keep all in her possession as long as she live