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In the name of God amen I Richard Drake of the County
of Chatham and State of North Carolina being of sound
mind and memory but of labouring under afflictions
of the body and recollecting that I must die to prevent any
difficulties or disputes after my death with my children
respecting my property I do hereby make constitute and
ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking
all wills heretofore made by me in manner and form
following First It is my will that all my

Just debts be paid
beloved wife Louisa Drake during her natural life
to her use all of my Estate real and personal, which
I may die possessed of

Secondly I loan to my
beloved wife Louisa Drake during her natural life
to her use all of my Estate real and personal, which
I may die possessed of

Thirdly I give to my son Ethelbert Drake the sum
of thirty dollars to him and his heirs

Fourthly after the death of my wife Louisa as afore-
said I give unto each of my six children and their heirs
forever to be equally divided amongst them the whole of my
Estate real and personal namely Ethelbert Drake Elizabeth
Drake William H Drake Edmund Drake
Richard Drake and Alfred Drake that is to say in the
first place the sum given to each of my children certain
legacies of which I shew unto annex an account which shall
be in part of their Legacies and when each shall be made
equal with the highest then the balance of my Estate to be
equally divided as above stated

And Lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Louisa Drake
my Executrix and my son William H Drake and my
friend William Avent my Executors to this my last will
and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto
affixed my hand and seal this Eighth day of May 1834

A G Keen
W D Strain

Richard Drake (Seal)

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Statement of the legacies given to each of my children during
my life Ethelbert Drake the sum of \$100 and two Cents
Elizabeth Drake the sum of \$100 and two Cents and one Cent
Alfred Drake the sum of \$100 and one Cent
William H Drake the sum of \$100 and two Cents and one Cent
Edmund Drake the sum of \$100
Richard H Drake the sum of \$100
W D Strain
May 8th 1834
Richard Drake

The foregoing last will and Testament of Richard Drake Dec
was duly exhibited in open court and proved by the oath
of A G Keen a subscribing witness thereto and ordered
to be recorded whereupon William Avent one of the
Executors therein named appeared in court and was
duly qualified ordered that Letters Testamentary
issue to him accordingly Test Thos Hargland 666

In the name of God amen I James Todd being of sound
mind and memory blessed to God do make and publish
this my last will & Testament in the manner following
to wit I give I give I give I give I give I give I give I give
and I give with this exception that the Boy Iep is
to work with their mother during he life time or
widowhood or James becomes of age then in that
case they are to take Iep in possession 2th I do Give
all of my Land & stock of every kind household and
kitchen furniture and all of my tools of every description
to use and benefit of my wife Martha Todd during
her life time or widowhood and at either her death
or 4th I give with any person then in that case

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I give all of my land stock of every kind and household furniture tools of every sort to my daughters then living to be equally divided amongs them - and if they marry of I wish my wife to give them such things as she thinks right so as not to give more than one share my shot gun I give to James my youngest son & if Wm or James should die before James becomes of age the other is to have it - Lett is to work with my wife Martha Dodd during her life time or widowhood and then she is to go to my daughters then living. Thirdly I wish for my debts to be paid out of my crop and if not enough some of the stock must be sold with the crop to make enough. Fourthly and lastly I do appoint my wife Martha Dodd and my son William Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2th of May 1835 - Saml Dodd Test

Witness by us

Wm Merritt } The foregoing last will and Testament
Wm Along } of Saml Dodd decd was duly exhibited in open Court and proved by the oath of William Merritt a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Martha Dodd the Executrix therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Hinshaw of Chatham County and State of North Carolina being weak and low in health though in perfect sense and memory calling to mind that all men must die do make this my last will and Testament first I give my soul to God who gave it