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And lastly I do nominate constitute & appoint  
my nephew James Bland Executor of this my  
last will & Testaments hereby revoking all for  
mer wills by me at any time heretofore made  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand & Seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April A<sup>d</sup> 1858

Signed sealed published  
& declared by the said James  
Bland to be his last will and  
Testaments in our presence who  
in his presence & at his request  
& in the presence of each other  
do subscribe our names as witnesses  
thereto on the day & year above  
written

A. J. Steadman  
(B. King Clerk)

Chatham County November Term 1858.  
This certifies that the foregoing last will and  
Testaments of James Bland were <sup>duely</sup> approved  
& proved before the Court by the oath of E. B. King one of the  
Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be  
recorded whereupon James Bland the Executor  
appeared in open Court and was duly qualified  
as such -  
Jesse M. P. Taylor C. C.

I John Whitehead of the County of Chatham and State  
of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory  
but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence  
do make and ordain this my last will & Testaments  
in manner & form following that is to say I give  
that my Executors (hereafter named) shall pay all  
of my Just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing  
out of the moneys that may first come into their  
hands as a part or parcel of my Estate,  
That I give to my daughter Ann Whitehead forty  
Acres of Land including one of the dwelling houses  
and the smoke house when I now live for and during  
her natural life,  
That I give and devise to my youngest son John Whitehead  
this plantation on which I now live with the exceptions of

The privilege given to my daughter Ann in the last  
Will to have and to hold to him and his heirs in  
fee simple forever

Thus I give and devise to my son James Whitehead  
the two tracts of Land which I bought of Arthur  
Whitehead & Solomon Whitehead supposed to con-  
tain about Two Hundred Acres, a cow to have  
to hold to him the said James Whitehead and  
his heirs in fee simple forever

Thus I give and devise to my Grandson Oliver  
Whitehead (son of my son Wm) the tracts of land  
on which my son William's family now live  
containing about Two Hundred and forty acres  
to have and to hold to him the said Oliver  
his heirs in fee simple forever; provided  
that he the said Oliver shall pay or cause to be  
paid to my son James Whitehead the sum of  
Two Hundred and fifty Dollars

Thus I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Whitehead the beds and bed clothing which she  
now claims also the Stock of Cattle which she  
claims, one Walnut dining Table, one wooden  
cupboard & furniture, Two Iron pots, one saddle  
and one pair Rack, Three sitting chairs and  
five Dollars in money

Thus I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Whitehead the beds and bed clothing which  
she now claims, also the Stock of Cattle which  
she now claims & Two sitting chairs

Thus It is my will that all of my property  
otherwise disposed of be sold by my Executors  
after named and the proceeds thereof together  
with my cash bonds and accounts be equally  
divided among my children, namely Anne  
Whitehead, Betsey Andrew Rachel Braxton  
James Whitehead Sally Braxton and William  
John Whitehead. I charge my children to have what  
I should have been his distributive share. It is my  
will and devise that my daughter Sally Braxton  
shall be retained by my Executors and paid to her  
only as she may stand in need of it

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and  
appoint my sons James Whitehead & John White-  
head sole Executors of this my last Will and Tes-  
tament according to the true intent and mean-  
ing of the same and every part and clause thereof  
In Witness Whereof I the said John Whitehead do  
hereunto set my hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
March Anno Domini 1850

Signed sealed & pronounced } John Whitehead  
by the said John Whitehead }  
to be his last will and Tes- }  
tament in presence of }  
James Moody (son's) }  
Sophia Moody }

Chatham County November Term 1850  
This certifies that the foregoing Last will and  
Testament of John Whitehead aforesaid was  
presented in open Court by the affirmation of  
James Moody one of the subscribing witnesses  
to & ordered to be recorded when a part James White-  
head & John Whitehead the Executors therein  
named appeared in open Court and were duly  
qualified as such  
Teste Wm. P. Taylor C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I Readen Bryan of the  
County of Chatham & State of North Carolina being  
weak in body but of sound mind and memory  
do hereby bequeath to Almighty God for the same, I do make and  
publish this my last will and Testament in  
presence of four following (viz) after committing my soul  
to the protection of Almighty God and desiring  
that my body be buried in a decent Christian  
like Manner  
First I will that all my last debts be paid -