In the name of God Amen, I Reuben C. Poe of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being sick & weak in body but of sound and disposing mind & memory & understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, (to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence) have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease I do make publish & declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

First – that after my decease my body shall be decently buried without ostentation or unnecessary expense and that my funeral charges & just debts shall be paid by my Executor or Executrix hereinafter named. I give & devise to my dearly beloved wife Mary Ann (during her natural life) all my estate real & personal (which I shall set herein after bequeath) to her benefit during her said life and at her death my will is that the whole bequeathed to her shall all be equally divided between or among my children. Secondly I give & bequeath unto my son Caram C. Poe all my medical and other Books surgical instruments & medical bags to him the said Caram C. Poe to have & to hold the same to his heirs & assigns forever, my will and desire further is that my dearly beloved wife Mary Ann is hereby constituted and appointed guardian of their my five children to have & to hold the custody & guardianship both of their respective persons & estates until they the said five children shall severally arrive at the full age of twenty one years – Lastly I do hereby constitute my dearly beloved wife Mary Ann & my trusty friends Robert Fooshee George W. Thompson & John S. A. Leach my lawful Executors to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof I the said Reuben C. Poe do hereunto set my hand & seal this 27th day of July A. D. 1848 –

R. C. Poe (Seal)

Signed sealed & published & declared by the said R. C. Poe to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

J. Thompson
Henry A. London

Chatham County February Term 1849.

This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament of R. C. Poe deed was proven in open Court by the oath of H. A. London one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Robert Fooshee & Mary A. Poe two of the Executors therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified

Test N. A. Stedman C.C.C.

I John Womack Senr. of the County of Chatham and State of N. Carolina being in a feeble state of health, but of sound mind and memory & wishing, during my natural life to direct the manner in which I wish my property to be distributed after my death, do constitute & ordain this my last Will & testament in the following manner viz. First. I give & bequeath to my son James Womack Fifty Dollars. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Burt, Fifty Dollars. I also give & bequeath to my son John Womack Fifty Dollars. again I give & bequeath to my daughter Nancy Burt Fifty Dollars. I give & bequeath to my son Green Womack all the land of which I am now possessed in three separate tracts, in all, containing two Hundred and twenty three acres. And lastly I want the balance of my property of whatever kind or description, to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds after paying my just debts should I owe any thing, to be equally divided between my five ~~children~~ above named children share and share alike – Now I John Womack above named, having on mature reflection directed the above distribution of my effects in this my last Will & Testament, do constitute & ordain my son John Womack Senr. sole Executor to carry the provisions of the same into effect with which provision I wish no one to interfere or interrupt after my death. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal

Apl. 11th 1848 –

John Womack (Seal)

Executed in presence of
A. M. Yarbrough
Felton M. Maddox

Chatham County February Term 1849.

This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament of John Womack deed was proven in open Court by the oath of Felton M. Maddox one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded – whereupon John Womack Senr. the Executor therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified –

Test N. A. Stedman C.C.C.