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State of North Carolina <sup>38</sup> Bladen County  
In the name of God amen I Thomas Lambeth of the  
aforesaid State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and body  
thank God for his inestimable blessings and considering the  
uncertainty of this mortal life that it is appointed for all  
to die do make and publish this my last will and Testament  
in manner and form as follows, witnesseth I.— I recommend my soul  
to God who gave it and that my body be decently buried at  
the option of my family 2<sup>d</sup> My Will is that all my just debts  
paid and after that the following distribution of my Estate be made  
3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary all my  
and title in the tract of land wherein she formerly lived  
Orange County estimated at Five hundred acres be it the  
same more or less and all my stock of cattle and hogs on the  
said plantation one horse her choice out of all my horses  
among my big and harrup one choice bed and furniture in  
my house hold and kitchen furniture at the said plantation  
and four negroes big and commonly called Little Ned aged  
about forty years of age Frank a woman about thirty five  
of age (distinguishing as black Frank) and her two children  
Jack a boy about ten years old and Sam a boy about seven  
years old. The stall at the said plantation excepted.  
4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Mitchell and  
heirs of her body (her children) the tract of land which  
now resides by me immediately on the New Hope on the East Bank  
joining C. M. Bladewant and others estimated at about one  
hundred and thirty acres be it the same more or less to be  
received now worth two hundred and fifty dollars and all the  
residue of my Estate both real and personal to be sold by my  
Executor not sooner than four months after my death to the  
highest bidder on the premises on such credit as my Executor  
may think proper not exceeding one year and all the sum  
of sale and debts due to be equally divided amongst my living  
children and the lawful children of my deceased children  
allowing to my deceased wife other children  
what would have been his part of above over equal division  
and to the children of my deceased daughter Bathsheba

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after what would have been her part of above over equal division  
and the price of the land bequeathed to my daughter Mary  
Mitchell and her children to be reckoned as that amount taken  
out of her equal part of my estate and the balance of her part to  
descend to her children at her decease  
Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Thomas and my son in law  
Dempsey Johnson as Executors to this my last Will & Testament hereby  
annulling revoking and making Void all Wills by me herefore  
made. Published and declared as his my last Will & Testament  
under my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1836  
In presence of

Thos Lambeth *dead*  
J W Bynum  
A G Keen

The foregoing Last will and Testament of Thomas Lambeth dead  
was duly exhibited in open court and proved by the Oaths of  
J W Bynum & A G Keen the subscribers thereto to be ready and  
willing whereupon Thomas Lambeth his son & Dempsey Johnson  
neither therein named appeared in open court and was duly  
qualified

Test Thos Hazland *seal*