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State of V. Carolina // In the name of God, Amen.
burritick County, I Hodley Woodhouse of the state &
county aforesaid, Planter, being with body, but of sound and
disposing mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God
for the same, do constitute, make and appoint this my last
will and Testament, in manner and form as follows Viz.
And I commit and commend my soul to Almighty God,
who gave it, and my body in a decent and christian manner
at the discretion of my executors herein after named &c;
and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased
Almighty God to bless me with, I dispose of them in manner
following. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Hozekiah
Woodhouse the tract of land and plantation wherein he now
lives, beginning at the mouth of the creek, which divides said
plantation from the one on which I now live, then running up
said creek to the branch, then up the drain to the fork, to a
marked poplar, then by a line of marked trees to the main
road, then across the main road to a little red oak, and
from thence a straight course to my corner tree, where my
land and Rollings corner, then down the division line
between my land and said Rollings to the road, thence with
Thomas Whitehalls line to the sound, then with the sound to
the beginning, also the one half of a negro girl named Reziak
and her increase, to him and his heirs forever.
Item. I lend to my beloved wife Mary Woodhouse the use of
the two outside citys in plantation wherein I now live,
during her natural life, also I lend to my beloved wife
aforesaid, one bed and furniture, one silver horse, and one
bay horse, also the use of my stock of sheep, also all my
stock of cattle, and all my stock of hogs, and all my stock of
bees, also all my kitchen furniture, also half a dozen chairs,
one table, one desk, and all my beautiful furniture, also the
use of my dwelling house, and all my other out houses, and as
many of my farming utensils as are needful for her during
her natural life. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Mary Woodhouse and my daughter, Dorcas Woodhouse, my
negro man Aaron, and a negro boy David, to enable them,
and in consideration of their maintaining my brother
Hozekiah Woodhouse, to them and their heirs forever.
Item. I give and bequeath to my son Lancelott Woodhouse the
land and plantation wherein he now lives beginning at the
mouth of the creek and binding on the land I gave to my son
Hozekiah to the corner, then with my back line untill it
comes opposite to the fence, which runs across my little
field to the westward of the main road, to the northward
of his house, then with said fence to the road, thence a
straight course to a crooked chinquapin tree, standing at
the northward end of my plantation near my
hopper, then continuing the same course to the sound

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only reserving the use of the part of said land herein loaned to
my beloved wife and daughter, Dorcas as are herein expressed, to him
and his heirs forever, also the one half of my negro girl Reziak and
her increase, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and
bequeath unto my son Wilson Woodhouse, that part of the tract of
land wherein I now live, and lying between the land which I gave to
my son Lancelott, and the plantation wherein said Wilson now
lives and to the eastward of the path which leads from the house
where I formerly lived to the main road, provided he brings no
charge against me for keeping and supporting my brother
Hozekiah Woodhouse for the time he had lived, but in case he
brings any such charge, then my will and desire is, that the said piece
of land herein willed to him be sold to pay off said debt, also one negro
girl named Judith, to him and his heirs forever.
Item, I lend to my daughter, Dorcas Woodhouse after the death of
my beloved wife, the use of all the house which I have heretofore
loaned to my beloved wife. I also lend to my beloved daughter,
aforesaid the use of that part of my plantation and land which
lies between the main road and the path which runs from the main
road near the corner of my son Wilson's plantation to the house where
I formerly lived, bounding the land which I have herein willed to said
Wilson, on from the said house where I formerly lived, along the
fence eastward to the fence that runs through my plantation, called
the division fence, then southwardly to the south end of my planta-
tion, thence to a little bridge at the main road, and so with the main
road to the foot of said path during her natural life, and such part of
said land as is not given herein before to my son Lancelott, I give
to her, and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath
to my daughter, Nancy, all that part of my land which I have not
heretofore given away, lying to the westward of the main road,
and also my negro woman Sarah and her increase, and one negro
girl Beckey, and one negro boy, Moses, also one mare called Nimrod,
also two beds and furniture, to her, and her heirs forever.
Item. I give to my daughter, Dorcas one negro woman, Rose, and
one negro boy, Jacob, and one boy, Abel, one young mare called
Pheny, also two beds and furniture to her, and her heirs forever.
Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Reziak Payner one
negro girl Mary, one negro boy, Tommy, to her, and her heirs forever.
Item. I will and devise that my executors herein after named
rescue for, and give to my grandson, Banister, Lewis one hundred
dollars with the interest thereof, provided he lives to come to the
age of twenty one years, to him and his heirs forever.
Item. I give and bequeath to my three sons, Wilson, Hozekiah
and Lancelott, the balance of the money due me by note
and other way, after deducting the above hundred dollars
to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs
forever. Item. I will and devise that the property which

I have herein bequeathed to my beloved wife which is not otherwise disposed of, to be equally divided, after her death between my three daughters, Rejoah Porter, Dorcas Woodhouse and Sarah Woodhouse, to them and their heirs forever.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved son Samuel Woodhouse, and my trusty friend Edward Hardy my whole and sole executor of this my last will and Testament, revoking all former wills, and confirming this only to be my last will and Testament, done this 16th day of December 1814

Signed, sealed & pronounced in presence of

Edw Hardy
Silah ^{his} Sanderson
mark

Wadley Woodhouse (Seal)

Recorded & Examined the day of

In the name of God - Amen.

I Thomas Best son of the state of North Carolina and county of Currituck being sick and weak in body thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent order, at the discretion of my executors, Zachariah Best and Matthias Best whom I appoint to execute this will according to law, and touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First, I give and bequeath to Zachariah Best my lawful son one feather bed and furniture, one gun, and all my carpenter tools. Also it is my will that my son Zachariah Best should maintain my true and lawful wife Rejoah on this property not legated, during her natural life or widowhood. Also my two youngest children. Secondly I give to my true and lawful Matthias Best, one feather bed and furniture, one gun or piece of furniture called a sideboard one whip saw and one cross cut saw. Also I give to Zachariah and Matthias my two sons one schooner boat between them both, by the name of Polly, and canoe. Thirdly, I give to my son Jesse Best fifty acres of land the piece I bought of Demps Bay and John, on the north

side of my son Zachariah land, also one feather bed and furniture, one gun and one handmill. Fourthly, I give to my lawful daughter Bradley Best, one feather bed and furniture, one chest, one linen sheet, one loom and frame, six powder plates. Fifthly, I give to my lawful son Edmund Best, twelve shillings current money of this state and no more. Sixthly, I give to my lawful daughter Polly, one feather bed and furniture and one young sister, by name snoot, and one new and band. Seventhly, I give to my true and lawful wife Rejoah, one feather bed and furniture, and one chest, to dispose of as she pleases. Eighthly, Now it is my will that the residue of my property or legated should be equally divided between Zachariah Best and Matthias Best and Jesse Best, my three youngest sons, and Franky Best my youngest daughter, to be equally divided, when my son Matthias Best dies proper. I also might and order that Zachariah Best and Matthias Best, should be my sole executors. I also leave my two youngest children's property in my son Zachariah's care, until they are able to care of it themselves. Signed, sealed and delivered this 28th day 1814

In presence of us
Caleb Tolson Esq. Just. My
Lydia & John
mark

Thomas Best (Seal)
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Recorded & Examined the day of

In the name of God Amen.

I Evan Doudge of the county of Currituck and state of North Carolina, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say, First item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Doudge all of my estate after paying my just debts, to her and her heirs forever. Lastly, I appoint my wife Sarah Doudge whole and sole executor to this my last will and Testament, revoking all other will or instruments of writing by me made prior to this will. Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and placed my seal, on the third day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us
Witness Josiah Woodard
Josh & Sally, Just. My
Peggy & Eliza
mark

This
Evan Doudge (Seal)
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