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I Deverny Cobb of the County and State of North Carolina, being of Sound Mind and Memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First that my executor herein often named shall provide for my body a decent burial to the wishes of my family and friends, pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing and of the moneys that may come into his hands, as a part and parcel of my estate

1st Item I give and devise to my daughter Minnie Jackson the sum of one hundred dollars, to be paid by my executor after the expiration of two years from my death to be paid out of the proceeds of the crops raised on my lands left in the hands of my executor

2nd Item To my son Carlton I do not leave any part of my estate as I have already given him my old tract of land by deed, and the use of said land for diverse years which I consider a fair share of my estate

3rd Item I give and devise to my daughter Cynthia Edwards one hundred acres of land a part of the Williams tract beginning at a point in J. M. Taylor's line at the corner of the new road and run thence down said road to corner to be made hereafter, and thence to the corner of Mahala Lump thence up the said Swamp to J. M. Taylor's line thence to the beginning to contain one hundred acres. Said land to be taken into possession of my said daughter after the expiration of two years from my death, to have to her and her heirs forever

4th Item I direct that my son James H. Cobb shall open a road begin at the end of the road on the South side of Dick Headlump's house, and run said road straight to the Sand Hill and Nelson road, which piece of New road shall be the dividing line between the Williams tract of land and my home place known as the J. M. Edwards tract and I give and devise to my said son James all the balance of the Williams tract of land and also portion of the home place cut off by laying off said road to have to him and his heirs forever I bequeath to my said son my cattle and

5th Item

I give and devise to my two youngest sons J. S. Cobb and Edward Cobb my home tract of land to be equally divided between them, (that is to say they shall have an equal number of acres of said land) Edward to have the part on which my dwelling is situated and from the upper or better part of the tract, the division line to begin on the new road and run thence South or in a southerly direction to J. L. Brills land, & it is my will and desire, that if either of my sons Edward or John shall die before they arrive at the age of twenty one, and shall leave no heirs of their body, then I desire that the part of my estate devised & bequeathed to him or either one of them, shall be divided between my surviving children except my daughter Minnie Jackson who is now to share in said estate

6th Item

I give and bequeath to my sons James H. Cobb, and Edward all of my horses, mules, cattle, hogs and poultry belonging to me at my death, also all of my farming tools of every description carts wagons, buggy, horns and also all of my household & kitchen furniture of every kind and description, my cotton press all notes and accounts belonging to me to be equally divided between the said James, John and Edward, in the following manner, My son James is to hold said personal property and stock and its increase for himself and in trust for John and Edward, James shall have the use of said property free of charge, and when John shall arrive at the age of twenty one year, they shall each choose one to value said personal property found in this item (should they fail to agree then they call in the third man and value said property and its increase and James may pay to John the amount of such valuation for his one third part of said property, if he should desire to purchase it, otherwise John is to take said property valued to him - at his share of my personal estate, provided however if James and John & Ed call at they each be come twenty one years of age agree between themselves, they can make said division without calling in outside parties) after said division with John the remaining two thirds to be thrown back into common stock, and when Edward shall be come twenty one years of age a like proceeding to be had for division between them.

7th Item

I give and bequeath to my son James H. Cobb, my 10 cows, 10 hogs, oats, hay, and all provisions on hand, at time of my death, to enable him to carry on my farm, I also give and bequeath to my son James H. all the crops of every description planted to be planted, grown or to be grown upon my lands and charge him with the payment out of the proceeds raised