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Jacob Hofhans.

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In the name of God amen. — Jacob Hofhans of the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina being very sick in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed unto 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 give and recommend my soul in the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the disposal of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly estate as herewith it is blessed be to God to help me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give and make over and bequeath to Mary Elizabetht my dear beloved wife for her portion during his lifetime my dwelling house and the little yard — the spring house also the still and still house with all therunto belonging also my best and best with all therunto belonging one just with all the women close two iron pots two seasons six pewter plates one dozen of spoons one teaball with cups and so and one flax hickel the large bible the Harminbook and a book called the Gimmels one riding hors or mare saddle and bridle two cows such as she shall please to have and also all the ready money in hand by first discharging all just debts or demands

Secondly — I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Jacob Hofhans one hundred and fifty acres of land it being the west end of my land including the improvement and I now live on on these conditions paying thirty five pounds good and full money of North Carolina in four years that is the first year five pounds

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and then ten pound he year till paid. And also to give of the land yearly twelve bushels of wheat and six bushels of corn one hundred and fifty pounds of pork and fifty pounds of beef and five pounds of sugar three gallons of molasses five gallons of brandy two pound of headstall pepper five pound of nutmeg one half pound of pepper one half pound of spice one quarter of ginger and keeping and feeding the horse or mare and the two course and seeing the above named articles yearly sent for every year during your mothers lifetime.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath unto my son David H. of Hains the remainder on hundred acres of land it being more or less the E. end of my land including the improvement where Jacob H. of Hains now lives, on these conditions. That the said David H. of Hains is to pay thirty five pound good and lawfull money of North Carolina to be paid in four parts that is the first year five pound and then ten pound until paid.

Fourthly - I give and bequeath unto my son Christian H. of Hains the seventy pounds of good and lawfull money of North Carolina to be paid by my two sons Jacob H. of Hains and David H. of Hains unto Christian H. of Hains this is my will and meaning that all and every part of this my will be truly executed to give to the above named Mary Elisabeth my beloved wife and to my son Jacob H. and my son David H. and to my son Christian H. of Hains their part and is willed to be their part and no more of my estate.

Fifthly - This is my will and testament that all the remainder part of my estate of goods and chattels to be equally divided by the agreement of three persons among my children hereunto named viz. to my son Daniel H. to my son Philip H. to my daughter Malheur to my daughter Christina to my daughter Deborah to my daughter Elisabeth to one and each of them each part share - Whereas I do ordain my beloved wife Mary Elisabeth and my beloved son David H. of Hains to be my Executors of this my last will and Testament of all and singular of lands and tenements to be and to stand according to the said

is willed to be their part and no more of my estate.

Fifth. is this my will and testament that all the remainder part of my estate of goods and chattels to be equally divided by the procurement of three freeholders among my children hereunto named viz. to my son Daniel H. to my son Philip H. to my daughter Mathias to my daughter Christina to my daughter Deborah to my daughter Elizabeth to one and each of them as right share — Whereas I do ordain my beloved wife Mary H. and my beloved son Daniel H. to be my Executors of this my last will and testament of all and singular of lands and tenements to be and to do according to the tenor thereof I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments wills or legacies bequests and executors by me in any ways before named writt and bequests containing and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

signed sealed published pronounced and
acknowledged by the said Jacob H. as his last will
and testament in the presence of us

Jacob Hoffman

Jacob Cristman

John Cyca

County of August Court 1793.

The within will was proved in open court by the oaths of Jacob Cristman & John Cyca the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion let it be recorded.
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John Hamilton