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In the name of God Amen this 11th day of June in the Year of our
Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety eight I Samuel Ellis of Fredell County
North Carolina being aged & weak in body but of sound mind & perfect memory (Thanks be to
God for all his mercies) & feeling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing ~~as~~ is appointed
for all men once to die Do make this my last will & Testament, that is to say principally I first of
all I resign my soul to God that gave it, & my body to be buried in a decent manner at the
discretion of my Executors & touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless
me with in this life I give & dispose of in the following manner VIZ first of all my Just debts
to be paid I then I give unto my son ^{Blagden} ~~Ellis~~ five shillings & no more of my estate, I then
I give unto my son Jas. Ellis five shilling & no more of my estate, I then I give unto my son
Joshua Ellis five shillings & no more of my estate, I then I give unto my son Zephemiah
Ellis five shillings & no more of my estate, I then I give unto my son Samuel Ellis
five shillings & no more of my estate, I then I give unto my Daughter Cassandra Summers
one cow & calf all the rest & residue of my estate Both real & personal I give unto my
beloved Wife Mary Ellis During her natural life or widowhood & should it become
necessary to sell any part thereof to pay my debts that direct what I at her death or
Marriage the whole to be sold (both real & personal) by my surviving Executor I
equally divided between my four daughters that is to say Jemimah Wilben Thosiah
Greenfield ~~Ellis~~ Cassandra Summers & Anne Summers them or their legal heirs
last of all I order & ordain my trusty friend Burges Gaither & my beloved Wife Mary
Ellis my executor to this my last will & Testament, I do hereby revoke all wills heretofore
before made allowing this to be my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have
hereto set my hand & seal the day & date above, in the presence of

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Basil R Gaither } ^{made}

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Samuel Ellis ^(seal)
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