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In the name of God Amen this the Eleventh
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The day of November in the year of Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine Thomas M'Grawe, of Bristol County & State of North Carolina being on the doctrine of life but of record & pressed memory & calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all men ^{to} die do make & certify that my last will & testament that is to say personally I find of full & free my soul to God who gave it, & duty to be buried in the earth in due decent & Christian manner at the direction of my Executors & Church which perfectly state wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this last & cruise & desire of in the following manner.

I have given unto my beloved wife Anne all my personal estate to be disposed of by her at her own discretion between my children John M'Grawe, James Brown, Henry Brown, Wm. M'Grawe, Susan M'Grawe, Mary M'Grawe, Henry M'Grawe, George M'Grawe, William M'Grawe, & Sarah M'Grawe, & otherwise if she so choose.

I have given unto my five sons Geo. M'Grawe, John M'Grawe, all my land to be equally divided by a fair dividing it into five parts & my son Abel to have his choosing lots ~~the~~ & office to be made by my Executors & should either of them die before they come to the age of twenty one, or without issue the survivor or survivors shall inherit the whole of both lots, it is my will that my beloved wife shall have full enjoyment of all the improvement yearly of & have receiving her paternal life, that her death to descend as her mother

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to my dear three sons.

Dear ^{dear} Sons, I do retain my beloved wife & my dear John & Ben-
jamin to this my last will & testament trusting & desiring
all other wills heretofore by me made nullifying & revoking them
my last will & testament, in writing signed & being set
my hand & seal in the presence of the two
said above written.

Benjamin Smith

Samuel & Heph

Witness

Thos. M. McGuire Secy

as the name of said witness John & Benjamin Smith