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Andrew Thompson Elizabeth S. Duncan
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In the name of God Amen

I William Davidson of the County of Fredell in the State of North Carolina being Sick and in a low condition but thanks be to God am in sound mind & memory therefore Calling to remembrance the mortality of the Body do this twenty fifth day of the month of June in the year of Our Lord 1803 make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament And first I recommend my Soul to God who gave it me & my Body I recommend to the dust there to be buried in a Christian & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors. And as touching such worldly estate as I am possessed of I leave & bequeath as followeth. I first of all I allow so much of my personal property to be sold as may be sufficient to pay my Just debts the property to be such as my Executors may think can be best spared out of my estate Unto my beloved Wife Polly I leave a good Horse Saddle & bridle two beds with there furniture a tin of the Kitchen & Cupboard furniture three Cows & three Calves six head of sheep & her choice of my three Negro womenes provide that her choice be made within three months after my Decease. I also allow unto her a good & decent maintenance of my plantation I now live on during her natural life or widowhood. In case she should marry again, she is to be entitled to her right of Dower only Unto my two Daughters Emilia & Rachel I leave to each of them (if the circumstances of my estate will admit thereof) as much as either of my married daughters has got, at the discretion of my their mother & my Executors. Unto my sons Reece Davidson son John Davidson, Abner Davidson, Ephraim Davidson & Samuel Davidson I leave each a horse Saddle & bridle if the circumstances of my estate will admit thereof ^{and} each of them are to be at the age of twenty one years & my land I allow to be divided equally amongst each of them to the best advantage in quantity & quality & If one or either of my sons should die before him or they be even capable of inheriting

The Surviving Son or son-in-law of the said deceased his or their Shares of my land
 I further allow the residue of my property (after my just debts are paid) to be
 kept in my family for their better maintenance & supports untill my youngest
 Children becomes capable of inheriting at which time I allow the S^d residue of
 Property to be disposed of to the best advantage at the discretion of my executors
 to be then equally divided amongst my my then surviving Children &
 lastly I constitute & appoint my brother Ephraim Davidson & also the
 Executors of this my last Will & Testament Signed Seal^d & acknowledged in presence
 of
 Joseph Sampson } William Davidson
 George L. Davidson Jun^r } (read)

In the name of God Amen

Joseph Davidson of the County of Fredel in the State of North Carolina
 being in perfect health & sound in the Exercise of my reason & Judgment & being
 to mind the mortality of my body & do hereby constitute I appoint this my last
 Will & Testament. Whereby ~~I do revoke~~ ^{revoke} make void & annul all former wills &
 testaments made by me ^{in witness} I commit my soul to God who gave it I do
 commit my body to the earth to be decently entred at the direction of my dear wife
 & her executors I do order all my just debts to be paid I bequeath to my dear
 beloved wife Sarah all my household furniture I bequeath to my son Herndon
 one half of my land including that part which he now lives on I bequeath all my wearing
 apparel & books I likewise order that what remains of my estate after the above legacies
 is paid of shall under the care & Direction of my Dear wife for her support During
 her life time & that it shall be in her power & at her discretion with the consent of
 my other executors to sell & dispose of any part of my personal estate for her support
 & advantage I do order that at my dear wifes decease what remains of my estate
 shall be disposed of in the following manner (Viz) the part of my old survey of land
 I owned to become the property of Joseph Davidson