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of that of Sarah Chesnut, wife of the said John, to be conditional but positive I do hereby
 declare this to be my last will & testament & making void all other Wills or
 Wills by me or made I declare this only to be my last will & testament In
 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
 the day & year above written Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence
 of
 Test Braxton Bryan Jurat Joseph Borders
 Johnathan Monty Church Jurat
 Thomas Snoddy Jurat
 Read
 Sells

In the name of God Amen I William Beard of Iredell County & State of
 North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & memory calling to
 mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed once for all men
 to die do constitute make & ordain this my last will & testament principally
 I first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it nothing doubting
 but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty
 power of God & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Chri-
 stian buriall at the discretion of my executor hereafter named I do devise
 such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I
 give Devise & Dispose of in the following manner I fear Viz first I give &
 bequeath to my two sons David & Thomas all my land to Equally
 Divided between them agreeable to an article between us now lying in
 the hands of Alex^r Wilson also I give & bequeath to William Walston
 my negro boy Harry providing nevertheless that Marys Watson
 his mother shall have the use of said boy During her Natural life
 Also I give & bequeath unto William Beatty my negro girl Sell
 providing nevertheless that Margaret Beatty his mother shall
 have the use of said Negro During her natural life also I give

I bequeath to William & John the sum of ten pounds to be
equally divided between them also I give to my Son-in-law Joseph
Wolfolk the sum of five pounds & I hereby give to Wm. Wolfolk five pounds
also I give to Wm. West the sum of ten pounds also I give &
bequeath to Mary Betty Nancy John Jean & Jorin Hannon the sum
of three pounds to be equally divided among them also I give to Charles
Dougherty & his Children which my Daughter Mary had to him
the sum of 5 Shillings to each of them also I give & bequeath to
my two Sons David & Thomas the sum of five pounds to each of them
to buy them converted to the use of the Gospel also I do hereby order that
that my executors do levy so much out of the remainder of my estate
as shall be sufficient to procure Decent head & feet Stones for
my Wife Mary Decent & my own grave & I hereby order that the rem-
aining part of my estate to be divided between my two sons David
& Thomas Beards & James Wallis & John Beards so that each one of them
shall have an equal divide of 1/2 remainder & I do hereby approve
my two sons David Beards & Thomas Beards my executors of this my
last will & Testament & I hereby revoke all other Wills or bequest
at what ever in witness whereof I do hereby set my hand & seal
this 4th Day of Nov. 1793, Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
Alexander Melson (witness) William Beards & Mary
Samuel Wilcox Sec'd

In the name of God Amen this 30th Day
of December in the year of our Lord 1791 Hugh Bonner
man of the county of Iredell State of North Carolina
being weak of body but of perfect mind & memory these