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what three free holders may collect her to sell the balance not mentioned in my will and the funds arising from the sale and what is now due me to go to pay my just debts and if anything be left after paying my just debts to be equally divided amongst my children. If there should not be enough collected from the sale & what is due me at present collect enough out of the rent to pay my just debts.

I do hereby appoint Nathan Stanly for my executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of May 1846

Signed Seal and

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Presence of us

Wm Rhodes +

Benjamin^{tho} Westbrock +
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John^{tho} Westbrock^{mark} Test

North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1846. In open Court Jones County. Then was the Execution of the last Will & Testament of John Westbrock Dec^d, proved in due form of law by the oaths of Wm Rhodes & Benjamin Westbrock two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & thereupon William H. Padgett, as qualified as Administrator to said Estate with the Will annexed. Nathan Stanly the Executor refused to qualify as such

W H Padgett

In The name of God Amen

I David Howard of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, seriously considering the uncertainty of life and mindful of the obligation upon every man to have his affairs in order do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Supra. It is my desire that my Executor hereinafter named should liquidate and pay all my just debts and to enable him to do this I wish him to collect all debts due me and to sell at private sale and at such credit or credits as may be most advantageous and enabling him to meet the payment of debts owing by me all my lands lying in Craven County known as my penny barna containing in quantity about fourteen hundred acres more or less and to give title therefore as my Executor

I wish the years work carried on and completed as commenced by me and my Linpentine disposed of as it may be ready for market. I wish all my property ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~disposed of~~ ^{disposed of} sold on the usual credit of six months and should the proceeds of all of the above mentioned reserving ^{therefrom} a years provision for my widow and family not be enough to pay my debts I then wish one or both if necessary of my two ~~Negroes~~ ^{Negroes} Dowel & Mariak sold by my Executor also at private sale to best advantage enabling him to meet debts owing by me and to give title therefor as my Executor with this condition and explanation I wish to save the plantation and all the lands attached thereto whereon I now live next to this I wish to save my two Negroes above named and if but one of them can be kept I wish that one to be my woman Mariak therefore I wish one or both of the Negroes as the case may be to be the last property disposed of I wish my Wife and children all to remain together during the lifetime of my Wife if they are willing to do so (unless any or all of my children should marry during that time and in that event at their choice and as they may prefer) and have and enjoy together jointly the use of all my lands attached to the plantation whereon I now live and one or both of my Negroes should either or both be saved from my Debts but should they prefer to separate I then give to my beloved Wife Elizabeth during her natural life one third a part of the lands whereon I now live including the buildings also I give her during her natural my Negro man Dowel and a my Negro woman Mariak should one or both be saved from my debt

Item I give to my three Children Josiah Josiah Elizabeth and Caroline and my step son Edward Hickman the lands & improvement whereon I now live to be equally and fairly divided among them subject to the above named provisions and Item to them their heirs and assigns forever

Item I give to my three Children Josiah Elizabeth & Caroline and my step son Edward Hickman one or both of my two Negroes Dowel & Mariak as the case may be as above named and subject to the above named provisions and Item the proceeds to be equally & fairly divided among them to them their heirs and assigns forever

Item I give to my son Josiah one soul horse now in my possession to him heirs and assigns forever
 Item whatever amount may be remaining after settling my Estate as above named and provided for I wish to be equally and fairly divided between my wife and my three Children Josiah Elizabeth &

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Caroline & my Step Son Edward Hickman to them their heirs & assigns forever
all the property to my wife & said Son in my right mind

Item Whatever amount may be remaining after settling my estate as above named
& previous for I wish to be equally & fairly divided between my wife my three children
It is my wish that Elizabeth Williams an infant the daughter of a brother of my
wife whom I have thus far raised and who is now in my care should be kept by
my family & raised & educated as far as they may be able to do so out of the provision
I have made for them above.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Roscoe Barnes Executor to this my
last will and testament.

Finally I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently
buried not doubting that by a faithful reliance on Christ my Saviour he will
give me a glorious immortality.

In testimony of all which I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of
June A.D. 1846 hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me signed
Sealed and published

in presence of

the words Williams interlined between

the thirty third & twenty fourth
lines on the second page interlined
before signed

Wm. P. Howard +

Phil. N. Curtis +

Mary Kinsey

Israel Howard *Seal*

North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1846 In open Court
Jones County Then was the Execution of the last Will & Testament of Israel
Howard Dec. proved in due form of law by the oaths of Wm. P. Howard & Phil.
N. Curtis two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & thereupon Roscoe Barnes
the Executors therein named were qualified as Executors of the said last Will &
Testament of the said Israel Howard Dec. & the said last Will & Testament
was ordered to be Registered

Attest Hammond ex