In the name of God Amen
I John Westbrook of the county of Jones and State of North Carolina
Being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed
be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)
First I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Phebe Westbrook all of my
household & kitching furniture. also two cows and calves & all of my Stock
of hogs. & all of my Stock of Sheep & geese and one young mare by the
name of Fancy and I do also lend unto my beloved Wife During her Lifetime
or Widowhood a certain portion of my cleared land (that is to say) all of
my plantation Westwards of a cross fence that is Cross my plantation
Joining of my Brother Harmon Westbrooks plantation also all of
the cleared land on sd fence Where I now live and privilege of the woodland
land for fire Wood & rail timber for the support of the above
mentioned plantation I do also lend unto my beloved wife one Negro
Man by the name of Ted to her use and to assist in making of support
for my Sons & daughters during her life time or Widowhood. I also desire that
my beloved wife should keep all of my children together with her until
they come to the age of Twenty one years old if she and the all should
live that long. I do also desire that my beloved Wife & my executor to have
my children educated as far as they may think proper that is to say reading
& Writing & plain Arithmetic. I desire that the ballance of my cleared
my executor should rent them out to the best advantage keep up good fences
& keep the ditches cleared out & also rent out my turpentine boxes and the
funds that will or may arise from the rent of lands I desire to be kept for
my children until the oldest one comes of age and then give him or her
there equal part of the funds that has risen from the rent of land &
taxes. And I also desire that my lands should be equally divided amongst
my children at the decease of my wife if she should live until the youngest
comes of age If she should not live until my youngest child comes
of age then all of the lands to be rented out until the youngest comes of
age. I do also give and bequeath unto my Son John Westbrook my negro
man Ted after the Decease of My beloved Wife if he is serviceable If he is
past labour I desire that each one of my heirs should pay his part towards
supporting of said negro man Ted. I also desire that my Executor after
giving off my wife one Years provision for her and her family & stock

what Three fee holdes my Executor to sell the Lallance not mentioned in my will and the funds arising from the sale and what is now due me to pay my just debts and if any thing be left after paying my just debts to be equaly 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 Testamnt. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of May 1846

Signed Seal and
Published in
Presence of us
Wm Rhodes +
Benjamin his + mark Westbrook +

John his + mark Westbrook Jr. [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 John Westbrook Dec. proved in due form of law by the oaths of Wm Rhodes & Benjamin Westbrook two of the subscribing witnesses thereto Thereupon William H. Patrick was qualified as Administrator to said Estate with the Will annexed. Nathan Stanly the Executor refused to qualify as such

Wm Hammond Clk

In the name of God Amen

I Israel 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 leave his affairs in order do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis. 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 owning by me all my lands lying in Craven County known as my farm Land containing in quantity about fifteen hundred acres more or less and to give title therefore as my Executor