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In the name of God Amen, I Kenneth Challenge of the State of North Carolina & County of Martin being at home mind and memory do this day make and after the my last will and Testament beginning as follows.

First I Give unto my wife Fervia Challenge the Land and Plantation whereon I now live and all my Stock excepting the Horse called Buck also all my household and kitchen furniture and all my tools and one negro by name George leaving his children or widows here.

Also I give to my son Israel Challenge all my Land joining Reddin Perry.

Also I give to my son Fervia Challenge the Grassy Island tract of Land.

It is my wish at the death or marriage of my wife that my son Standley Challenge have the Land and Plantation whereon I now live also one Pleasant one feather 180 and furniture and one Clock also one horse it is my wish and desire that Standley have one Cow & Calf.

It is my wish that Kenneth Challenge have Fifty Dollars. It is my wish and desire that Noah Challenge have Ten Dollars that if Noah Challenge and Kenneth Challenge both come after their money after three years it is my wish and desire it be divided after the death of my wife or marriage.

It is my wish and desire at the death or marriage of my wife that Adeline Polson and Fanny Selley and George Challenge have one negro by the name of George.

It is my wish and desire that all my unmentioned property be equally divided between six of my Children namely - George Challenge and Adeline Polson and Israel Challenge and Fanny Selley Fervia Challenge and Standley Challenge. I make and ordain Inhead of Polson and Humphrey Challenge my executor to this my last will & Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 26th of September the thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us
Humphrey Challenge
John Polson

Kenneth Challenge Seal

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Master County & Notary public appearing to the last will & Testament of Kenneth Challenge was produced in open Court & upon the oath of John Polson a subscriber sitting there & upon the oath of personal estate, whereupon Humphrey Challenge one of the Executors named therein appeared in open Court & upon the oath & swore that the same be recorded.

J. D. Biggs Ck

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In the name of God Amen I Elias Challenge of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do on this fourth day of July the thousand eight hundred and thirty six make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit I give unto my son Israel Challenge the one half part of a set of Blacksmith tools that belong together with him and my wife to him and his heirs forever.

Secondly I give unto my daughter Fanny Long and John the son of Samuel to her and her heirs forever. Thirdly it is my wish and desire that Joseph and Mary Ann Challenge have a certain tract or parcel of Land lying South of Gracks Creek and adjoining the Land which I gave to John Samuel Challenge by their said Joseph and Mary Ann Challenge paying over to my before mentioned heirs Israel Challenge and Fanny Long two thirds of the value of the same at four dollars & no more.

Fourthly it is my wish and desire that my Executor sell my Negroes viz. Luke, Randolph, and Peter, at his best discretion so as to endeavour to procure them suitable homes in this settlement and it is my wish they should not be conveyed away and the proceeds arising from the sale of said Negroes together with the proceeds of all my perishable estate not otherwise disposed of after paying my just debt to be equally divided between my son Israel Challenge, Fanny Long and my Grand son and daughter Joseph Challenge & Mary Ann Challenge.

I do constitute and appoint my beloved son Israel Challenge my Executor to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us

Joseph Challenge
J. J. Hamble

Elias Challenge Seal.

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The foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will & Testament of Elias Challenge was produced in open Court and given in due form of Law by the oath of J. D. Biggs & J. J. Hamble the subscribing witnesses & conducted to be recorded. Whereupon Israel Challenge the Executor named therein appeared & qualified to the same.

J. D. Biggs Ck