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Item I give unto my grandson Henry Biggs son of my son William Biggs all the Balance of the tract of Land on which my son William Biggs formerly lived which I have not above given to his two Brothers to enter into the Poplar thurf at his mother Death or marriage to him and his heirs forever —

Item I give unto my grand Daughters Nancy, Fanny & Sally Biggs Daughters of my son William Biggs my Negro Man Jack and my Negro boy Dave to be held out at the Direction of my executor until the youngest Child Sally shall arrive to twenty one years of age and then to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever —

Item the Residue of my Property at my Death or the Death of my wife I give to be equally divided between all my Children (viz) Hannah Smithwick and the Children of my son William Biggs deceased (all of them to Draw one share) my son Thomas Biggs my Daughter Mary Mahy and my Daughter Lucy Biggs to them and their heirs forever —

And for the executing this my Last will and Testament I constitute & appoint my son Thomas Biggs as whole and sole executor under this Restriction that as I have given him a Larger Legacy than any of my Children that he shall not be allowed any thing out of my estate for executing this will and if my son Thomas Biggs should die before executing this will in that case I appoint my son-in-law John Smithwick executor in testimony whereof I have this day signed sealed and Published this to be my Last will and Testament in Presence of

Test Simon Gurganus

Michael Lee

Son Biggs

William Biggs son —

Notary Public for the State of South Carolina }
June Term 1817 } the instrument of writing purporting to be the Last will & Testament of William Biggs son — was offered for Probate by Thomas Biggs the executor therein named and the said will was proven in open court by Joseph Biggs one of the subscribing witnesses & on Motion ordered to be Recorded

Test W B Hunter Clerk

State of South Carolina

In the Name of God Amen.

I William Bennett of Newham District of North being of sound and disposing mind but frail in Body do constitute this my Last will and Testament hereby Revoking all other Testaments made —

First I give to my Daughter Merina Bennett five Hundred Dollars cash —

Secondly I give to my son Bryant Bennett all the rest and Residue of my estate both Real and Personal untill he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years and three months after and if the said Bryant Bennett shall before the expiration of the said three months after he shall be some of age free and emancipate in due form of Law my hearty

regret woman named Mary and all issue that she may hereafter have then the said Residue of the said estate of my said estate both real & Personal after the expiration of my said three years shall be the sole & Residue of my said son Bryant Bennett absolutely to him and his heirs forever — But in case my said son Bryant Bennett shall not emancipate my said wife Mary in the time above stated & limited said son Bryant Bennett shall not emancipate the whole of my estate both Real and Personal shall wait a full Year before the expiration of the said three years then the whole of my estate both Real and Personal shall immediately in my Daughter Merina Bennett to be held by her for the term of Eighteen months and if she shall by the expiration of the said Eighteen months after my Death in due form of Law free & emancipate my said wife Mary then my said Daughter Merina Bennett shall have and hold my said estate both real & Personal to her and her heirs forever & it is my Direction that my said Daughter Merina Bennett in case my said son Bryant Bennett shall fail to emancipate my said wife Mary within the time limited above a shall die before the expiration of the said three years if my said Daughter Merina shall then be under age shall immediately apply to the court of Equity to constitute and appoint a guardian for her who shall under the direction of the said court free & emancipate the said slave Mary as so to decree to my said Daughter Merina Bennett the said Residue of my estate —

And as lawfully constitute and appoint my son Bryant Bennett and my hearty friend James Bennett executors of this my said last will and Testament Revoking all other Testaments made —

Signed sealed & Published by the said William Bennett as his last will and Testament this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen and in the forty first year of the sovereignty & independence of the United States of America —

Signed sealed Published in Presence of us who in the Presence of the Testator and in the Presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses of the same

Matthew C Higgins

Elihu Lee

Shawwood Moton

W B Bennett & Seal

Notary Public for the State of South Carolina }
June Term 1817 } this instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William Bennett was offered for Probate by the executor therein named and its being made offer to the satisfaction of the court that the subscribing witnesses to the said will are not inhabitants of this State and the hand writing of the said William Bennett was proven in open court by Luke Ruff and on Motion ordered to be Recorded —

W B Hunter Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Phillip Adams of the State of North Carolina one county of Washington being sick and weak in Body but of sound mind thanks be to Almighty God calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do Publish this my last will and Testament — Principally and first of all I Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body to be buried in a Christian-like manner at the Discretion of my executors and as touching the worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I Dispose of the same in the form following — I give unto my Beloved wife Mary Adams all & singular my Personal estate of every kind both in Debt and out to be at her own Disposal after paying my Just debts and funeral Expenses — I leave unto my said wife Mary Adams all my Lands for and during her natural life after her decease I give said Land unto Thomas Linette son of Adam Linette if he should be living at her Death and if the said Thomas Linette should die before my wife I give unto my said wife Mary all my said Lands to be at her own Disposal I also appoint my Loving wife & hearty friend Some Harriett my executor & executrix of this my Last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of October 1811 signed published in the Presence of us

Stephen Fagan

Darius Hardison

Phillips & Adams & Seal

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40 *Witnessed* this instrument of writing was offered for Probate by one of the executors herein named and it being proven to the satisfaction of the court that Stephen Fagan & David Hardison the subscribing witnesses are dead and the hand writing of the said Stephen Fagan & David Hardison being proven in open court by the oath of Richard Fagan the said will is therefore ordered to be Recorded —
 Just H. B. Hunter Clerk

In the name of God Amen — I David Hardison of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being of sound disposing mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following —
 First of all I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body to the earth to be buried at the Discretion of my executors and calling to mind what worldly goods it hath Pleased God in this life to bestow on me with I give and Dispose of as follow —

Item I will & Bequeath to my Loving wife Esther Hardison one negro woman named Betty and one negro girl named Amy with my household and kitchen furniture Plantation utensils & tools of Every kind all kinds of crops on hand at my Decease all Ready monies Notes & accounts all kinds of Provisions of every nature to be at her own free Disposal —

Item I bequeath unto my Beloved wife Esther Hardison during her natural life one Negro boy named Tom with my manna Plantation and all the Lands thereto Belonging Likewise my stock of every kind after paying my last debts out of the above said stock —

Item my will and desire is that the Property Left unto my wife during her natural life be at her Decease Equally Divided among my heirs at Law, & I hereby Constitute and ordain and appoint my Beloved wife Esther Hardison my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament Discharging and Resolving all former wills testaments and Bequeste by me made, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixth day of March 1813
 Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of us

R. D. Fagan
 Joseph F. Harpfor
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David Hardison & seal

Martin County } This instrument of writing Proposing to be the Last will & testament June Term 1814 of David Hardison was offered for Probate by the Executors herein named and was proven in open court by the oath of Richard Fagan one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto & on Motion ordered to be Recorded

Just H. B. Hunter Clerk

In the Name of God Amen — I Moses More of the County of Martin being sick on Body but of sound and perfect mind & memory do make & Publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I leave unto my son Joseph More the Land which he now lives on during his life and then give to his Children Lawfully Begot of his Body, I also leave unto my son I purchased More the plantation of one hundred and sixty acres during his life and then gave unto his Children Lawfully Begot of his Body of he ever has any and if he never has any Children equally divided with the other heirs. I also leave unto my son Benjamin More one hundred and thirty eight acres and half of Land Bought of John Griffin Esq. during his life and then give unto his children Lawfully Begot of his Body and if he never has any Children Equally divided with the other heirs — Also I & my Decease and wish that one negro man named Harry one negro woman named Mary and he child to be sold at twelve months credit and the money to be collected and as much money taken by the Executors and buy one negro girl about twelve years of age the wife of my Beloved wife and at her death to belong to my Beloved Daughter Mary More — I also leave unto my son Peter More one negro man named Abraham during his life and give them to his heirs Lawfully Begot of his Body and if he never has any Children to be Equally divided with the other heirs. — I also give and Bequeath unto my son Joseph More one Church Bible also to my Decease and wish that Thomas Nash shall take on hand all my Debts that I have not paid and Lent & expense of it as he thinks proper to be most advantageous for my family —
 Witness my hand & seal this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 1814 — Signed Sealed Published and Delivered by the above named Moses More to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Martin County } This instrument of writing Proposing to be the last will and testament of Moses More was June Term 1814 offered for Probate by Thomas Nash the executor therein named and was proven in open court by the oath of Noah Griffin one of the subscribing witnesses and on Motion ordered to be Recorded —
 Just H. B. Hunter Clerk

State of North Carolina Martin County

Know all men by these Presents that I James Watson of the County and State above mentioned now being in my proper senses mind and memory thanks be to God knowing that it is appointed to all mankind once to die have made this my last will and testament in manner following (viz) 1st I give & Bequeath unto my Nephew Francis Ward one negro man named Jordan and my saddle bag named Jordan, 2nd I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew William Ward one negro man named Simon, also I give and Bequeath unto Anthony Ruffin one negro man named Ramsey a certain tract of land lying in Martin County containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less to John Ward son Joseph I also leave all my Notes and accounts against sundry People to satisfy my Lawfull Debt if there should be any Balance Left to be Equally Divided among William Ward, Francis Ward, Anthony Ruffin & Joseph Ward — I further nominate and appoint Anthony Ruffin and William Ward Executors to this my last will & testament in witness whereof I the said James Watson have signed my hand and seal this 6th day of June 1814 one thousand eight hundred and fourteen

Test Green Turner
 Test Lewis F. Lynch
 made

James Watson & seal
 made

Martin County } This instrument of writing Proposing to be the Last will & testament of June Term 1814 James Watson was offered for Probate by William Ward one of the executors therein named and was proven in open court by Green Turner one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded
 Just H. B. Hunter Clerk