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In the name of God Amen! I Mary L. Conroy being of sound mind and memory but in feeble health do make this my last will and testament viz. I give unto my daughter Susan Temperance during her natural life and at her death to her heirs the following property viz. One negro girl Rachael, one large bed and one small bed and all the bed of my bed clothes the bedstead which stands in my chamber, eighteen silver spoons, two trunks one large chest one mahogany press one mahogany table five table cloths one side saddle one family Bible and two hymn books. I should my said daughter Susan Temperance live without issue it is then my will and desire that all the above mentioned property be equally divided between all the rest of my children.

I give and bequeath to my son Charles one fourth all the rest of my property I desire to be sold and the proceeds after the payment of my debts to be equally divided between my sons Joseph, Victor, Charles, William and Henry the above property left to my daughter Susan Temperance I desire to be taken in London immediately after my death by my sister Mrs. William Chapman for proper security &c. I desire Chas. Chapman to act as my executor.

Witness
G. W. Cobb
G. W. Ward

Mary L. Conroy Seal

Whole of North Carolina

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The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary L. Conroy was exhibited in open court into the execution thereof, according to law as the last will and testament of said Mary L. Conroy proved by the oath of G. W. Ward one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

J. Johnson Clk.

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The last will and Testament of Samuel Williams of the County of Martin

In the name of God Amen! I Samuel Williams of the County of Martin and District of Va. do make this my last will and testament and do hereby revoke all other wills and testaments of a previous date. Now let it be remembered that my debt be paid out of my estate. Item 1. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary T. Williams one thousand dollars negro slaves, Manuul, and his wife Dinah and her two children, Manuul and Roger and all the future increase of said slaves from this date my carriage and harness and a pair of horses of my choice, horses all my household and kitchen furniture, my wearing apparel a sufficient quantity of the crop on hand or growing and other provisions for the present and comfortable support of herself and such of her children as may reside with her and her family of household servants to be allotted to her annually by my executors and to continue until she may separate her slaves given in testament with certain of my children in item 2. Item 2. I devise unto my said wife the following tracts of land: The land which I purchased from John Taylor lying on the Branch containing two hundred acres more or less reference to deed John Taylor to Samuel Williams which said tract of land with the tract of land that I shall hereafter in item six devise to my son John Dawson Williams &c. said shall be cultivated by the slaves of my wife my son John D. Williams and my daughter Chas. Dawson Williams and Anna Hannah Williams and the profits thereof to be applied in the first place to the support of them all then to their education and if there be a surplus the same to be equally divided between them all subject to the following provisions my wife may at any time draw out her part of my slaves and send them for her own exclusive benefit on the said lands and when she dies then the slaves of my three children above named shall jointly with the residue of the said lands and with the profits thereof be supported and educated as aforesaid.

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with a division among them of the surplus till my son John D. arrives to the age of twenty one or marries and in the happening of either these two events he shall draw out his part of my slaves and have the immediate sole right to the tract of land which I give to him in item six when either of my said daughters marries or comes of age she is to draw her part of my negroes and to cease to have any interest in the land and so with the others in similar events when both of my said daughters draw out their portion of my slaves my son John D. is to have for the purposes of cultivation one third of the lands besides those given in item six also in the event at age or marriage of both of my said daughters or in the death of my wife whichever of these two events may latest happen my son John D. shall have the entire lands to himself and his heirs forever and if it shall happen by reason of my provision heretofore made that only one of my daughters (my wife being dead) shall become the sole tenant of the said lands (not including those given to my son John D. in item six) he shall have the said land equally with his sister till the event arising when she is to draw her part of the slaves also if it shall so happen that all three (my wife and my two younger daughters) shall die before the youngest daughter comes to age or marries my son John shall then have all the said land my wife is to enjoy as long as she may live the mansion house and all the out houses appertaining thereto and so are my said daughters so long as they have any interest in the said land upon the death of my said daughters or either of them the interest of the one surviving is to cease and so of the survivor on her death this provision of course applies only to the case of their dying under age and unmarried as by a general provision their interest is to cease when they marry or come of age.

Item 4. I give to my Grand son John Samuel Griffin son of my daughter Sarah C. D. Griffin negro girl Mary Ann and her increase from this date

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Item 5. To my son Thomas Thompson Williams and his heirs I give one thousand dollars the land of which my son Hysobiah Thompson Williams died seized and possessed lying in district nine adjoining the lands of Thomas Jones and others and bought by my said deceased son of E. C. Moore also my lands which were given to me by the will of my father Samuel Williams situate in Butler County and commonly called Apple Tree and Cassons neck also two other small tracts adjoining the Casson neck tract containing altogether about one thousand acres the tract first mentioned in this item does not belong to me but to my children but I have put it convenient to regard it as mine in the disposal of my estate and if any of my children should refuse when capable to convey and release to my said son Thomas Thompson Williams and his heirs his then or their interest respectively in the said Tract of Land I give to my said son five hundred dollars out of the legacy or devise of each child so refusing and I desire my executors when any child may want capacity to convey to release that same bearing interest in their hands till the child may be capable or the title be made and I intend the legacies and devises to my children respectively to be in full satisfaction of all claim and demand which they or any of them have now or may have at my death on account of any waste rent or profits done or taken by me or by my son Thomas Thompson upon or out of said Tract of Land since my said sons death.

Item 6. I bequeath to my son John Dawson Williams One thousand Dollars and besides the real estate given to him in item 3. I devise to him and his heirs the land which I purchased of Wm. R. W. Shivers containing about three hundred and sixty two acres the land which I purchased of James H. Laven and all the land which I now own of a tract lying in the county of Martin devised to me by my father all these lands subject to be worked and enjoyed as provided for in Item 3.

Item 7. Inasmuch as my son Samuel is now and has been for a long while afflicted both in body and mind and his affliction is likely to continue I make provision for him through trustees and to this end I bequeath to my brother Joseph J. Williams

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my son Thomas S. Williams and my son in law John S. Griffin and the survivors and survivors of them Eight thousand Dollars and slaves young men and two boys Granville and Eli upon trust to keep the money at interest and to employ such of said slaves for his use as may not be needed for attendance on him and with the interest and being to support my said son during his life and on his death to divide what may remain unserved on him and not needed for his burial both principal and interest between my wife and children that is such of these persons as shall be then living and the issue of such of them (my wife excepted) as may be dead leaving issue then living the issue to stand in the place of the parents and I instruct the trustees aforesaid that it is my wish that my said son shall live where it may be most agreeable to him unless there should be manifest impropriety in his choice of home and I greatly prefer that his home should be with his mother during her life and afterwards among his kindred. I further instruct the said trustees to allow him to enjoy all innocent amusements although the means thereof should be costly and expensive and to gratify his caprices where it may be done without detriment to his morals or health. I restrict them in their expenditures on him only to the income of the property the principal I cannot think will be needed and therefore that is not to be diminished in his support in no event is the property hereby given or any part thereof to be subject to any debt which my son may contract without the assent of me or at least of the trustees until my son arrives at age and indeed as long as he lives with his mother I wish that his slaves not needed to wait on him should not in common with hers and my younger children and for their

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service that he should be allowed his board. In any limitation made in this will for debts and legacies going on or contingencies from one child to another it is not my intention to embrace my son Samue among the legatees under the term children.

Item 8. To my daughter Mary Whitland Williams I give absolutely five thousand dollars and I devise to her all the lands and plantation (not already disposed of by sale to N. Thompson and Louis Williams) which I purchased of Peyton H. Tinsdale Esq in Bertie County - these lands I give to my said daughter during her life for her sole and separate use free and clear of any claim of her husband and in no manner to be subject to his debts or contracts and on her death I give the said land to her children then alive and to the issue of such as may have died leaving issue the issue to stand in the place of the deceased parents and if my said daughter should die without issue or the representative of such issue living at her death I direct that the said land shall be equally divided between my wife and children that is such of these persons as shall then be living and the issue of such (excepted to my wife) as may have died leaving issue the issue to stand in the place of and represent the parents.

Item 9. I give to my executor ten thousand dollars to be held by them in interest and well secured with directing to invest the principal as soon as convenient in real estate for the sole and separate use of my daughter Chauncy Dawson Williams during her life and at her death to be divided between her living children and the then living issue issue of such as may have died leaving issue the issue to stand in the place of and represent the deceased parents or ancestor and if she should die without leaving issue or the descendants of issue then living my will is that the said real estate shall be

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divided between my wife and children that is so many of them as may then be living and the living issue of such (except my wife) as may have died leaving issue - the issue or descendants to represent their parents or ancestor such interest of the said sum of ten thousand dollars as may accrue before the investment I give to my said daughter absolutely for her sole and separate use and neither the money nor land given in this item is to be subject to the debts or contracts of my daughter's husband -

Item 10 - In like manner I give to my executors ten thousand dollars to be held by them at interest and well secured till used with directions to invest the principle in real estate as soon as convenient for the sole and separate use during her life of my daughter Anna Maria Williams and at her death to be divided between her living children and the then living issue of such as may have died leaving issue the issue to stand in the place of and representing the deceased parent or ancestor and if she should die without leaving issue or the descendants of issue then living my will is that the said real estate shall be divided between my wife and children that is so many of these persons as may then be living and the living issue of such (except my wife) as may have died leaving issue the issue or descendants to represent their parents or ancestor such interest of the said sum of ten thousand dollars as may accrue before the investment I give to my said daughter absolutely for her sole and separate use and neither the money nor land given in this item is to be subject

to the debts or contracts of my daughter's husband and it is further my will that in case the provision already made for educating my two daughters (who I desire shall be well educated) Charity and Anna Maria should prove insufficient the interest on the money and the profits of the real estate in which the said money is directed to be invested in this and the preceding item shall be called in aid & the property of each to aid the education of each severally.

Item 11. To my wife and my two sons Thomas S. Williams and John W. Williams and the survivors and survivor of them I give my two old and faithful slaves Pompey and his wife. In their masterly service I wish that they be placed according to their desire on one of the tracts of land which I have given to my said two sons and be kindly treated and plentifully supplied with the comforts of life by those to whom I have given them and I enjoin it on all my children to see that the old slaves are protected and well and humanely treated.

Item 12. I direct that my executors permit my negro man Cesar to remain on the plantation whereon I now live subject to the call of my wife to attend on her when she desires it, and my wish is that he be kindly treated for his faithful servitude and in the mean time he is to assist when able and not hindered by my wife to do the necessary black work for the farms to be cultivated by my wife and younger children and when he may be spared from that work to do work if able for my other sons and I enjoin it on all my children to see that he is properly and kindly treated and in no case is he to be removed or carried out of the county of Martin unless it may be requisite while attending on my wife.

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Item 13. I direct that all my slaves not herein before be-
queathed including those (and their increase) born at any time
before decession) which I have put into the possession of my son
in law John B. Griffin shall be divided into seven
equal lots. One whereof shall include all the said slaves
and their increase as aforesaid put into the possession of
Mrs Griffin and shall be allotted to my daughter her
wife forever although the lot be of greater value than
an average lot but it shall contribute as other lots
of excessive value the said slaves put with the Griffin
as aforesaid are Stephen Windsor Sims, Turners Mole,
and all her children now born, Gil Shu and her children
now born Mary and her children now born — another equal
lot of said slaves I give to my daughter Mary Whitmel Wilkins
including in said lot negro girl Seliza and her increase from
this date at valuation — another equal lot I give to my son
Thomas S. Williams — the remaining four sevenths of said
slaves I give equally and in common to my wife my son
John D. Williams and my two daughters Charity D. Williams
and Anna Maria Williams to be used enjoyed and employed
as directed in item 5.

Item 14. When my slaves are divided and her share is set
off I give to my daughter Mary Whitmel one hundred bushels of
corn, four stacks of fodder, four or six mules or horses and
six head of average cattle.

Item 15. It is my will that all the pecuniary legacies
or specific amounts which are given herein shall bear
interest from the 1st day of January 1850 — and for the

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trouble of keeping said legacies (as I do not expect that my executors
will be required to collect them) I allow my executors a commission
of two per cent to be paid out of the residuary portion of my estate
if there be any.

Item 16. If my son John D. Williams should die under the age of
twenty one and without issue my will is that my son Thomas S.
Williams if alive shall succeed to the real estate which I have devised
to him and hold and enjoy it in the same right, extent and interest
as it is herein given to the said John D. Williams and in case my
son Thomas S. Williams should die under age and without issue
it is my will that my son John D. Williams if alive shall
succeed to the real estate herein devised to the said Thomas S. Williams.

Item 17. To my wife when she may draw out her portion of my
slaves I give one third part of my hogs and sheep twenty head of
average cattle and four (her share) of my work horses and mules
one half of my farming and plantation tools carriages and implements
of husbandry and her living and also when she draws out her
portion of my slaves (which is not to be after a crop is planted till
it be gathered) I give to her as much of the crop and produce cul-
tivated and made in common including provisions of all kinds
as may be amply adequate for herself and family while and
slaves and stock of all kinds for one year to be allotted by my
executor.

Item 18. I have already given to my daughter Mrs Griffin ten
thousand dollars worth of land which with the provision
made for her in this will makes her equal with my other
children.

Item 19. I give to my son Thomas S. Williams as soon as
so the same may be shared two hundred and fifty barrels of
corn as much fodder as may serve till the incoming crop

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of this crop and four mules or horses of average value.

Item 20. If my son John C. Williams comes of age or marries after the crop is planted he shall draw out his portion of the slaves at the end of the year and at the same time he shall be entitled to one hundred barrels of corn four horses or mules of average value five sows and five fifteen head of average cattle four thousand pounds of pork or as much can be spared and enough of to be spared of fodder for his horses or mules and other stock till the incoming crop of his own of the succeeding year.

Item 21. On like manner if my younger daughter or either of them shall come of age or marry after the crop is planted and before it is gathered they or she shall draw out their respective portions of my slaves at the end of the year.

Item 22. And in every other instance where I have devised that any of my children shall have stock of any kind or provisions if they be not become entitled to it before the crop is planted they shall not receive it before the end of the year unless it can be spared of what may be on hand.

Item 23. I direct that after taking out such of my stock, stock and provisions as is to be taken off immediately as much of the residue thereof including plantation tools implements of husbandry carriage, plate, canvas &c. as shall be necessary shall remain in common for the use of the farm to be worked in common by my wife and three children and also for the maidens land farm of my wife - and my executors and directed and empowered to contract the said farms so to be cultivated in common clear lands when and where they shall think it proper keep on the hands thereon or hire out such as they choose sell the surplus produce and generally to keep up said farms but they are not as my executors to intermeddle with my wife's maidens land.

Item 24. Where my executors are authorized either as executors or trustees to hire out slaves it may be done privately or publicly at their discretion.

Item 25. In case any of my children should die under the age of twenty one without having been married and without

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a will effectual in law my will is that the personal estate by and to them shall be divided between the survivors (excluding my son Samuel) and the issue of such as may have died leaving issue the issue to stand in the place of the parent deceased.

Item 26. I direct that all such of my property as is not specifically given away or needed to carry out the purposes of my will of every kind and nature whatsoever shall at my death be sold and the proceeds thereof together with all money due and not required to pay my debts legacies and charges of executing the provision of my will shall be equally divided between my wife and children excluding as in every other instance although not expressed my son Samuel - and if I should die after the crop is planted I wish it to be cultivated and the same to be gathered and loaded as if on hand at my death and the slaves are not to be divided nor those detained which are specifically bequeathed until the 20th day of December of that year.

Item 27. I hereby appoint my brother Joseph S. Williams and my son in law John B. Griffin and my son Thomas S. Williams my executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony of all which I hereunto affix my hand and seal this the 30th day of March 1850.

Samuel Williams

declared to be the last will and

testament of Samuel Williams

by the testator in our presence

subscribing as witnesses in his presence

also

John S. Williams

Wm. H. A. Williams

State of North Carolina

Notary Public for said State, April Term 1850. The foregoing foregoing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Williams dec. was exhibited in open court this day when Wm. H. A. Williams one of the subscribing witnesses thereto came into court and proved the due execution of said last will and testament in due form of law to wit: both oral and personal while whereupon Joseph S. Williams, John B. Griffin and Thomas S. Williams