In the name of God Amen. I James Ross being of sound [illegible] I do make this my last will & [illegible] my soul unto God who gave it [illegible] hopes all [illegible] the same at the [illegible] of the first, and my body to the earth [illegible] and as touching such [illegible] blessed me with in this life I dispose in the following manner & form I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Betty Ross my plantation I now live on with all stock of horses, cows, sheep & hogs, household furniture &c. [illegible] her widowhood & she dies a widow to have this property all at her own disposal to my five children Nancy Ross, Peter Ross, Anderson Ross, Coleman Ross, Barbara Ross, George Ross to be schooled & raised on the plantation, & merging all this property to be sold & equally divided with my wife & five children all to share & share alike —
I hereby constitute & appoint my friends James Emerson & James Dunn to be my executors of this my last will & testament, revoking all other wills & gifts by me made whether by word or writing, ratifying this & no other to be my last will & testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 3d day of April A.D. 1808.

Signed sealed by James Ross in the presence of
Thomas Martin
John Peoples
Andrew Dunn

James Ross. (Seal)

In the name of God Amen. I John Reed of Mecklenburg County & State of N. Carolina, being sick & weak of body but of sound mind & memory & calling to mind my mortality & that it is appointed for man to die; Do the 10th day of Nov 1810 make this my last will & testament in manner & form following — And first I will that all my just debts