In the name of God Amen. I John Highsmith of the State of North Carolina & Mecklenburg County (Farmer) being indisposed, but of sound mind & memory do make & ordain the following to be my last Will & Testament. First I do my Will and request that all my just debts be paid either from debts owing to me or out of my estate.

Second. I do Will & bequeath unto my dear wife Sarah Highsmith the following property namely my plantation that I now live on as the Will & deed represents, all my Stock that I possess by marriage, Cattle Hogs, Sheep & Horses with my household furniture during her natural life & during her widowhood, all my stock of provisions, bacon fodder, corn & fodder. Likewise I will to her the said Sarah Highsmith my three negro boys Jim, Joe, Cato, my three negro girls Hannah, Sarah & Jane, girl Hannah's child Phillis, girl Lucy, girl Sarah, girl Nancy & girl Phillis & the increase of the said girls forever.

Third. It is my Will that my wife Sarah Highsmith shall have her provided & have her maintenance out of my estate at the discretion of my Executors.

4th. I do hereby constitute & appoint my friend John Hewitt to be the Executor of this my last Will & Testament revoking all other wills or wills by me heretofore made, declaring this to be my last Will & Testament witness my hand & seal this 18th day of January 1844.

Signed sealed & published & declared by the said John Highsmith in presence of us the subscribing witnesses

Benjamin Harris
William Harris

John (his mark) Hsm (seal)

In the name of God Amen. I William Hewitt of the County of Mecklenburg being sick & weak in body, but sound in mind & memory, knowing the uncertainty of life make & ordain this my last will & testament

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