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In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Wallace of the County of
Hicklenburg & State of N^c Carolina being of perfect mind &
sound in reason & memory though sick & weak of body &
belling to mind the certainty of Death, knowing that it
is appointed to all men here to die, as also the shortness
& uncertainty of this Transitory Life, have therefore thought
proper to make this my last will & Testament in manner
& form following Viz - First I resign my soul to God who
gave it in hope of forgiveness & everlasting life thro'
the merits of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, and my
body to the earth to interred in decent Christian
burial at the direction of my Executors, & for such
worldly goods with which God has been pleased to
bless me I do will & dispose of them as follows:
I do give & bequeath to my loving wife Margery one
third part of all my Estate both real & personal with
a Black & furniture exclusive, and to the end that
equal Justice be done & a real division made I do
will that all my Estate both real & personal should
be exposed to public sale in such time & manner as
the presence of the Executors of this my last will and
Testament may direct & that the net sum arising
therefrom after the payment of all just debts, be divided
one third part to my wife Margery & the remaining two
thirds to be divided amongst my sons William Edward
& Samuel & my daughter Elizabeth & Ann so that each
of the sons may have their share one third part more
than each daughter or as there is to be. And I do
hereby constitute & appoint Major James Barr &
Margery my wife as Executors of this my last will & Testament
until such time as my son William do come at the age
of Twenty one year at which time it is my will that
my said son William do then commence as Executor
of this my last will & Testament in the room & stead
of the said James Barr and further I do hereby
renewance, disown & deny all wills or Testaments
by me or by my whole made, done since before

and do own, Declare, Ratify & confirm these presents as my said last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal The 19th day of February in the year of our Lord 1781. — Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of us.

John Torrence

Edward Phere

Ann Horton

Joseph Wallace



In the name of God amen. I Dorcas Whitesides alias Dorcas Thompson of the County of Middlebury in the State of N^o Carolina insomuch as being in a low state of health but of sound mind memory & understanding pray be Good for the same, do make this my last will & Testament in the manner & form following viz 1st my will & desire is that I be decently buried & that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid — 2^{dly} I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother Jane Whitesides all the remainder of my Estate including money, Securities for money as well as goods, chattels & effects of whatever nature or kind that I may be possessed of or legally intitled to at my death to hold the same unto my Mother Jane Whitesides, her Executors, Administrators or Assigns but my desire is that my said M. Ther will distribute some part of my clothing amongst my female relations, nevertheless I leave this distribution to be governed by her discretion. And I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my friend Stephen McKee of the County & State aforesaid my sole executor of this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking & making void all & every other will or wills by me at any time herebefore made, & do declare this to be my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Dorcas Whitesides alias Thompson have hereunto set my hand & seal this