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In the name of God Amen. I John Stark of the State of N Carolina
 and County of Mecklenburg, being in a weak & low condition of Body
 but sound in mind & memory & calling to mind the duties appointed
 for men even to die, I hereby do appoint this to be my last will
 and Testament. 1st I give my soul unto Almighty God who
 made it, and 2nd I leave my body to be Buried in the Earth, in
 full assurance of receiving the same at the day of Judgment.
 3rd I Will that my Executors upon to, publish sale at a convenient
 time after my death as much of my property as will be suf-
 ficient to pay all my lawful Debts viz One tract of land con-
 taining 25 acres joining Christian Steels old place, Hugh
 Smith & John Linns and other property that my Executors may
 think best -

4th I leave the plantation that I now live on with all the pro-
 perty that may remain of the my said late Debts is paid to my
 beloved wife Mary Stark as long as she remains my widow
 to raise my Children, but if she should Marry, I Will that
 the Land with what other property may remain be sold
 and the Money equally divided betwixt her & my Children
 and if she should marry she is to have the Land
 during life and at her death it is to be sold and the money
 given to my Children -

I do hereby appoint my father in law James Paul to execute
 my last will and Testament, and do by these presents
 make void and Disannul all Wills heretofore by me made
 and by these appoints, constitute and Ordain this to be my
 last will & Testament - In Wt W of John Stark
 my hand & affixed my seal this 15th day of May in the year of
 our Lord 1827 - the witness of

James Bodkin

John Stark

John Stark

In the name of God Amen.

We it Men to all whom these may concern - That I

James Henry Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844

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