

101.  
Be it by these presents remembered that I William Vance  
of the County of Mecklenburg & State of N. Carolina well  
knowing the uncertainty of Life, Do think proper by these pre-  
sents to will & direct that my property after my death is  
to be disposed of managed & conducted in the manner that  
I shall hereafter point out & by the person or persons that  
I shall appoint by this my last will & Testament as Executors  
of the same — In the first place my body is to be decently  
buried — Secondly All Lawful Debts paid & Thirdly my  
personal property is all to be sold except my Negroes.  
My Stock of different kinds farming & other Tools, household  
& kitchen furniture & all other moveable property not  
here mentioned and my Estate is to be equally divided  
between my two Sons name: Robert David Vance &  
James Fayette Vance at the time Robert comes of Age, then  
all is to be divided & each of my two Sons are to share  
Equally in my Estate in all monies of all kinds Interests  
or profits that may arise therefrom, The monies that  
arise from the sale of my property or otherwise from my  
Estate is to be put on Interest & continue unto the time  
of the above division, I also will that the land I live on  
shall be rented or Leased out to careful hands & no divi-  
sion of the land to take place unto the above mentioned  
time of Division, the persons renting ought to live on  
the place & keep the Building & premises in good repair  
all expences in keeping the place in rep. is must be paid  
out of the rent of the land, I further will that my Sons Robt.  
& James shall as soon as possible be put into the hands  
of some good Industrious men that can learn them some  
good Trade or business that will not be of a very  
Laborious kind & most suitable —

I do appoint by this my last will & Testament as  
Executors William Campbell & Hugh Harris &

I Witness my hand & Seal the 3<sup>d</sup> day of January 1817

Thomas B. Smith

Naitha Wilson

William Vance

