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In the name of God Amen -

I William Hancock of the County of Moore in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

First. It is my will and desire that my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, and that he pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, however & to whomsoever owing, out of the first moneys which shall come to his hands as part and parcel of my estate.

2nd. I desire my Executor to sell at public sale the plantation on which I reside, with the mills Bridge and all adjoining tracts and the appertinances, the whole to be sold together on a credit of One & two years, giving my one fourth of an acre around the graves of my wife, the purchaser or purchasers, giving Bond with approved security and likewise a mortgage on the premises the bonds to bear interest after the first year.

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3rd. It is my will and desire that my Executor (hereinafter named) sell my Store House and dwelling House and the lot or lots of Lands on which they are situate in the town of Carthage in Moore County on a credit of One & two years drawing interest after twelve months, my said Executor to take Bond with approved security for the purchase money with a mortgage on the premises.

4th. It is also my will that my said Executor (hereinafter named) sell to the highest bidder four unimproved Lots in said Town of Carthage, also fourteen acres of land more or less adjoining the said Town of Carthage, also that he sell at a certain tract of land containing two hundred acres more or less on the Fayetteville road about a mile below Carthage known as the Board Davis tract. Also that he sell as aforesaid

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one other Tract of Land known as the Barritt tract, and on which ~~My~~ ^{My} ~~son~~ ^{son} now lives supposed to contain about two hundred acres. It is my desire I will that all the lots & tracts of Land mentioned in this fourth clause or section of my will be sold on a -

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credit of twelve months, my executor taking Bond and approved security with or without a mortgage for the purchase money. It being my wish that said lots & tracts of land be sold separately -

5th. I desire my executor to sell either at private or public sale a ~~then~~ ^{then} Store Brick Building purchased by me in the town of Fayetteville North Carolina situate on Hag Street in the Bridge Row for a full description of which reference may be had to the deed for said lot and and House and appertinances, executed to me by commissioners appointed by the United States Bank which Deed is Registered in the registers in the registers office in Fayetteville. Bonds for the purchase money of said House & lot to bear interest from six & twelve month from the sale, and also a mortgage on the premises for the better security of the purchase money to be taken by my said executor.

6th. I desire that my Executor sell on a credit of twelve months my Store House & ~~then~~ ^{then} acres of land in ~~Carthage~~ ^{Carthage} known as

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Croft roads Store or tract of Land and that my said Executor take Bond and approved security for the purchase money of said Store and tract of Land with a mortgage on the premises if he should think it advisable.

7th. I also desire my Executor to sell on a credit of twelve months a tract of land situate in

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the County of Moore on the waters of Little Creek containing about three hundred & eighty acres.
8th It is my will for the purpose of raising money to pay my just debts & funeral expenses that my Executor sell for ready money as hereinafter named the following that is to say - My Negro woman Fanny, all the corn or flour which shall or may be on hand at my death reserving a supply of corn & flour for the maintenance of my family as is herein after expressed, & authorize my executor to make the cash sale with private or public sale may deem best for the interest of my estate.

9th And with a view of raising money sooner than the proceeds of the other sales will become due it is my will and desire that my Executor Bill off my books & chattels and send them to an Auctioneer in Fayetteville then to be sold on a credit of two

10th four months taking notes & approved securities on a credit of twelve months my Negro man Dave and Washington or him then out just as he may deem best for the interest of my estate my said Executor is also at liberty to put my said Boy Washington to learning a trade, if he thinks it best for the interest of my estate if he sells bonds and security to be taken.

11th I desire that my Executor (hereinafter named) sell on a credit of six months (he taking bond and approved security in all cases when a credit is given) all my stock of horses, with the exception of my drag bank mare called Flora, all my stock of cattle except four milk cows & one bull, likewise all my stock of sheep and Hogs, except such Hogs as are fattened and intended for the general support of my family meaning such of my

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family as may continue to live together or shall be in School under the direction of my executor. I desire my executor to sell as aforesaid, all my Waggons (except my one horse wagon) carts Carriages and all my family utensils of every description, also all my household and kitchen furniture except what is hereafter mentioned. Also, all my stock of leather Tanning apparatus Bark Mill, Blacksmith tools and all other articles of my estate not otherwise directed to be applied.

12th I authorize my said executor to know what what may be on hand at my death ground up Barrelled and rolled to market before the sale reserving a sufficiency for the support of my family as aforesaid.

13th I authorize my executor at his discretion to compromise any suit or suits which may be against him or which he may bring against any one or more persons in the management of my estate my object being to save costs.

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and to have no more litigation than he may deem absolutely necessary in the management of my estate.

14th I authorize my executor to deposit all the money arising from from the sale of my lands and personal property (directed to be sold) in a safe Bank in North Carolina so that he have it forth coming at the division of my estate.

15th It is my desire that my executor send my youngest daughter Margaret Elizabeth to School until four years after my death and that the expenses of her education be paid out my estate.

16th I leave it discretionary with my said children