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In the Name of God Amen. I Abraham Ricks of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God I do this the 12th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1833 do make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: First pay all my just debts I lend to my beloved wife Rachel Ricks during her natural life all the land which I now possess and after the death of my said wife I give and bequeath to my two sons Exum and Isaac Ricks the said lands which I have heretofore lent to my said wife, to be held and enjoyed by them and their heirs forever to be equally divided by a north and south line and Isaac owns the land where he is located provided, said land otherwise to be held by my son Isaac Ricks and his heirs forever and the my son Isaac Ricks pay to my three grand children to wit Temperance Jackson and John and William Ricks one hundred dollars to be equally divided between them when properly due that is to say should not my son Exum apply in person. I also lend to my wife Rachel Ricks one bed and furniture also all my stock of every description also all my corn, fodder and baken and lard which I may die possessed of, also I lend to my said wife all the negroes which I possess as follows to wit ~~of~~ Cliff, Dilce, Portina, Rhodney and their increase during her natural life. Item: I give and bequeath to my two daughters namely Isabella and Drucilla Ricks and the lawful heirs of Nancy Vick formerly Nancy Ricks born of her own body, the aforesaid negroes which I have heretofore lent to my said wife namely Cliff, Dilce, Portina, and Rhody to be held by them and their heirs forever and to be equally divided and the negroes that Nancy Vick's heirs draw and their increase to be kept with the children of said Nancy Vick formerly Nancy Ricks. I also give and bequeath to my said two daughters Isabella and Drucilla Ricks one bed and furniture to each of them also one table and chest to each of them.

Item: My will and desire is that my wife Rachel Ricks shall have and enjoy her life time all the remainder part of my estate which I have heretofore given away. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Willie Ricks executor to this my last will and testament Revoking and ~~canceling~~ <sup>annulling</sup> all other wills made by me heretofore or any other persons for me in testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written. in presence of

Berryman Batchelor  
David Ricks

Abraham Ricks  
mark.

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and quarter sessions  
Nash County May term 1833

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Abraham Ricks

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was exhibited in open court for probate and the execution thereof proven by the oaths of Berryman Batchelor and David Ricks, the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest, Benj. H. Blount, C. C. C.

and is recorded.

Attest, Benj. H. Blount, C. C. C.

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In the name of God Amen. I David Sills of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory do this the twenty seventh (27) day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First. My will and desire is that all my Farms be carried on as they have been commenced for the present year; and all persons to continue on the same places, and pursue the same occupations as they are now pursuing, until the end of this year and other things belonging to the same regulated accordingly.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Sills all the negroes and their increase which I got by her that is to say; Bitha and her children (viz) Jim, Hickay, Minera, Dolphin, Viney, Tomkins and Tempy. And further I give to her all my right title and interest in the negroes and perishable estate, now in the possession of her Mother, which which was lent by her father, William Wilhite to her mother during her life and then to be sold, and the money arising from the sale thereof, to be equally divided between all the children of the said William Wilhite. I having purchased all the rights of the same except one (say Sally Pearce) formerly Sally Wilhite. The negroes I allude to are old Mary, Nancy, and her child Abram, Patty and her child Fanny, and all their future increase. Also I give to her- my said wife Elizabeth, one bed and furniture her choice, and four hundred dollars in cash, also all my stock of cattle and hogs and two mares which belongs and stays at the Wilhite plantation; also the yoke of oxen, cart and wheels which commonly stays at the Wilhite plantation, and all the tools and any other article which is there for the purpose of carrying on the farm. Also all the crop which is now planted or may be planted or will be made on the Wilhite plantation for the present year. If the crop should not be sufficient for my wives maintenance and her family, Then my executors shall deliver to her such articles for her maintenance as he shall think necessary for one year.

I loan to my beloved wife Elizabeth Sills during her life three negroes (ei). Jack, Tom and Harty, and after her death the said negroes (Jack, Tom and Harty) to be equally divided between my three youngest daughters, ei. Lucy, Virginia, Rebecca and Isadore, or such of them as shall be then living.