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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 appear 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, Fortina, 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, Fortina, 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~~ ^{annulling} 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 x 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.

Item. I also loan to my beloved wife Elizabeth Sills the land and plantation commonly called the Wilhite plantation during her life and after her death the same to be given to my daughter Lucy Sills, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sally J. Thomas the following named negroes, ei. Jim, Sainty, Julia, Turner, Young, Riley, Nick, Judith, Jacob, Eliza and Hannah. Also Dinah, and every other species of property now being and remaining on the land and plantation whereon she now lives (except the land and the negroes which are there, and not named in this Item) including the crop which has been or may be planted and the provisions on hand. And further I lend to my daughter Sally J. Thomas the land and plantation whereon she now lives commonly called the Jacob Bass place, until her son David Battle arrives to the age of twenty one years and after the said David shall arrive to twenty one years of age, my will and desire is that the said tract of land shall be equally divided between Susan Battle, David Battle and Angelina Battle or such of them as may then be living.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Gray Sills the land and plantation whereon I now live, beginning and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning in the tract which I purchased of Dr. Malone on the Raleigh and Halifax Road, running down said road near where Willis Webb formerly lived to the old fork of the road thence down the old road (which is now shut up) to the road leading to Nashville and thence down the Nashville road near Abram Hedgepaths to a corner post oak, thence by Hedgepaths line, Weldon Bruawells and others to Redbud Creek, thence up said creek to a White Oak Earls corner, thence by Earls line to a red oak corner near the lower Spring near Redbud Meeting House thence nearly west to the Meeting House or to the road leading of from the meeting house to a scrub willow oak, thence by a line of marked trees to the bounds of the Mill and Pond wherever my right extended and so off from Redbud Creek by Eben Helms, Archibald Pearces and others to the Malone tract of land to the beginning, the number of acres unknown.

Item. I give or loan to my beloved daughter Susan Mary Davis, during her natural life (and after her death the same to be equally divided between her children if any she should have, and if she should not have any children, then the follows land, to be equally divided between my daughters, Lucy, Virginia Rebecca and Isadore). My Rodgers tract of land and plantation with all my other lands adjoining this tract which is here named and bounds mentioned which joins Benjamin Wheelis, the estate of William Wheelis deceased my Wilhite land and my Malone land to the Raleigh and Halifax road thence down said Road by the land given to my son Gray Sills to a corner small Hickory in Hedgepaths line, thence by Hedgepaths line

to a corner stump of old red oak thence down the cart path by the side of the fence to the head of the lane, thence down the land to the run of the swamp at the Ford, thence down the said swamp and great ditch to the old Mill place called Gays old Mill, thence down said swamp run to the other prong of the Back swamp adjoining Benjamin Wheelis and so by his lines.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Virginia Rebecca Sills all my other lands adjoining the above described land by the great ditch &c. the Josiah Johnston tract, Kings and Dicksons tract a small piece of Gays tract, and a small piece which I purchased of James Harrison also another tract near the Cypress Creek in Franklin County called the Micajah Bridgers land adjoining the land of Allen Hines and others, said to contain three hundred and forty three acres, also one other tract called the David Turner tract adjoining the land of Henry Mitchel and others said to contain one hundred and fifty acres.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Isadore Sills my Malone tract of land lying on both sides of the Raleigh and Halifax road, also one other tract of land called the Underwood tract, adjoining the lands of James Harrison and others, said to contain one hundred and fifty acres, also one other tract of land lying in Franklin County called the Cynthia Bass tract said to contain one hundred and forty six acres adjoining the lands of Mrs. Josiah Thomas and others.

Item. My will and desire is that all my negroes that are not disposed of by this will either given or lent to my wife Elizabeth Sills and my daughter Sally J. Thomas shall be by commissioners allotted off in six ^{shares} equally divided, between my son Gray Sills, my daughters Susan Mary Davis, Lucy Sills, Virginia Rebecca Sills, Isadore Sills and one of the six shares to my grandchildren Susan Battle, David Battle and Angeline Battle to be equally divided between them as they marry or arrive to the age of twenty one years.

Furthermore, my will and desire is that all my perishable estate of every kind which is not already given away in and by this will shall be lawfully sold and after paying all my just debts and legacies and legal expenses, the balance with my monies and debts due me &c. shall be equally divided between my son Gray Sills, my daughters, Susan Mary Davis, Lucy Sills, Virginia Rebecca Sills, Isadore Sills and my grandchildren, Susan Battle, David Battle and Angeline Battle. The same to be divided into six shares, my children to draw one full share each, and my three grandchildren altogether to be entitled to one share as in the devision of negroes.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend W. W. Boddie Executor to this my last will and testatment revoking all others. ^{as} evidence whereof I