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In the Name of God Amen. I John Derring of the State of North Carolina and County of Nash, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make, and ordain this to be my last will and testament and revoking all others heretofore by me made.

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Margaret Dering during her natural life the following property viz: The plantation I now live on, together with the addition of fifty six acres of land to be taken from the Chambliss tract, commencing at the white oak my corner, Thomas M. Avent and others on the new road, thence along the said road south far enough to make the said fifty six acres by running east, so as to take in the field called the tobacco field, thence a straight line to mine and Henry Harrison's line, thence along our line to the first station, the white oak, and also I lend unto her the said Margaret Dering the following other property viz: One negro man Dick, one negro man Abraham, negro woman Priss, negro woman Rose and negro woman Pinny, and their increase during her life and farther I leave it with my executors to loan to her as much of my perishable estate as they may think she stands in need of during her life, and the balance of my perishable estate together with the following negroes, viz: negro woman Eliza, negro boy Jim, negro boy Tyron, and negro boy Ben, I want sold for the purpose of paying my just debts and should there be any thing left or any surplus after discharging all of my just debt my wish and desire is that it shall be given to my son in law Jno. D.P. Wilkinson, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Sophraina Dering and Mary Dering my Blount Plantation to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sophraonia Dering one negro girl Victoria and her increase, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Dering one negro girl Wincy and her increase, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son James Emelius Dering the balance of my Chambliss tract of land, after taking off the fifty six acres above mentioned also one negro man Abraham at the death of my wife, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Nicholas Dering one negro woman Susan and her increase to him and his heirs forever; and I also give and bequeath to him my said son Josiah Nicholas Dering all of the perishable property loaned my wife at her death the plantation I now live on as already specified, one negro man Dick, negro woman Priss, negro woman Rose and negro woman Pinny and their increase to him and his heirs forever; and farther my wish and desire is that my son Jno. Randolph Dering shall take the guardian ship of my said son Josiah Nicholas Dering and last of all I make and appoint my son John Randolph Dering, Nathaniel Harrison and Joshua Watson my executors to this my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of

December - A D 1846
signed, sealed and delivered in
the presence of
Thomas M. Avent
John Harrison

Jno. Dering (Seal)

state of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions

Nash County

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The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Dering deceased is offered from probate and duly proven in open court by the oaths of Thomas M. Avent and John Harrison the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Dozier of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being old and weak of body, but of sound disposing mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is ordained that all must die, do this fourth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six make and ordain this my last will and testament, in the following manner and form. Item 1st. I give and bequeath unto my son William Dozier all the land lying on the north side of the road say between the road and creek, one brandy still one cow and calf, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. 2. I give and bequeath unto my four children to wit Martha Susan Dozier, Benjamin A. Dozier, Charlotte T. Dozier, and Julius Dozier all the balance of my land lying on the south side of the road, all my negroes and all the residue of my property of every description to be equally divided between them after the payment of my just debts to them and their heirs forever. Just debts to them and their heirs forever, and I do hereby appoint, authorize and constitute my friend Jacob Ing. the sole executor of this my will ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written.

Witness

Thos Dozier (Seal)

Robt E. Dering

Kinchen C. Taylor.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county February term 1847

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thos Dozier, deceased is offered for probate and duly proven in open court by the oath of Robt E. Dering and Kinchen Taylor the two subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor C.C.C.