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In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Morris of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory do ordain and establish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others in manner and form following viz:

Imprimis; It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid as soon as possible.

Item: I lend to my wife Preston, the land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life, containing five hundred acres more or less: bounded on the north by James Hilliard, on the south by Demsey Morris on the east by Braswell, and on the west by Hardy Morris.

Item: I also lend to my wife Preston during her natural life my Berrell horse, two cows and calves one sow and pigs, a choice bed and furniture and such other household and kitchen furniture together with a suitable quantity of corn and provisions for a reasonable time as a maintenance, as my executors hereinafter named shall think proper, reference being had to all the circumstances of the case.

Item: I give and bequeath to six of my children (that is to say) Cleah Silvah, Bathsheba, Demsey, Betsey, and Hardy, to each the sum of one dollar, They being already provided for.

Item: All the rest and residue of my estate of whatever nature and kind I leave to be sold by my executors on a credit and the proceeds after the payment of debts equally divided between my three children Jesse, Allen and Asey Hill Morris.

Item: It is my will and devise also, that after the death of my said wife Preston, that the land and plantation together with all the other articles of property with its increase which is hereby lent only for the term of life, should be sold by my executor also on a credit and the nett amount equally divided between my said three children Jesse, Allen and Asey Hill Morris, to them and their heirs forever. and lastly. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend John H. Drake and my son Jesse Morris my executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set and affixed my hand and seal this 13th day of February 1806.

Signed, sealed and in the presence of
Rhoda K. Vaughan
mark.
George Boddie
David Melton.

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Thomas Morris (Seal)

November court, 1807

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of George Boddie a subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest. Wm Hall, C.C.

and is registered in obedience to the above order.

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In the Name of God Amen the second day of December. Thomas Sutton of Nash County and being in a low state of health and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to god for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of god that gave it and for my body recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the might, power of god and touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased god to bless me in this life.

I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say in the first place after all my lawful debts are paid then in the next place I give and bequeath to Catherine my dearly beloved wife my whole estate that shall remain and all the tenements whilst she remains single but if she should marry then she should draw a child's part also &

give my lands to my two sons not for it to be sold by either wonof them ~~the estate over see Lemuel I give to my son John~~ ~~the house to my son James and the orchard around the house to my son~~ Lemwell Sutton and the houses ~~also~~ and if my son John should come back to dwell for him to have the benefit of all the orchards over the branch in the upper low grounds if not all over the branch to my son Vinson that John shall not have the power to sell the same or trade it way but let Charlotte ~~draw~~ draw one barrel of Cyder from each brother and three gallons of brandy ~~from~~ each brother if the orchard should hit and further more I leave the said Charlotte ~~Landman~~ one heifer by the name of Rose and the increase to her children and if she should dye the hole of the stock that came raised to be put out open stock until they shall come of age and also I leave my mill to Charlotte ~~Landman~~ to raise her children upon but if she should marry her husband should not have any concern with her but Vinson to have to do with her all so for Vinson Sutton and Lemuel Sutton to have their grain ground toll free so long as she should stand and when she shall want repairing if Vinson Sutton and Lemuel Sutton to repair her and then to draw have of the profits of the mill and the other half to Owen ~~Landman~~ also I leave to my daughter Catherine Sutton five head of sheep and her equal part of all the stock. The sheep is with her ~~Uella~~ George Sutton and the rest of the flock to be divided between Vinson Marget and Lemuel and my cattle and hogs to be equally divided ~~between~~ all my children above named, my joiner tools to Lemwell Sutton that is if he should be learnt the trade if not let them both build a shop for the said tools and keep them altogether if there should be any dispute between them let them choose two of judgment and divide them my chop saw to them both my carpenters tools to Vinson the Vessels to hold