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In the name of God Amen. I James
Moore of the County of New Hanover, in the State
of North Carolina, being now of sound mind and
disposing memory and understanding, and in good
health, but knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty
of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle and arrange
my estate whilst I have strength and capacity to do so,
do publish and declare this paper, writing as my last
will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void
any and all former Wills by me at any time heretofore
made.

I give and devise to my wife Ann Moore to be
held and enjoyed by her, during the term of her natural
life, the tract of land called Springhill containing about
five hundred acres, being the same on which I now reside.
Also a tract of land adjoining the before mentioned tract
on the East, which I purchased from William Moore and
containing about One hundred acres. Also a tract of land
known as the Green Swamp, and adjoining the lands of William
Woodcock and containing one hundred and thirty seven acres.
Also two hundred and fifty acres of land to be laid off in a
convenient form on the eastern side of my piece of land
known as the Black Swamp.

I give and bequeath to my said wife Ann Moore
for and during her life the following negro slaves, viz,
Ben, George, Lewis, Peg, Betty and her five children and
such other children which the said Betty may bear prior
to my death, Lucretia and Dice. Also all my stock
of every nature, kind and description, including my
horses, hogs, cattle and poultry, together with my house-
hold and kitchen furniture of all kinds, and my plantation
tools, implements and appurtenances of every kind and
description.

After the determination of the life estate herein
before devised to my wife in the before mentioned tracts
and parcels of land, I devise the same and every part and
parcel thereof to my son John Frederick, in fee simple.

I give and devise all the rest and residue of my
lands, wherever the same may be situated, unto my
children, Joel, Eliza, Ellen and William as tenants in common.
In the event of the death of either of my five youngest children
to whom I have made the foregoing devises of my lands, without
leaving issue, it is my will that the land herein devised, or which
may be appropriated upon a division of my estate to such child
so dying, shall be divided equally among such of my five youngest

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children aforesaid as many as then living, and the real representations of such of them as may have died leaving children, viz, Joel, Eliza, Ellen, William and John Frederick, after the death of my wife Ann, all the personal property of every nature and kind, which I have herein bequeathed to my said wife for life, together with the increase of the negro slaves (if any) named in said bequest.

I give and bequeath to my son John Frederick, the sum of one thousand dollars, to be expended by his guardians in maturing his education, but should I live until my said son John shall have completed his education or until he shall have attained the age of eighteen years, this legacy is not to be paid, but is to be considered as a part of the residue of my estate.

I have given to my daughter Mary Jane, wife of John Pridgen, a negro girl named Harriet, and to my daughter, Zilpha wife of Frank Pridgen a negro named Becky, and I hereby confirm said gifts, and I hereby discharge the said John Pridgen from the payment of his note for one hundred and sixty dollars, which I now hold, and I release and discharge the aforesaid Frank Pridgen from the payment of one hundred and fifty dollars, which has been advanced to him by my son Joel as my agent, on the purchase of a negro boy who has not been delivered.

I hereby confirm the gifts or advancements which I have heretofore at any time made to my sons, Alfred, James P, and George respectively.

All the rest and residue of my property of every nature, kind and description, including all my negro slaves not herein bequeathed, money and debts due me, I give and bequeath unto my children, Alfred P, James P, George, Joel, Eliza, Ellen, William and John Frederick, to be divided among them equally, share and share alike; and in the event of the death of any of my children named in this clause if my wife dying without issue and intestate, the share of the child so dying shall be distributed equally among my surviving children who are named in this clause of my will, and the children of such of my said children as may then be dead, they taking per stirpes and not per capita, and in making the division of the residue of my estate as aforesaid, the shares which I have heretofore advanced to my three eldest sons, are to be estimated according to the principles which apply upon the division of the estate of persons dying intestate.

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife

sons James P. Moore and Joel L. Moore Executors of this my last
will and Testament, and Guardians of my son John Frederick

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
name this the 15th day of November, A.D. 1848,

Signed & published by the said
James Moore as and for his last
will & Testament in our presence,
who at his request and in his
presence, have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto

James Moore

Edw. H. Brown
Wm. A. Wright

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter, Superior
County of New Hanover } June Term 1848.

The foregoing paper, writing was exhibited in
open Court by James P. Moore and Joel L. Moore as the last will
and Testament of James Moore deceased, and was duly proved
as such, by the testimony of the subscribing witnesses James H.
Brown and William A. Wright, and it is thereupon considered
by the Court, that said paper writing is admitted to probate as
the last will and Testament of said James Moore, and be second
and filed as such, whereupon the aforesaid James P. Moore and
Joel L. Moore the Executors named in said last will and Testa-
ment of said James Moore, were duly qualified as Executors
aforesaid.

Teste

L. H. Marsteller, Clk.