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 Signed, sealed and delivered
 in presence of us
 Bishop Dudley,
 Obediah Alexander,
 James Downing

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 David A. Alexander, Secy
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At New Hanover, July Court 1775

The within will was exhibited to the court, and proved on the oath of Obediah Alexander, a subscribing witness thereto, who swore he saw the Testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be contain his last will and Testament, and that at the time thereof, he appeared to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that Bishop Dudley, and James Downing signed with him as concurring evidence to the same. At the same time, Sarah Alexander, James Howard, James Middleton, and John Nichols qualified as Executors and Executors thereto agreeable to law. Ordered letters testamentary issued accordingly.

John London. C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I John Annum of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but uncertain of the term of life in this transitory world, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking every writing from me purporting to that purpose. My soul I recommend to the mercy of the great Creative Cause, and hope for salvation through the merits of our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ. My body I could wish to be decently interred, but without superfluous ostentation.

What worldly effects it may have pleased God to give me on this stage of life, I give and bequeath as follows.

It is my request that all my just debts be first paid from outstanding debts due me, and in case of failure of the recovery of said debts due to me, so that my Executors and Executors hereinafter named are rendered unable to discharge my debts as above expressed, in such case it is my will and request that my Executors and Executors make sale of the following tracts of land, viz, One tract containing six hundred and forty acres in Mecklenburg County on Indian Creek, near and above Francis Beath's land, beginning at a white oak, &c. as also three hundred acres in said county on the shady branches of Clerk's Creek, joining Hugh McNeill's two lines. As also two

four and a fifty acres of land in Anson County (now supposed to be in Forgon County) on the South fork of the Catawba river, near Col Alexr Mc Bulloch's land, above William Henries, the inclosed abstract will more fully explain the above lands. In case the above sales should be deficient to discharge my debts, I hereby empower my Executor and Executors to make sale of my square acre of land on the Island opposite Wilmington, well known, and in case of failure of them from the amount of the sales to discharge my debts, in such case it is my Will that my Executor and Executors make sale of my lot in Wilmington with the land purchased by the late Alexr Duncan Esq of Henry Toomer on which there is a Warehouse known by the name of Cross Creek Warehouse, be sold, that justice may be done to my creditors. And for the sale of the above lands and lots and for effecting proper titles for the same, or such as the purchaser, or purchasers learned council in the law may think proper to have effected, and such titles signed by Executor and Executors so executed, shall be valid against any of my heirs forever,

All the rest of my real and personal estate I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary, and to her issue begot by me, to be equally divided, except three negro girls which I leave to my God daughter, Mary Annum Hasell, said girls to be chose by Mrs Sus^a Hasell. Although I have made and error in expressing as above, I leave and bequeath to Mr Francis Price my piece of land on the Island opposite Wilmington adjoining Beach Hill, and I hereby invest him with the sole property thereof,

And to have this my Will executed, I beg leave of the following gentlemen, to act as my Executors to aid and assist my beloved wife as Executor to this my last Will and Testament. I do therefore appoint my beloved wife Mary Annum Executor, Parker Duince, William Hooper, and Francis Price Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 2^d August 1777.

signed published & declared
by John Annum, that the
writing above expressed contains
his last Will and Testament
Norman Garrison blevers
Walter Ross
John Rogers

John Annum (seal)

New Hanover County
October Term 1779

The within last Will and Testament of the late John Annum esquire, was exhibited in Court and proved by

the oaths of John Rogers a subscribing witness thereto, who swore that he saw the said John Ashburn sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain his last Will and Testament, and that he believes the Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time he signed the said Will also that Norman Harrison Chevers and Walter Ross signed at the same time as concurring evidence thereto.

This: Maclaine. Ck.

I Dennis Ashburn find myself weak, in body but of perfect memory and understanding.

In the first place I commit my soul to God that gave it, and my body to the grave to be decently buried as my Executors shall think fit.

I then. I give and bequeath unto my son William Ashburn, three negroes, known by these names, Pat, Jack, and Sharpey; and one smooth bore gun, and one Cross saw and Hand saw; and the land where I now live after the decease of his mother.

I then. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Amitta Ashburn one negro girl called Terreba.

I then. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mercum Ashburn one negro girl called Nancy.

I then. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth Ashburn one negro girl called Chelce.

I then. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Sarah Ashburn one negro girl called Kelly.

Lastly, of all. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Ashburn, Simon and Dice, and their increase, during her natural life, and then their increase to be divided equally, divided amongst my four daughters: after the decease of my wife I leave Simon and Dice to my son William Ashburn.

Further, I do will and constitute my well beloved wife Mary Ashburn and my son William Ashburn Executor of this my last Will and Testament this 29th day of March 1783.

Dennis Ashburn
signed in presence of
Alexr Strahant
Daniel D Cook
Sarah ^{her} Howard
Marsh