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I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son Armand
John DeRopot, my nephew John D. Toms and my friend
John Horster, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony of all I the said Armand John DeRopot, have
hereunto subscribed my name this the thirteenth day of
February, A.D. 1852. and in the eighty fifth year of my age

Signed, published and declared
by the said Armand J. DeRopot
to and for his last Will and
Testament, in our presence who at
his request have subscribed our
names as witnesses hereto.

Henry R. Savage
Jm. A. Wright

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter
County of New Hanover, Sepint - June Term, 1859.-

The within paper writing was exhibited in open
Court and pronounced for probate as the last Will and Tes-
tament of Armand J. DeRopot, by his son Armand J.
DeRopot, one of the Executors named therein; whereupon
Henry R. Savage and William A. Wright the subscribing
to said paper writing being duly sworn proved the due ex-
ecution of the same by the testator Armand J. DeRopot, Senr.
as and for his last Will and Testament; and it is thereupon
considered by the Court that said paper writing is the
last Will and Testament of said Armand J. DeRopot, Senr.
and that the same be admitted to probate as such and
filed and recorded as required by law. Whereupon Ar-
mand J. DeRopot, Junr. son of said testator duly qualified
as one of the executors of said last Will and Testament
and it is ordered that letters testamentary issue to him as
such.

Test.

Saml. R. Bunting, Clk.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Rachel James, being
sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind, mem-
ory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and
the uncertainty thereof. To the end that I may be the better
prepared to leave this world, when it may please my God
to call me hence have now determined to direct what dis-
position shall be made of my property after my decease. And
after maturely considering the circumstances and condition
of all those among whom as my heirs at law, or the objects of my
gratitude or affection, in my judgment now my Estate should
be distributed. I do make publish and declare this to be my

last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all former wills and testaments and writings, in the nature of last wills and testaments by me heretofore made:

First that my Executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to wishes of my relation and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and whomever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. And as to residue of my Estate and property which God has blessed me, and which shall not be required for the payment of my debts, funeral charges and the expenses in and about the execution of this my will; and the Administration of my Estate, I give, devise and dispose thereof as follows, to wit: I give and bequeath to my friend John Shepard, grand-son of my brother, John Shepard, Seven Negro Slaves, viz. Henry, George, Charles, Mary, Simon, Peter and Tom, as a token of gratitude to him for the many valuable services which he has rendered to me and my family at various times to take into possession immediately after my decease to have and to hold the said Slaves to him, his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever.

I give and bequeath to my dear Sister Martha Eagles one Bed and Bed-Stead and its neypany furniture as an extra advancement from my other heirs at law, together with one Stand of Curtaining, first choice of all my Beds.

I give and bequeath to my dear Sister Susan Williams the sum of two hundred dollars, as a fixed salary to remain in the hands of my Executor to be paid to her in the following order, viz. Fifty dollars within six months after my decease and fifty dollars on the first day of every succeeding January until the debt be discharged, to have and to hold the same to her, her heirs and assigns, to her and their use and behoof forever. I do also repeat the bequeath to my Sister Susan Williams, I give and bequeath to her one Bed and its neypany furniture, together with one Stand of Curtains, second choice of all my Beds, to have and to hold to her, her heirs and assigns, to their use and behoof forever.

I repeat the bequeath to my friend John Shepard I give and bequeath to him one Bed, Bed-Stead and neypany furniture, third choice of all my Beds, to have and to hold to him his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever.

It is my will and desire that all the rest and residue of my Estate, real, personal, and mixed, not herein will away of which I shall be seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled to at the time of my decease, be sold by my Executor hereinafter named, and the proceeds distributed among my relation that are heirs at law in my Estate, and agreeable to the distribution laws of the State of North Carolina, according

to their grades in relationship. I do nominate and appoint my trusty friend John Shepard, to be my sole Executor of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July 1846.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Rachel James to be her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at her request and in her present, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Test John P. Sannerman

Saml. Payer

Rachel ^{husb} James (seal)
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State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, June Term 1859

The within was exhibited in open Court, and propounded for probate as the last Will & Testament of Rachel James by John Shepard the executor named therein. Whereupon John P. Sannerman & Samuel Payer, the subscribing witnesses to said being duly sworn, proved the due execution of the same by the testator Rachel James, as and for her last Will & Testament, and it is thereupon considered, by the Court, that the said paper writing, is the last Will & Testament of said Rachel James, and the same be admitted to probate as such, and filed and registered as required by law. Whereupon John Shepard, the executor therein named, appeared in open Court and was duly qualified, according to law. And it is ordered that letters testamentary issue to him.

Test.

Saml. A. Sunting, Clerk

In the name of God, Amen: I, James Simpson, Planter of the County of New Hanover in the State of North Carolina, advanced in years and of feeble strength, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament

First - I give, devise and bequeath, unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Ann, during her life the tract of land wherein I now live, containing by estimation four hundred acres more or less, with the privilege of making trespasses off of the eighty eight acres survey lying between Mrs. Shan & Ezekiah Sannerman's lands, my household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, stock of all kinds, and the crop and provision on hand at my death, also a tract of land, bought of William Davis Knight, and the interest in the same, and their