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In the name of God Amen. This is my last will and Testament -

I give, devise and bequeath, to my dear wife Martha Sturges, all my plate, jewels, watches, rings, seals, trinkets, household furniture, linen, china, carriages, horses, and implements of husbandry. I give her all the money that may be in the house at the time of my death, together with sixteen hundred Spanish milled silver dollars. I also give her the use of my houses, and plantations and gardens, both in Orange and New Hanover Counties, for her life. I likewise give her the use of the following negroes, for the term of her life, Gabe, Toney, Mamel, Bobb, the two Sillas, Sunny, Sue, Phoebe, Peg, Floia and Sapho, with full power to set free or exempt from work, and assign them a subsistence upon the plantation, Field, Silla, Sapho and Bobb, after her death, to the end of their lives. I will and order, the rest of the negroes be employed in country and plantation work, under the direction of my wife, and that the produce of their labour, together with the profits of the mill be divided between my wife and my son in the following proportions, that is to say, two thirds to my wife during her life, and one third to third, to my son William Francis Sturges. The purchased money of any land that may be sold to be divided in like manner.

I give and bequeath to my good friend Mrs. Margery Bouget, widow of Stephen Bouget esq., lately living at Hullham in England, my houses and land in the City of London or liberties thereof, in trust, to be sold when Mrs. Baughmans annuity shall drop in, and the money arising from such sale to be applied as follows, Twenty pounds to be laid out by her, in some memorial of us, such as she shall choose. One hundred pounds to Mrs. Ann Jones, whose maiden name, was Ainsworth, sometime of Craythorn in Yorkshire in the Kingdom of Great Britain, if she should be living when the event of Mrs. Baughmans death shall happen; and the remainder, to my wife and son in equal proportions.

I give to Mrs. Margaret Jones now living with me, sixty Spanish milled dollars a year, during her natural life; and twenty pounds a year sterling to Mrs. Ann Jones above mentioned.

I will and bequeath to my son William Francis Sturges, all that is not above given away, and all the rest, residue, reversion and remainder, of my estate real and personal to him and his heirs forever. But in case it should unfortunately happen that he should depart this life before his mother, in that event, I give, devise and bequeath my whole estate real and personal to my wife (unless my son should leave a legitimate child or children behind him, who I mean should then succeed to what would have descended to his father, had he survived my wife) to be disposed of by her in whatever manner she shall think proper.

I appoint my wife Martha Sturdivant, my sole Executrix; and hereby revoke, annul and make void all former Wills and Codicils by me at any time heretofore made.

I desire I may be interred in my own clothes, and in as plain and private a manner, as possible. Dated the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Signed, sealed, acknowledged and declared by the testator to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of the subscribers who in his presence and the presence of each other, have set their names as witnesses hereto.

Samuel Sturdivant, (Seal)

Gavin Alves
Aubrey Jocelin
Will Hall

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Sturdivant, deceased was proved in Court, at November Term 1794 by the oaths of Gavin Alves, and Aubrey Jocelin subscribing witnesses thereto, at the same time Martha Sturdivant, therein named qualified as Executrix agreeable to law.

Gen: Lybbs. D. Cky

State of North Carolina

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Joshua Sutton of the County of New Hanover and State aforesaid, being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God; 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 Almighty God that gave it; and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent christian like manner, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again in the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, and form.

First. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Sutton, one tract of land containing three hundred acres, lying on the west side of the White Oak Swamp on Moores Creek, Stead. I give to my son Anthony Sutton, two hundred acres