Seal the Day and Year first above Written —

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced in Presence of } Walter his mark Hedford (Seal)

Abigal Bracken

John Baker

Orange County
Nov. Court 1787 }

The Execution of this Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oath of John Baker a Subscribing Evidence thereto and was Ordered to be Recorded —

Test Francis Nash Clk

In the name of God amen the Twentieth Day of July One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Seven I William Backer of the County of Orange in the Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God for it — Therefore 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 I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my Body I recommend 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 mighty Power of God and as touching such — Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give Demise and Bequeath of the — Same in the following manner and form first all that

all my Lawful Debts and Funeral Charges be paid. —

Imprimis. Item I give and Bequeath unto my Dearly and well beloved wife Ruth Backer all my lands goods and Chattles during her widowhood to raise my Children on and after her Marriage for my Personal Estate to be sold and the money equally Divided amongst my three Daughters Mary Elizabeth and Ruth as they Marry or arrive to the Age of twenty one Years. —

and my Lands I give and Bequeath to my sons Thomas and Williams to be Divided between them as follows. for Thomas that part of my land that lye on the north side of my spring branch with the Plantation and for William that part that on the south side of the Spring branch the Dividing line between them is such to run a South line from the Spring to my south Corner on the Creek and along my spring branch to the River and I hereby Constitute and appoint my trusty & Beloved Friends William White and John Backer Executors of this my last will and Testament Revoking and Annulling all other Wills Testaments Bequeathments by me anyways heretofore made — Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal the Day and Year above mentioned

Signed Sealed Pronounced Declared and Delivered by the said William Backer as his last will and Testament in Presence of us the Subscribing Witnesses } William Backer (Seal)

William Baird

Jane her mark Pool

Deanah his mark Hollingsworth } Orange County Nov. Court 1787 } &c. —

The Execution of the within Will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of William Baird & Ordered to be recorded

Test Francis Nash Clk