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In the Name of God Amen. I James McGowan in
the County of Orange and Province of North Carolina being Weak in
Body but in my full senses and Memory this 24th day of November
last the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Ordained 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 unto the Hands of the Almighty God that gave and my Body
Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner
at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the Gen^l
Recommendation I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power
of God and as touching of such worldly Estate (whereunto I have had)
I leave God to bless me with in this life I give and devise
and dispose of the same in the following Manner and Manner
That is to say first of all I give and bequeath to my well beloved
Wife my Bed and all my Household Furniture my bed Room
and two beds two boxes and trunks and my dwelling house
during her life and her Maintenance of the Plantation during
her life and at her Decease I give and bequeath my Plantation
and Land that I now Possess being two Hundred Acres to my
son William and the Wife of his Body and the remainder of my
Estate to wit my House and Goods I allow to be equally Divided
in Two Equal Parts to my Two Children James, Mary, Susannah
Harris, and William Each of them to have alike that I do make
and Ordain to be my last Will and Testament Nothing and
Disannulling and making Void all other Wills a Will made before
this and I do make and Ordain James Harris to be my Executor and the
Executor of this my Last Will and Testament (to see it executed
according to the true intent thereof in Writings whereof I have
signed at my hand and seal this 24th day of November in
the year of our Lord God 1769 } James I McGowan
Signed Sealed and Delivered } in Presence of us
Robert Melrose Jur.

Orange County
April Court 1770

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The within Will was Exhibited in
Open Court and Read by the Clerk Robert Melrose one of the
Subscribing Ministers thereof and Ordered to be Recorded

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J. Nash

In the Name of God Amen I John Lacey of Orange County
in the Province of North Carolina being Weak in Body but of sound
Memory Blessed be God do this Nineteenth Day of August in the
Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy two
make and Publish this my Last will & Testament in manner following
First my Soul I Recommend to God who gave it and my Body to be
Buried in a decent Christian like manner according to the Discretion
of my Executors and as touching what worldly Estate it has
Blessed the Lord to bestow upon me it is my will that it be Disposed
of as follows and last it is my will that all Just Debts and
Demands Against me be answered and fully satisfied it is my
will that a certain Plot or Tract of Land Situate on the Waters of Lake
being the last of the Tract which I conveyed by Deed to Daughter
Mary and her husband Mordcai Moss be sold to raise Money to
Pay my Daughter as follows I give & bequeath to my Daughter
Margaret forty Pounds to be paid when the money can be raised
with Out Damage to the Estate also I bequeath to my Daughter
and son Lewis and Call also a Bed and bed Cloths and a Loom and
Sewing and a Spinning wheel and to my Daughter Sarah
I give and bequeath forty Pounds to be paid at such time as is
Mentioned above for the payment of my Daughter Margarets
Portion also a soft Case of the same I bequeathed to my Daughter
Margaret as above also a side saddle and one Cow and calf
also a bed & bed Cloths and a spinning wheel also I give and

Bequeath to my Beloved wife many a Horse to be valued to
a bout Twelve Pounds and his saddle also Two Cow Calves
also it is my will that my said wife beloved a suitable household
maintainance on the said Tract of Land from time on whilst
it is in the Possession of my sons Thomas & William and if
they or either of them (desire of either of them Part of the said
Tract of Land it is my will that my said wife be Allowed
Fifty Pounds to be Paid one half by my son Thomas the other
half by my son William in Equal Portions as they Receive
the Consideration Money for the said Land also I Give & Bequeath
to my said wife her Bed & Bed Clothes & Spinning wheel also
I Give & Bequeath to my son Thomas the One half of the
Tract of Land from time on said Tract being divided in Equal
Parts by a Stake line from East to West my said son Thomas
shall Possess the North End to him & his heirs & assigns for ever
and to my son William I Give and Bequeath the South End of
the said Tract of Land to be divided as above to him and his
heirs and assigns for ever also I Give & Bequeath to my
Daughter Mary more five shillings to my Daughter Elizabeth
Twenty shillings and Bequeath her shillings (as to the Rest)
of my Personal Estate which has not yet been Disposed of
it is my will that it shall that it be Impartially Valued the
One third Part be allowed to my wife Mary One third Part
to my son Thomas and the other third Part to my son William
and I make & ordain my wife Mary and my son Thomas my
Executors of this my will in Trust for the Intent and purpose
in this my will contained In witness whereof I the said John
have to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal the Day
and Year above written

I signed sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of us
John Sumner
John Sumner
Wm. Carter

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Seal & Lachie Seal
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Orange County

The within will was Exhibited in
Open Court and Received by the Court of John Sumner one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto & Ordered
to be registered

Test J. Nash C. C.

In the Name of God Amen the 1st of May 1769
I John Miles of Orange County in the Province of North Carolina
being in Low State of health and weak in body but of Perfect mind
and memory make be to God these few falling to mind and
the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will
& Testament that is to say principally and first of all I Give &
Recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God that I gave
it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in
Decent Christian Burial 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 where with it hath Pleased God to bless me with in this
Life I Give devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner
and form— I Promise I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved
wife Mary Miles my Plantation and all the Furnishings there unto
belonging to gether with all my House hold Goods and Stock
during her life or widowhood I then I Give and bequeath unto
my Youngest Son William Miles after the Decease or marriage of
his mother my Plantation including all the lands parcelled—
below the Crooked Line Branch and also all my Land above the
said Branch I Give and Bequeath unto my son Charles Miles
and my son Thomas Miles to be Equally Divided Between them to be for
ever Entailed on them and their heirs I then I Give and