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On the name of God Amens I Samuel Craig
of the County of Orange an d State of North Carolina aforesaid
and freely born this Eighteenth day of September in the year
of our Lord Christ 1790. Now being of perfect mind and
memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for all
men once to die as in the presence of God and before
their witnesses declare this to be my last Will and
Testament in manner and form following First
that is to say I give up my soul to that great Judge
the Lord of Heaven and Earth who gave it Secondly
my body to be decently buried in a Christian and
Decent manner, and afterwards all my last debts
the paid and then my whole Estate both real
and personal to be distributed and given in manner
and form following that is to say first I give and
bequeath to my Dear and well beloved wife
Mary my Gray Mare Saddle and bridle also four
head of Cattle of her own choosing out of my stock
together with their Calves also one bed and furniture
of her own choosing further I order and desire
that my said Wife shall have her living & support
off of my said Lands as long as she continues a
widow. and if she should continue so to have it during
her natural life decently I will and bequeath
unto my son William Craig on Stithkin Cott
and a half together with two Cows & calves of
the second Chasing out of my stock & further I will
and bequeath unto my son William

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the South half of all my Lands that I now have
to be his right and property forever Granting to my
said wife that reasonable support which I before
mentioned whilte containing a widow
Thirdly I Will and bequeath unto my son David the
North half of my said Lands to be his right and property
forever Granting to my said wife that support which
before mentioned and further I order and desire that
if any of my last mentioned Sons William or David
should die before they arrives to twenty one Years of Age
then and in that case my son Samuel should enjoy
and posses that part of Land which my said Son
was to have if living should he have lived so further
I order and desire that my said son Samuel in case he
should not enjoy any part of the said Lands upon
shall have and Recive the sum of One hundred & fifty
pounds paid him by my Executors out of the movable
property of my Estate in place of the Lands aforesaid
and that to be his right and property always Fifthly
I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha one
Young Mare one Year old named there also the head
of Cattle which she always claimed him to be her right
and property alwaye Sixthly I order and desire that my
Executor reserve and keep on the said plantation for the
use and benefit of my wife & Children my Waggon
with all the Gears thereto belonging also all my
plantation tools of every sort that may be of use
to them in attending the same also for day cattle
to be kept for the use and benefit of my said family

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I now hope to the worth of two Negroes on said Plantation in raising Bread for the support of my family as long as my Creditors shall think it necessary Seventy I and do and desire that all the remaining part of my Estate that I have not apayed away shall be equally divided amongst part of David the my Children together with my Wife Louisa Martha, Margaret and property Elizabeth, Jenny, Isabel and my Wife all to have an equal part and to be their rights and property always during the life in order to put this my last Will and Testament in full force and to answer its Intent I hereby nominate Years old constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved friends Mary Craig my Wife and George Johnston to act and serve me as my Executors and transact in every thing as I do further here set forth as I myself would or could do was yet upon the Land of the living — In witness whereof we hereunto set my hand and Seal the Year and Day first above written Saml Craig Seal
Witnes Present
William McCaulley, and
John Craig, Subl
Matthew McCaulley

State of North Carolina } February Term 1774
Orange County }

The Execution of the above Will was duly proved in Open Court by the oaths of William McCaulley & John Craig two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded

I. Benton Esq