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In the Name of God Amen

I Stephen Moore of Person County in the State of N. Carolina being in health of body & of disposing mind & memory do make this my last Will & Testament — That I do give & devise the my loving Wife Puzey Moore, do hold & remain in possession of my homestead Plantations, with all the buildings & improvements thereon, together with as much land contiguous & convenient as to make up one full third part of my real Estate & also one third part of my Personal Estate, agreeable to the Laws of the State of N. Carolina; in such behalf made & provided — My Executors are to raise from such part of my Estate as is not otherwise disposed of as much as may be necessary to pay my Just & lawful debts, & to pay the same with all convenient speed — My Wife Puzey Moore is requested to take upon herself the burden & charge of the Guardianship & tuition of our Children during their nonage unless any or either of them (having a lawful right thereto) may otherwise choose in their own behalf

Our other Children having had their nurture & education without charge having been made against them personally; it is my Will that a reasonable & equitable proportion of my Estate (before a division) be set apart & appropriated to the nurture & tuition of my younger Children, the care & tuition of whom is hereby most earnestly recommended to the strict attention of my Executors — And excepting my household & kitchen furniture & wearing apparel I do order & direct that the rest & residue of my Estate, real & personal, be appointed & divided or made up, at the discretion of my Executors & fair & equal division be made of the same, or of the Value or proceeds thereof between my sister Ann Moore, & my Children (to wit) Robert Moore, Philip Moore, Francis Perkins or his lawful representatives, Ann Moore, Mary Moore

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Potter Moore, Samuel Moore, & Henry Moore, & the children or children that may hereafter be born from our wedlock, or the survivors or survivors of them, in equal shares; any or either of such shares are never to be paid, but at the discretion or other adjustment, equal to the value of any debt, valuation of real property by any of them possessed of from me, or balance that may appear, that is due either to or from them by my books of account, or otherwise. It being always my express Will & desire, that my sister Ann Moore & all my Children should jointly & equally share & divide the full value of two thirds of all my real Estate, real & personal, to them or the survivors of them, their heirs & assigns forever — And after the death of my said Wife Puzey Moore the other third part thereof to be equally divided between all my other legitimate heirs before particularly named & mentioned, or the survivors of them, or their lawful representatives —

The Plantations now in the respective possession of my sons Robert Moore & Philip Moore, are hereby confirmed to them as a part of their respective legacies, together with as much land contiguous & convenient to their respective settlements (proceeds being always to be had) that the boundaries & lines be as fixed, as not to do, or unreasonable injury to other divisions to be made) as shall be fixed by indifferent Judges acting to each of them, their equitable & proportionate value of Estate to be divided among my aforesaid legatees —

The Plantation, which now is & is to remain in possession of my Brother Charles Moore, for & during his natural life, is to be considered as an settlement for my youngest surviving child & the land to be bounded & extended agreeable to the directions herein to be observed as to the settlements made by my sons Robert & Philip —

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The Value of improvements is not to be set in the estimation of the value of the land, but damages if any, is to be taken into a reasonable estimation; this is directed in consideration of the uncertainty of the time when it may revert to their use; my Mother having a life lease of some acres with this Mill.

Again, I do constitute & appoint to execute this my Will, my Nephews George Moore Esquire, & my sons Robert & Philip Moore Esquires. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal at Mount Fernald this Twenty seventh day of September in the Year of our Lord in thousand seven hundred & ninety seven. This being my Will written on two sides of Paper in my own proper hand writing, without Coverture, Intimidation or Undue Influence.

Stephen Moore

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This Will being exhibited in Open Court & the same reading of Stephen Moore Esq. being Read by the Court of Superior Judges & Colonels Moore & the same was ordered to be entered on Record.

John Dickinson

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This Indenture made this 12th day of March in the Year of our Lord 1800. Between John Smith Esq. in behalf of the Trustees of the County of Prince & George in Office of the one part & William Brooke of the other part, Witnesseth that, the said John Smith agreeable to an order of the said County Court, made the day & date above written doth here & bind unto the said Mr. Brooke an orphan of age of fifteen years, known by the name of a child that is now after the manner of an Apprentice & servant until he shall attain to the age of twenty one years, during which time his said Master faithfully, shall serve the lawful Commands every where Gladly, obey he shall not at any time absent himself from his said Masters service without leave, but in all things as a good & faithful servant shall behave towards his said master & the said Mr. Brooke doth covenant promise & agree to & with the said John Smith Esq. that he will teach & instruct or cause to be taught & instructed the said John Brooke according to Law, to read write & also the art & Mystery of a Plaster & that he will constantly feed & provide for the said Apprentice during the Term aforesaid, sufficient diet, washing lodging & apparel fitting for an Apprentice & servant, & also all other things necessary both in sickness & in health. In Witness whereof the Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their hand & affixed their seals the day & date above written, Signed sealed & Delivered in presence of — Samuel Smith Esq. & John Brooke Esq.

The Quarters of this Indenture now duly Recorded in Open Court & ordered to be Recorded.