December Court 1792

Be it known to all Persons to whom it may concern that I Isaac Ethan of Orange County and State of North Carolina for and in consideration of the Love and good Will & Affection which I have and do bear unto my Loving Daughter Mary, have given and granted and by these Presents with freely give and grant unto her the said Mary Young Person Negro Mary of the state aforesaid to be held to the other, her heirs to Issue of Her the said Mary forever also I do freely give and grant unto her the said Mary my bed feather bed & furniture that I now have by me with one Chest and a Gray mare to her and her heirs forever

Item I also do freely give unto my Loving daughter Mary the above mentioned Property of above description & state, also one feather bed & furniture with one Chest to her and her heirs forever

Item I do freely give and grant unto my Loving daughter Anna my Plantation whereon I now live with all the Land thereunto belonging Bounded as follows to wit beginning at a Green Pine in Mary's line thence S. ely a Link of Marked Trees to a Green Pine, thence Long a line of Marked Trees West to a Green Oak thence North a Long a line of Marked Trees to a Stake thence East to the beginning also the five and granted to said Anna my Mother Bed with furniture that and her Heirs forever. I also do freely give & grant to my three Daughters above mentioned my Little four Horses with all my Household furniture with every article that is not above mentioned I now own & have with the Exception of one horse and my Wife to have the use of them and their heirs forever and I do hereby Revoke all other Wills

Set my hand & seal this 29th day of August A.D. 1792

Isaac Ethan (Seal)

Test Rd Ashcraft
Jno Walker

Ohio Day of Sept was any Record in Open Court and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded

Test Geo Dickins Clk

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Black of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind & memory thanks to God and bearing in mind the uncertainty of this life and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last Will & Testament Viz. Principally and first of all I recommend my soul unto the Mercy of Almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to be decently buried by my Executor hereafter named Nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as for such Worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of in the following manner and form to wit

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Brother George Black one bay horse called Epsick to him his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Hamilton wife of Robert Hamilton and Daughter of my Brother George Black one bay horse Brown and Call by the name of Stone to her her heirs and assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath unto my niece Jane Black Daughter of my Brother Henry Black one Negro Girl called Rose by the name of Violet about 8 years old to her her heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath unto my Brother Arthur Black son of my Brother Henry Black one Tract of land lying in Orange County containing 72 acres more or less to him his heirs & assigns forever

Item I hereby unto my Will & Testament Elizabeth Black one Negro Woman named Patty and her Children Henry during her Natural life for her support and maintenance

It is my Will and desire that all the remainder of my Estate both real & Personal Excluding all debts & debts due my Estate

be sold at Public Sale by my Executors at their discretion and the arising therefrom to be equally divided between my Brothers & Sisters now living Namely John Black, Robert Black, George Black, Mary Rankin & Elizabeth Gillespie and their heirs of my said Brothers and Sisters be paid at the time or any time thereafter before the death and division of my Estate. Will that it be equally divided amongst the children Male & Female alike to their Heirs & Assigns forever. Lastly I do hereby Nominate Appoint and Constitute my Executors Executrix or Executor to the Purchase or Purchasers of my Real or Land by them by Virtue of this my Will. I do Will that the two Negro Wenches my Mother Dorcas for Natural Life in a former Article of this my Will be sold after her death and equally divided amongst my Brothers & Sisters in the same Manner as above mentioned as to the Increase their Heirs & Assigns for Ever.

Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Constitute and Appoint my two Brothers John Black & George Black sole Executors to this my Last Will & Testament hereby revoking and Disallowing all other and former Will or Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my Last Will & Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 25th day of December Anno Dom 1792

Signed Sealed and Published & Pronounced
& declared in the Presence of

S. Hamilton
Thomas Pace
Abigail Pace

Thomas Black (Seal)

The Execution of this Last Will & Testament was duly proved in Open Court by the Oath of Thomas Pace & Abigail Pace and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded

Test. Spencer Dickinson Clk

Whereas it appears by the Last Will and Testament of Gabriel Dorey Dec.d to be a Matter in dispute whether all the Children of the said Dec.d Dorey that were living at his death or Whether the Children that should be living at the Death of his Wife Elizabeth Dorey should be Legatees and Heirs of his Estate at the Division or in the Division of the Remainder Property on the Widow Leaves that is to be divided at the death of Elizabeth Dorey the Widow of the said Gabriel Dorey Deceased Therefore be it Known to all Persons whom it may Concern that we Isaac Vanhook Jun.r Vanhook the Wife of Gabriel Dorey Deceased Will Dorey Robert Gill Elizabeth Gill his Wife Gabriel Dorey Campbell Dorey and Ethel Dorey be of the County of Person and State of North Carolina do agree & Consent Witness our hands this 1793 or agree that all the Children the Reputed Children of Gabriel Dorey Dec.d that were living at his death and that is living shall be Legatees to the Division provided by the Will of said Dorey Dec.d and if any of them should expire this life before the Division takes Place or before the departure of the Widow Elizabeth Dorey We and every one of us do agree that their Respective Heirs shall then and Therein Have full Rights as fully as the they were living then Witness Witness our hands and Seals this 26th day of November 1793

Isaac Vanhook (Seal)
Jane Dorey (Seal)
Will Dorey (Seal)
Robert Dorey (Seal)
Elizabeth Gill (Seal)
Robert Gill (Seal)
Edward Campbell Dorey (Seal)
Ethel Dorey (Seal)

Witness
Augustus Campbell

The Execution of the above agreement was Proved in Open Court and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded

Test. Spencer Dickinson Clk