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In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Williams of the state of
 Carolina. County of Pickens, being lawfully sworn, depose and
 declare, among calling to mind the mortality of man, that it is appointed
 for all men once to die, and after death Judgment. I do make this my last
 will & Testament in manner & form following. Impaired, Remitt and
 commend my soul to the hands of God who gave it, and desire that my
 body may decently be committed to the earth, in the burying ground at the
 Charleston, now occupied by the Friends, and as near as convenient
 to the remains of my dear babe, desiring to have room near me to bury
 the bodies of my loving wife if she thinks fit to lay her remains there,
 in a decent Christian manner in stone & certain hopes of the resurrection of
 the same, when soul & body shall be gloriously reunited, when there also are
 I and I faithfully at that day shall appear with their Father, beyond whose
 of Service I have too, labor and pain and peace him for ever & ever amen
 it is also my desire that a sum of money be purchased on the occasion on
 a Sunday of Pickens by my well beloved Brother George Williams to
 whom I wish to bequeath my stock buckle & have buckle, desiring
 him to take that as a small token of my love that subsisted between
 him & I

Then it is my will and desire that as soon as possible after my decease
 that all my just debts be paid, but this rather I desire, that he standeth with
 some difficulty. I therefore instruct my Executors hereafter named either jointly
 or severally to suit every power they may see fit, as I am instructed to, and
 better if possible, with by which means they may have whether they can
 pay my debts without troubling in after my estate, if they find they cannot
 they are then to consider & consult with my wife what part of the stock
 she can best spare and to sell the same giving preference, even being
 to have the Executors to come in time to furnish their Executors with
 this being done and yet a bear behind they must feel upon the last summer
 ready to see the land either sold or private, desiring to take
 obligation from the Purchaser to pay the sum of Virginia money at
 ten off half morning and the balance to be paid some other time

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while is paid, the remainder of my Property, be it now or here, after the Personal
 as well. I then to my wife Mary Williams, to the subject of her & my son
 John, they were Williams till such time as he the said John shall have
 reached the age of twenty one years, or as much longer
 as they shall agree to live together, and when they separate a Divisor shall
 be made by my Executors, hereafter named, equally of all my Property be it
 now or here, between my Wife Mary Williams and John John Williams
 to them & their and their heirs for ever, provided none the less she dies
 without any other issue, her part shall revert at her decease to my said
 John John Williams to him and his heirs forever, and if he marry
 any man and have issue by him, it is my desire, that in that case
 that one half of her part may revert at her decease to the said John
 John Williams to him and his heirs forever, John Williams
 that manage for the same may many times, be and shall I have returned
 to my dear wife that to take the best step in such an important matter
 without the advice & consent of my dear brother in time, if she may
 see that they believe to be a good man then in that case may be I then
 as this Property goes in to her husband's hands and to be inherited by
 him, but if after any time my dear wife have reason to believe that he has
 his husband, treats my dear wife or my dear Child with any unkind
 in that case I empower my Executors hereafter named to take my son John
 John Williams and his equals then of my estate into their possession
 and in power the same in the best manner they can to the use of the Orphan
 any claim in this Will that may appear, to the contrary notwithstanding
 as no Person having right to enter there do ye do. Then if she marry
 a wicked man the Executors are to act in the same manner not giving him
 one Penny more than his due requires, but as I think she will never
 do that I shall cut this clause short leaving it in the Power of my
 Executors to act as directed in the clause last above mentioned
 Lastly I nominate and appoint my well beloved Step Brother

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John Fuller and my Brother in the last James O'Harley Quarters to
this my last Will & Testament. hereby Confirming in their wisdom and
Pity to me their inhuman to me every part of this my last Will
and Testament fullfill. For the more fully may be all former
Wills by me in any wise made only acknowledging this and this
only to be the Will & Testament whereby my Estate is to be Divided
my Property disposed of and the Persons named who are to act in that
business. I do hereby state of these bequests to my land and
after my death the sum to three of my, as as now one thousand seven
hundred & twenty three shillings and acknowledged in presence
of William Hamilton Thomas & Thomas
James Fuller George
Elizabeth Parkhead

The Execution of this Will was duly proved in open Court by
the Oaths of William Hamilton & James Fuller and in witness whereof
to be recorded July 1st 1793 James O'Harley

This Indenture made and agreed to this 19th day of March in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty three
between Stephen Howe Esq^r in behalf of the Executors of the County of
Down and their successors in office of the one part and Robert Walker
of the other part Witness that the said Stephen Howe Esq^r agreeable
to and order of the said County Court made the day and date above
written doth put place & bind unto the said Robert Walker John Power as
Apples now of the age of 13 years the 12th day of September last to live
after the manner of an apprentice and servant until he shall attain
the age of 21 years during all which time said master faithfully
shall serve his Lawfull commands every where & faithfully they shall not

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at any time absent him self from said master service without leave
but in all things as a good & faithful servant shall behave towards
his said Master. And the said Robert Walker with consent promise
and agree to and with the said Stephen Howe Esq^r that he will
Teach and instruct or cause to be taught by instructing the said
John Power according to Law to read write &c. also the art and
Mystery of a Plaster and that he will constantly find & provide for
the said apprentice during the term aforesaid. Apprentice shall wear
no livery and apparel fitting for an apprentice & servant
and there are other things depending both in service and in here
in things about the Power to them present both inter se &c.
but these heads and affect three each the sum and year above
written being held in the presence
of Hamilton
Stephen Howe Esq^r
Robert Walker Esq^r

Pross County this Indenture was
Executed in open Court at March Term and order
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said John Power as Apples now of the age of 13 years having by
the name of John Power to live after the manner of an apprentice &
servant until he shall attain to the age of twenty one years during all
which time he his said Master shall faithfully serve his Lawfull commands
every where Gladly they shall not at any time absent himself from his
said master service without leave but in all things as a good &
faithful servant shall behave towards his said Master &c.