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I Charles and I hereby appoint Benjamin Adams the sole Executor of my last Will and Testament and in as much as some of my Children be at a great distance after five Years sufficient Notice to come and view the Will, therefore this shall bear them of any thing thereby touching all from Will and in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal 5th of December 1797. Signed sealed and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the Testator in the presence of

William Brooks (witness)

Robert Brooks (witness)

Margaret Frazier (witness)

I Testament in the name of the Lord Jesus Whom I have chosen of Randolph County State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but in a perfect mind of memory do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner following, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Luther fifty Cents, I also give and bequeath to my Son Michael Stearns fifty Cents, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Catharine Luther fifty Cents, I hereby give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Stearns my Garden and my House and all House hold Furniture and one Cow and Lamb, and I also give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Stearns all my Land and all my Stock of both Hogs and Cows, and all plantation working Tools what my Children become Men of age and as they become of age, Jacob Stearns must have a Cow and Colt, and one Cow and Lamb, and a Pig, and when Charles Stearns become of age he must have a Cow and Colt, and one Cow and Lamb and a Pig, and when William Stearns become of age, he must have a Cow and Colt, and one Cow and Lamb and a Pig, and as soon as my debts is paid the Balance to be paid between Abraham Stearns and Jacob Stearns and Charles Stearns and William Stearns I hereby nominate my Daughter Margaret Stearns as Administrator to this my last Will and Testament, as Witness my hand and seal this 10th of February 1798. Signed sealed and declared in the presence of

George Leather Suit

William Brooks

Michael Stearns

Mary Frazier (witness)

Whereas I Lige Ogden of the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina being at this time in a low state of health but being through the Mercy of kind Providence favoured as I believe with my sound mind and capable of leaving this instrument of

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of Writing as my last Will and Testament - 1st My Will is that all my last debts shall be paid as soon as may be, and the same be paid and the balance at the disposal of my Widow - 2^d My Will is my beloved Wife a sum of money as the Plantation and Land when I was last deceas'd and what she remains to be my Widow and at the death or marrying as the case may be, my Will is that she and her said children when I was last deceas'd about one hundred and fifty Dollars be equally divided in peace as can be according to improvement and quality between my two Daughters and her Children to be between my three heirs or assigns forever - 3^d I give to my Son Nathan the best of land or Negro Land in Swain County called the numerous and twenty eight Acres to him and his heirs or assigns for ever - 4th I give the best of land or Negro Land in Swain County called the numerous Acres to him and his heirs or assigns for ever - 5th My Will is that my daughter Lydia shall have in much of the house hold Furniture and Stock, as my daughter Rachel has had money to make them equal - 6th My Will is that all the remaining part of my Estate of every description that I have not in this Will devised to be given a way remain and be for the use of my Widow and Children during the Widowhood of my beloved Wife, considering it to be for their benefit in keeping the family together, Resolving the Children and so forth, and my Will is that if any of my Sons should think proper to go to themselves and receive or take away with them any of the Stock, Tools, or House hold Furniture during the life or Widowhood of my beloved Wife, that the same be kept an account of, and that they account for the same when the time shall be for a full and equal divide which my Will is that at the death or marrying as the case may be of my beloved Wife, that then there shall be an equal divide among my Children namely - Nathaniel Ogden, Lige Ogden, Samuel Ogden, Daniel Ogden, Charles Ogden, Rachel Ogden, and Lydia Ogden - Resolving all other former Wills and leaving them as my last Will and Testament, and lastly I hereby appoint my beloved Wife and my Son Lige Ogden and my friend John Reynolds my Executors to this my last Will and Testament - Signed sealed and declared this 10th of May of 10th Month in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty Six in presence of

William Robbins
Jeremiah Ogden
William Ogden

Lige Ogden (witness)

