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In the name of God Amen. I Richard Laughlin of the County of a State of New London being weak in Body but of sound memory & knowing that I am Mortal & that it is Ordained for all Mankind once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & Testament in Manner & form hereafter set forth. —

Item 1st I Requit my soul to God from whence it came and my body to the earth to be decently Buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named — and as touching such worldly Estate as I am blessed with here I give devise & dispose of in manner & form following —

Item 2nd That all my just debts & funerals charges be paid —

Item 3rd I give & bequeath to my well beloved Wife Phoebe Laughlin two hundred & fifty acres of land the plantation whereon I now live until my son Richard Laughlin comes of age and the one third afterwards during her life or so long as she shall remain my Widow with the use of the dwelling & then for Richard to be His of d. 250 acres of land & dwelling house & if he should die before he comes of age then I land & dwelling house to be divided sine Laughlin & Samuel Laughlin —

Item 4th I do give to each of the Children of my son Hugh Laughlin one half the same —

Item 5th I do give to my son Robert Laughlin one English acre —

Item 6th I do give to my son William Laughlin one hundred & fifty acres of land the West Port of the old Manor tract. Beginning on the old line at the lock running south about two rods below the lock falls then West then south so as to leave the Spring where Hugh Laughlin first built his house then West to Robert Laughlin sine —

Item 7th I do give to my son John Laughlin one fourth share to be paid by or from my Estate by the Executors —

Item 8th I do give to my Daughter Mary Laughlin one horse gelded & bridled one horse & colts one bed & furniture one sheet one flax wheel one Hackel two Quarter Dishes & six pewter plates —

Item 9th I do give to my Daughter Nancy Laughlin one hundred

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Item 10th I do give to my son James Laughlin one tract of land containing nearly an acre which I purchased from Phoebe Boyl —

Item 11th I do give to my son John Laughlin one set of fine tools to be raised out of my Estate which he shall come to be of the age of twenty Years also to be put out to learn the fletcher trade when he shall arrive to the age of eighteen Years —

Item 12th I do give to my son Samuel Laughlin one hundred & twenty five silver Dollars when he shall come to the age of twenty one Year —

Item 13th I do give all my wearing apparel to my three sons James, John & Samuel Laughlin to be equally divided amongst them —

Item 14th I do give to my Wife Phoebe all the remainder of my dress furniture & a flax Hackel one bed & furniture to be at her disposal except the Hackel which my daughter Nancy is to have at her death —

Item 15th my Haggon and four head of hogs & all the remainder of my stock farming tools & household furniture to be for the use of my wife & raising & schooling my children and at her death all that shall remain to be sold by my Executors & equally divided between such of my children as are here named James, John, Samuel & Richard & if any of them should die before they come of age their part to be divided amongst the others & if any of them above named should come to Years of mans Estate & should want a horse breed two if the Estate can afford they may have one by giving a receipt for the value so that the rest may have an equal share —

And Lastly I do constitute & appoint my beloved Son Robert Laughlin & my worthy friend Warrington Cook my lawful Executors to this my last Will & Testament

I do hereby utterly Disavow & revoke all & every other former Testaments with Legacies & bequests in Execution by me in any wise before named or bequeathed establishing this & no other to be my last Will & Testament in Manner whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of April 1803.

Richard Laughlin
Signed Seal & Confirmed
in presence of the last