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In the Name of God, Amen I Ann Thomas of the Pre-
-vince of North Carolina in Rowan County being very
sick & low in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory Thanks
be to God, calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and that it is
appointed of all men once to die do make and ordain this my
last Will & Testament that is to say principally and first of
all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty
God that gave it my Body I recommend to the Earth to be
buried in a decent & Christian Manner at the Discretion of
of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the general Resur-
-rection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and
as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God
to bless me in this Life I give demise and dispose of in the follow-
ing Manner First I give and bequeath to my son John Dills one
Shilling current money of great Britain, Also the Plantation or
Tract of Land I the said Ann Thomas now lives on I give and be-
queth to my grand son, the eldest son of Peter Dill also one red
hired cow calf. Also I give to Peter Dills the youngest son of Peter
Dills one brown spotted Cow with her calf. Also I give to Mary York
my Daughter to Peter Dills one Ass & Plantation, also I leave all
my Stock and Household Stuff and my moveable Estate except the
Things already given to be sold by John Grashby and Henry
Dills whom I make and constitute and ordain to be the sole ex-
-ecutors of my last Will & Testament and after paying all my
lawful Debts the Remainder to be divided equally amongst
my Grand Children John Dills Mildreda and Peter Dills whi-
-ch to be divided equally amongst them and to be enjoyed. And I do hereby
revoke and annul all and every other former
Wills and Testaments I have made or made by

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confirm this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 10 Day of December
in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine.
Signed sealed published & pronounced & declared by the said Ann Thomas
as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence
and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed our Names
Jesse Lyles
William Wad.

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In the Name of God, Amen the first Day of October in the Year of
our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & sixty I John Thomas of the County
of Rowan in the Province of North Carolina being very sick
and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory, Thanks be given
unto God: therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and
knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my
last Will and Testament: that is to say principally and first of all, I
give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it,
and by my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian
burial, at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the
general Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty Power of
God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me in this Life I give demise & dispose of the same in the follow-
ing manner & form. First I will that my funeral Charges and all other
my just Debts be first paid by Money raised out of my Estate. -
(Secondly) I give & bequeath to Margaret my dearly beloved Wife the old
black Horse and the strong Man and his gray Colt I live and bequeath
to my beloved Wife Margaret and to my son John and to my son Joseph
my Plantation wherewith I now live each of them to have an equal share
thereof to them and their heirs and the above named black Horse the
strong Man & his gray Colt to be & remain for the Use of the Plantation
I have hereunto subscribed my Name as for my Wife Margaret (Thirdly)