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In the name of God Amen! I Charles Berger of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being but in a low state of health by reason of the infirmities that is natural the old age but thanks be to God my maker of perfect mind & memory & calling to mind the frailty of human nature not knowing how soon it may please God, to call me out of this world I do for the better regulation of my worldly affairs & for the peace & tranquillity of those whom I shall leave behind me think proper to make constitute & ordain this to be my last will & test & in the first place I give & bequeath my soul to God who gave it, & my body to be buried in a christian manner according to the custom of the country at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, the expence to be by them paid out of my worldly estate, Secondly I will that all my just debts be paid & afterwards what worldly effects it had pleased God to bestow upon me I give & bequeath in the following manner Viz. In the first place I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Sixty pounds, forty seven pounds of which she has already received the Balance of it is thirteen pounds which I do not pay her, or her children in my life time I allow my executors to pay her or her lawful heirs when lawfully demanded. In the second place I give & bequeath unto my daughter Barbara. Sixty pounds, thirty six pounds of which legacy she has already received, twenty four pounds of which legacy is yet behind which sum if I do not pay myself in my life time, I will that my executors pay her or her lawful heirs, when lawfully demanded.

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In the third place I give & bequeath to my son Rudolph children, he being deceased, which they have already being put in possession of one hundred & sixty pounds, consisting in one hundred & fifty acres of land, lying on Ready creek, which land I purchased of George Coons, together with the stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, which I have put them in possession of amounting in full to the whole amount of the aforesaid one hundred & sixty pounds, the land I will that it be equally divided between my two grand sons Charles & Henry Berger the stock & other moveable property, to be equally divided between my four grand daughters, Barbara, Yolanda, Mary & Catharine. & In the fourth place I give & bequeath to my son George Berger, the mansion house & plantation, which I now possess & occupy, consisting of three hundred & twenty three acres of land together, with all my moveable property, debts, owing to my by Mother, Bonds, Book acc^t & other ways he to pay up the legacies above mentioned & to perform what is hereafter required in this my last will & test. In the fifth & last place I will & bequeath to my dear beloved wife Soluana so long as she shall live in this world my mansion house together with the furniture belonging to it together with what ready cash we shall possess at my decease & after decease to be the property of my son George he to maintain my dearly beloved wife Yolanda so long as she shall live, in a decent & gentle manner with good & sufficient food & rament washing & every other thing that may be necessary for a person of her age according to the custom

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Of the christian part of the country & for the better execution of this my last will & testament, I do nominate & appoint my well beloved son George Berger & my well beloved friend Jacob Wagons: The whole & sole Executors of this my last will & testament, revoking & disannulling all other wills by me heretofore made & do constitute & ordain this to be my last will & testament. In witness I have herunto subscribed my name & pronounce it to be my last will in the presence of the subscribing witnesses who in my presence subscribed their names as such

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In the name of God. Amen! I William Bowman of the County of Rowan & State of N^c Carolina, being in health of body & of sound mind & memory, & judgment thanks to God therefore. But being advanced in years & calling in mind the mortality of the body, & that it is appointed for all men once to die, being desirous to settle my worldly concerns in as just & equitable a manner as possible I can do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following Viz: principally & first of all I give & bequeath my soul to almighty God who gave it me & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent & christian manner nothing doubting but at the general resurrection

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I shall receive the same reunited to my soul by the almighty power of God, and as touching such worldly substance as is had pleased God to bless me in this life I give & bequeath in manner & form following.

Viz I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Bowman her bed & furniture, all the household furniture her choice of my horses, a good saddle one fourth part of my cattle & sheep & my negro woman Amy, & if the said negro Amy should have any more children, the first I desire to be given to my daughter Mary & the next to my daughter Elizabeth & at the death of my wife said negro to be equally divided between my daughters.

To my son Samuel Bowman I give & bequeath two hundred & forty acres of land in Cumberland & all my wearin apparel. To my son John Bowman I give & bequeath two hundred acres of land in Cumberland settlement.

To my son James Bowman I give & bequeath two hundred acres of my land in Cumberland.

To my Son Joseph Bowman I give & bequeath the plantation whereon I now live with all the tools & utensils of husbandry thereunto belonging, one fourth part of my books. The land to be valued by two or three men indifferently chosen & one third of said valuation to be divided between my daughters Anne, Mary & Elizabeth. if Negro Amy should have two more children & bestowed according to my bequest, but if she had no children, I desire that one third of the valuation of said land to be given to my daughter