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We the heirs of all my movable estate ^{that is}
in the beque's words of Joseph Lowrance now
is witness our hands
John Lowrance son
Anne Lowrance
John Lowrance jun^r

In the name of God Amen
The fourth day of September in the Year of our Lord One
Thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, I James
M^c Laughlin of Rowan County State of North Carolina
being at this present sick and weak in body but in
perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God
therefor calling into mind the mortality of my Body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die, I 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 who gave it and for my body I recom-
mend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like
manner at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing death-
ing but I shall receive the same again reunited at
the general Resurrection of mankind by the mighty
Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate
Which with it has pleased God to bless me in this

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Life I do give devise and Dispose of the same
in the following manner and form. It is my
Will and I do order that all my just Debts and
funeral charges be paid out of my personal Est-
-ate for which purpose I do order that my Wagon and
hind gears and gray Horse be sold at public sale &
the Proceeds thence arising to be equally divided be-
-tween my two youngest Daughters ^(viz) Mary and Eleanor
M^cLaughlin. I do give and bequeath to my beloved son John the
third of all my land which I now possess also a plow
and furniture and gears also the third of all my Iron
Tools. I do give and bequeath to my beloved
son Samuel a third of my land, also a third of all
my Iron Tools, likewise a plow and Gears and fur-
-niture, also an Iron Harrow, and also his Mare
and Saddle. I do give and bequeath to my
beloved son James the other third of my Land. Likewise
the other third of my Iron Tools also the Bar Iron
I brought to the County with me and also the young
Calf of my Black Mare and my saddle and Bri-
-dles and in case that they be not able to divide the
Land and Iron Tools themselves to their satisfac-
-tion, I do order and allow that two or three honest

Indifferent men be chosen by my Executors to award
and divide said land and Iron Tools as equally as
possible amongst my three sons. *Item* I do give and
Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Mary her saddle
(and Bridle and my Iron Mare and Black Cow
also her Bed and furniture her spinning wheel
and Check stick and also a Brass hatchel and also
a Brass Kettle, likewise a Chest and Dough Trough
also the half of all my Dresser furniture and spec-
tu and Tea Ware and silver Spoons. *Item* I do give
and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Eleanor the other
half of all my Dresser and Dresser furniture and Tea
Ware and silver Tea Spoons also her saddle & bridle
and my black Mare and a Red Horse also her bed
and furniture and a large Iron Kettle and her
spinning wheel and a course hatchel. *And*
I do give and bequeath to my other ^{two beloved} Daughters
Elizabeth & Matthew each of them a good Bed coverlet
also my Books I do order and allow to be equally
Divided amongst all my Children. I further
nominate and appoint constitute and ordain
my trusty and well Beloved Brother in law
William Hart & Archd. McNelly to be my only

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and sole Executors of this my last Will and
Testament and I do hereby testify and confirm
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the day and Year first above written

Signed sealed pronounced
and declared by the said James
M. Claughlen as his last Will and Testament in the presence
of us the Subscribers —

Thos. Thompson

John M. Nelly

his
James M. Claughlen
mark

In the name of God Amen
I Robert Moore of Rowan County and State of North
Carolina, the weak in body yet of sound mind
& Memory do make and ordain this my last Will
and Testament in form and manner following
Viz. first I freely resign my soul to God who gave
it and my Body to the Church to be buried
in a Christian Burial ground at the discretion