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then my land is to be divided equal in quality between my
three sons, namely Ezekiel, Malen & James, to them & their heirs
for ever. And if any of my sons or daughters dies, having no heirs
my will & desire is that at the one half of their legacy decent to
all their other brothers & sisters each an equal part.

9. I further will & desire that my two boys, Malen & James be
put to school as constant as possible they can, from my death
untill the arise to sixteen years of age & then to be put to sue
trades, as they shall choose for themselves. And if convenient
with law for their masters, to give them at least six months shool-
ling in Arithmatic, if they shall judge capable on entering.
That branch of learning, & that schooling to be given them abou
19 or 20 years of age. And that my daughter Betsey be sent
to school untill she can read & write & teleable well, and to
the interest of their money be applied to pay their schooling
as far as it will go, and what will be still wanting to pay their
schooling, is to be made up by the other legates each their p
portional part, as it is to be observed, that my will & desire
is, that my executors shall put out the money to interest for
those of my children under age, while she continue to stand
executors & when they resign & settle with the court if any of
my children are still under age, that then their guardians be
carefull to keep their money out on interest untill they be
of age.

And I do hereby ordain, constitute & appoint my trusty
friends, James Ellis & Ebenezer Jones my executors of
this my last will & test. I allowing & revoking & disan

All & every other wills & test: by me made either in writing or
in verbal manner, ratifying this & no other to be my last will
& test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 26th day of August 1806.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced:
in presence of
Thomas West, J^r Ellis.

Elijah Phelps ^{deputy} _{clerk}

In the name of God Amen I John Billing son of
the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being very
rick & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory thank
be given to God for the same, calling to mind the mortality
of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die, do make & ordain this my last will & test: that is to
say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul in
to the hands of God who gave it & my body to the earth to
be buried in a decent christian manner at the discretion of
my executors hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the
general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the
mighty power of God, & as touching such worldly estate
wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life I
give, demise, & dispose of the same in following manner & for
I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Juliana Billing the
house, wherein I now live, with the garden & with one acre
of ground lying between the garden & the barn & one third
part of all the fruit on the plantation where I now live
one bed & furniture one chest & all that is in it except
the money, one spinning wheel & the table, two seats on

large & one small, one skillet, one large pewter dish & two small
pewter dishes, six new pewter plates, six spoons, one brass ladle
& one iron ladle one smoothing iron, two milk cows & two hiffes
one sheep, one hundred weight of pork, every year while she
remains my widow one breeding sow, with all her brood, twenty
bushels of wheat & twenty bushels of corn every year & she
is also to have hay made, & fetched to the barn, sufficient
for her cattle & also one cow stable, & she is to have her cattle
pastured, & she is to be furnished with firewood, sufficient for
one fire place, one Negro wench named Grace with her child
named Cubit this shall be hers so long as she remains
my widow, but if she should marry, she shall have nothing
save her bed & chest, the other property shall be sold & divided
among the children, she is also to have one half acre of ^{land}
every year of her widowhood, she shall not take no man in the
house with her.

I give & bequeath to my son John Billing a tract of land
known by the name of Stills old place, containing one
hundred & thirty three acres, whereon he now lies, agreeable
to a survey of Thomas Carson in Division of said land be-
tween him & his brother David & the sd land is to be praised
by two good freeholders but the buildings is his own.

I give & bequeath to my son Frederick Billing two hundred
acres of land including the improvement whereon I now live
to run agreeable to the survey of division between him &
his brother Benjamin, agreeable to the line that is now
marked in Carsons surveys & along abbeys creek as it meanders

this my last will & test.

And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul, all
every other former test: with, bequies, bequeaths & executors
by me in any wise before named, willed & bequeathed, ratified
& confirming this & no other to be my last will & test.
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the
11th day of July A.D. 1801.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, ^{his} Henry J. Phifer
& declared by the sd Henry Phifer as his last will & test in the presence of ^{his} mark
Aquita Horn, James Hey, George & Henry

In the name of God Amen! the 16th day of May A.D. 1799
I John Barks of the County of Rowan & State
N: Carolina, being sick in body, but of sound mind & memory
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to the
fit at this time to make & ordain this my last will & test
& first & principally I commend my soul to God who gave
it & my body to be buried in a christian & decent manner at
the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but I shall
have the same again reunited to my body at the resurrection
by the mighty power of God, through the merits of my sa-
mor & as touching the things of this life, whereunto it has
pleased God to bless me. I give devise & bequeath in the
manner & form following
(viz) 1. I will all my just & lawfull debts to be paid
of my personal estate.
2. I give devise & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife