

194 In the name of God Amen! I John Loops senior of the County of Rowan & State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina being in a infirme state of health, but thanks to God in perfect mind & memory & knowing the frailty of human nature, that God my see it just & right to call me out of this transiting world into a better & more substantial place of bliss in order to enjoy peace & union, amongst those that I will leave behind me I do think proper as well in behalf of the peace of concience that I may enjoy the short space I may be permitted, to remain here on my own part, as for the benefit it may be to those, intituled to inherit the small patrimony, that it had pleased God to bestow upon me, to make this my last will & test: & in the first place I will bequeath my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried in a christian & decent manner according to the custom of the country wherein I live the expence to be paid by my executors out of my worldly estate 2, It is my will that all my just & lawfull debts be paid & the residue of my estate I will & bequeath in following manner. It is my will that my beloved wife Elizabeth hold & enjoy all my lands & premises lying & being on the west side of Abbotts creek & on the south side of mill creek being the stream wheron Jacob Leonards mill now stands Younkers place included, meaning only the land that joins my home sted place together with one Negroe man named Poney during his natural life & after his decease to be the whole & sole right & property of my son Andrew the rest of my Negroes a woman that is now at Adams Harmon's included. It is my will & desire

195 that my executors sell them at twelve months credit the money arising from said sale I allow all my just & lawfull debts to be paid out of it & if there shoudle be any overplus I allow my beloved wife Elizabeth to have the use & benefit of it during her life as likewise all my stocks of every kind my still & tubs, farmes utensils & every other kind of moveable property to be fully at my beloved wifes will & direction to hold, occupy & enjoy the same in any manner she may think fit & at her decease what ever shoudle be left if any there shoudle be remaining it is my will that it be sold at twelve months credit & be equally divided amongst all my children - in the next place it is my will that my son John Loops have hold & enjoy all my land lying within the limits of my line that joins my home sted place on the east side of Abbotts creek - from my lower line joining Jacob Trotters line as far up as the mouth of Mill creek as aforesaid mentioned then up that creek as far as my line extends including all the land adjoining my home sted place on the south east side of Abbotts creek & in the fork of Abbotts & mill creek as aforesaid.

In the next place I give & bequeath to my son Jacob Loops two hundred acres of land including the whole of the tract wheron my said son Jacob now lies being a tract of two hundred & eighty seven acres that I purchased at the sae of McCallums property as confiscated by the state of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina except two acres I conveyed to Michael Baird & eighty five acres lying along the east end of said

tract adjoining the line of the land formerly known by the name of Patrick Coile place which Eighty five acres it is my will & desire that it shall be the whole & sole property & property of my daughter Eve Wagener to be run in a long square agreeable to the line of the original tract - In the next place - three hundred & fifty acres of Land that Henry Frito conveyed to my son Andrew Loops it is my will that my son Andrew convey the said land, to my daughter Mary Wagener it being the land that I allotted for her - & if he fails to make the deed agreeable to my will I do hereby will that as much of the property as I have left to my son Andrew be sold by my executors & will be of value sufficient for the aforesaid land by the judgment of any two good men to be chosen by each party - Item a tract of land containing three hundred & sixteen acres I give & bequeath to my daughter Catharine Hitchcock. My daughters Elizabeth Harmon & Barbara Harmon I have given them property already which they have received a sum adequate to all my other donations which sum I deem sufficient & do allow them to receive an equal part with all my other children of all that may remain after the death of my well beloved wife Elizabeth as mentioned in the foregoing part of this will, & for the well & true performance of having this my last will & test. carried into execution agreeable to the true meaning thereof I do hereby revoke & disannull every other wills by me heretofore made & acknowledge by appointing my beloved son John Loops & my beloved wife

Elizabeth Loops the whole & sole executors of this my last will & test:

That this & this only is the last will & test: of this he in the presence of the subscribing witnesses has pronounced & acknowledged the same.

Signed & pronounced in the presence of John Loops <sup>his</sup> son,  
Joseph Cunningham, George <sup>his</sup> son Frito  
Philip Lanord The County:

In the name of God Amen! I Jacob Croft of the County of Rowan & State of N<sup>o</sup>: Carolina this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1803. being in perfect mind & memory Thanks be to God for it & calling to mind the frailty of nature & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die Do make & ordain this my last will & test: in manner & form following Imprimis I recommend my soul to God that gave it & my body to the ground to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. & as to my worldly goods it had been pleased God to bless me with in this life I will it shall be disposed of in the following manner to wit Item I give & bequeath to my two sons David Croft & Peter Croft & to my three grand sons George Croft Jacob Croft & Abraham Croft sons of Jacob Croft deceased all my lands & tenements containing six hundred & forty acres to be divided as follows. To my son David my home stead plantation including one third part: To my son Peter the plantation wherein he now lives including one third part, & to my three grand sons above named, song