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In the name of God Amen! I John Masimore of Rowan
County in the State of N. Carolina, Planter, being very sick
& weak in body, but of perfect sound mind & memory, thanks
be to God for the same: & calling unto mind the mortality
of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die, I do this 24 day of September A.D. 1804. I make
& ordain this my last will & testament. I give & recommend
my soul into the hands of the almighty God that gave it
my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent
manner, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again
by the mighty power of God, & as touching all worldly estate
whereunto it had pleased God to bless me with in this life
I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

I give my well beloved wife Rachel to have & to hold two
horse beasts, one a bay mare & the other a brown horse & two of
the best milk cows or rather her choice amongst the flock
& likewise the best plough & double tree & two pair of iron
traces, collars & bridles, which is necessary for one team
& also all the grain that has been raised on the place & all
other necessaries that she stands in need of & likewise all the
beds & furniture & all the furniture that inside of the house
that she stands in need of & also the loom & tacklings.

And also my daughter Barbara & daughter Polly I will
unto them one pound each in cash & the reason in so doing
was that she drewed the part that fell to their mother of the

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estate of Adam Cobbles & also the rest of the children
to have an equal share of the land & the balance of all
that is left after the debts are paid.

Likewise it is my will that as long as my wife Rachel
lives under my name she shall have the use of the land
as long as she lives my widow & after that she shall draw
only one child's part. And I do hereby constitute & appoint
Henry Joel & William Hampton executors of this my
last will & test: & do in the name of God desire, that it
shall be faithfully fulfilled in witness whereof I the said
John Masimore have to this my last will & test: set my
hand & seal the day & year above written.

Signed sealed, published & declared by the testator as his
last will & test: in the presence of us who were present
at the signing & sealing of this.

John Babel

Jacob Van Pool.

John Masimore

In the name of God Amen! I Joseph Hays of Rowan
County & State of N. Carolina being weak in body but of good
& sound memory thanks be to almighty God calling to mind
that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make, constitute,
ordain & declare this my last will & test: & first of all I recom-
mend my soul to almighty God who gave it & my body to the
earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the di-
rection of my executors & as touching such worldly estate
as it had pleased God to bless me in this life I dispose of
in following manner.