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 In the Name of God Amen I Mary Siminton of Rowan
 County in the Province of North Carolina being weak in Body
 but of perfect Mind and memory declare this the twenty
 first day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred and sixty one that I make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in
 Manner and Form and to the Effect following viz. First I recommend
 my Soul to God who gave it & my Body to be buried in a christian
 Buriall manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter
 nominated in such & certain Hope that I shall meet the same
 again by the Power of almighty God. Then I will & bequeath to my
 Dear Magdalen Mison my good Ring & Christ and Spirit and
 one my Bed and Furniture and one black Calendered Petrel
 to her & his heirs forever. Then I will & bequeath to my Dear
 Mary Thornton one Cow & Calf & Yearling and all my fowls and
 the Accapage and the Remainder of my Estates to her and her
 heirs forever. Then I will & bequeath to my Grandson Daniel
 Mison my best Black to him & his heirs forever. Then after my
 funeral Expenses is discharged I will & bequeath the Rest of my
 Estate in the Manner and Form following I will & bequeath to my
 grand Children Adam Siminton & Theophilus Siminton and Adam
 Mison and Theophilus Mison and to Alexander Mison and
 Theophilus Mison and Theophilus Thornton and Mary Thornton
 and Theophilus Siminton and I will & bequeath to the above
 named Children each of them an equal Portion of the Remainder
 of my Estate only if my Son William should live be-
 fore he comes of the Age of Maturity that his Part is to be equ-
 ally divided amongst the aforementioned Children. Then I
 nominate & appoint my two Sons Thomas Mison & Theophilus Mison
 to be Executors of all & singular of this my last Will and Testament
 and I do utterly repeal & revoke all and every former Will &
 Testament or Testaments at any Time or Times heretofore

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 made by me and I do publicly pronounce & declare this to be my last
 Will & Testament in Testimony whereof I have signed my Hand & seal
 the Day of June above written.

Mary Siminton
 Mark

In the Presence of us
 William Watts
 James Watts
 John Kerr

This is to testify all whom it may concern that
 I do further acknowledge & confirm this to be my
 last Will and Testament with the Allegation
 nominal & appoint my Son Thomas Mison

and my Grandson Adam Mison to be Executors of all & singular of this
 my last Will & Testament In Testimony whereof I have signed my
 Hand & seal this first Day of June in the Year of our Lord 1761.
 Signed sealed & delivered in the
 Presence of us.

Christopher Orvin
 Samuel Long
 John Kerr

Mary Siminton
 Mark

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 In the Name of God Amen I John Scott of the County Rowan in
 North Carolina being weak in Body but of sound Memory bless
 be God do this 20th Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred & sixty make & publish this my last Will and Testament in
 Manner following that is to say first I give to my Son James ten Cows
 and forty Shillings proclimation Money and also I give and bequeath
 to my Daughter Mary Burnett ten Cows & forty Shillings proclama-
 tion Money like I give & bequeath to John Tenny one Cow & or Shalgon
 Calf a yearling Black colored with a Red Face and white legs
 and forty Shillings proe. And all the Remainder of my goods and
 Effects together with the plantation I now live upon I give and
 bequeath to my Son John whom I make & ordain my sole Executor
 of this my Will in Trust for the Use of & purposes in this my
 Will contained and I do utterly revoke all and every former Will &
 Testament or Testaments at any Time or Times heretofore

188th rat Expenses and all other debts which which I am in.
In witness whereof I the said John Scott have to this my
last Will & Testament set my Hand & Seal the Day & Year above
written

John Scott

mark

signed sealed & delivered by the
John Scott as & for his last Will
& Testament in the presence
of us who were present at
the signing & sealing
thereof

Rachel C. Brandon
mark

Richard R. Brandon
mark

John Catron

188th In the Name of God Amen. This first Day of September Anno Domini 1862
I James Story of Rowan County in the Province of North Carolina
Planter being very sick of Body but of perfect Mind & memory Shew
be given to God Therefore willing to mend the mortality of my Body &
knowing it is appointed for all men once to die To make and signify
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
that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in
quiet Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors nothing
doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again
by the mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate
wherein it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise
and dispose of the same in the following Manner & Form. —
First. I give and bequeath to Martha my dearly beloved Wife my
bed & the Furniture thereunto belonging and the large black paying
Man called Ginn and Lady & Kridle. Second. I give and bequeath
to my loving son Samuel Story the black Man called Wes and
the furniture thereunto belonging and the clothes of the same and

William Dism Brock Thirdly. I give & bequeath to my loving son William Story
the black paying Old called Jack and Dan & Wiggins and John Brock on
the Rainbow and a Testament. Fourthly. I give & bequeath to my son James
a small Old called Dimmer and Miers and alarm the Collection
of Armons and Jacobs wrestling. Fifthly. I give & bequeath to my loving
Daughter Tabula a paying day Old called Prince Dale & Kridle and a
black & a tooth. Sixthly. I give and bequeath to my loving
Daughter Jean two cows (viz) pretty & piday. Seventhly. I give and be-
queath to my loving Daughter two cows (viz) Broom and her Heifer.
Eighthly. I give & bequeath the plantation wherein I now live to my
three sons Samuel William & James to be divided equally amongst
them James' part to join or find Brock joining Samuel Young's and
including the Meadow. And William part to join Samuel Young's
pasture being the south East part of the land And Samuel part to
include the Improvements. — And whereas the Land is not yet
divided I allow the Land to be took out in all their Names (to wit) Winda-
muel William and James the Cost to be took out of the money arising
out of the sale of my Estate. Ninth. I will that the plantation the said
Kridle and the spring have the share of feeding Hens Hocks and
also the sheep & four cows the Hogs of all the grain on the place at
present to be & remain for the use of my loving Wife and my loving
Children in common as long as the all shall live together on the same place
the Old & two Cows & a little Dickie Negro's Spoon's Forks & Tying Spoon
and my little of the Keys. Tenth. I allow and bequeath to my loving Wife
Martha the wearing Apparel Paul Hackle head & Spoons and my little black
wickle & a smoothing Iron and all her wearing Cloths. 11th I will
that all the Remainder of my Estate be sold according to Law and
the amount together with what ready money is now in the House my fun-
eral Charges be first paid and my just debts and the Expenses there-
mentioned in this Will. — And the Remainder to be divided equally
amongst all my sons and Daughters. Lastly. I constitute
make appoint & retain Samuel Young and Martha Story