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in law Allen Parrott the sum of twenty shillings to be raised out of my estate, at the time my son William is eighteen years old. To wit I give & bequeath unto my grandson Thorton Ward that twenty five acres of land whereon Elizabeth Simons at this time lives to be put into his possession at his age of twenty years & it is my desire if my son William should die before the age of eighteen or having no heir of his own body to his Legacies to give to his mother & lastly I do nominate & appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth & my said son in law John Johnston my executors of this my last will & test: in witness where of I the sd. Simon Luce has hereunto set my hand & my seal this 3rd Day of Sept: 1804.

In presence of us.

Pa^{se} Daniel
Thorton & Ward
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Simon Luce (Seal)

In the name of God Amen. I John Pease of Rowan County and State of N Carolina being weak & frail in body but of perfect soundness in mind & memory & calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make & constitute this my last will & testament, in manner & form following. First of all I commend my Soul to God who gave it & my body to the dust from whence it derived its origin. to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my friends & executors & what is left

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estate it had pleased God to bless me with, after all my lawful debts & funeral charges is paid I will & dispose in manner & form following (viz)

To my dear & well beloved wife Agnes I will & bequeath all my worldly estate the home place whereon I now live with the mansion house with all the household & kitchen furniture of every kind with the negroes & stock of every kind, to be at her disposal so long as she lives & at her decease, to be equally divided between my two daughters Jean & Rosannah & for the land that I have already given to them I need say nothing about & the place that Nathaniel Gadberry lives on if he will pay up what cost I have been at about thirty pounds he may have it altogether if I gain the suit or else it may be disposed of as my executors think best & I do nominate & appoint my true & trusty friends Isaac Wisner & my wife Agnes Executors of this my last will & test: & disclaim all other wills heretofore made by me in testimony whereof I have set my hand & seal to this.

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