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And I have published & declared by the Testimony to be  
last Will & Testament in the presence of three or more  
persons our names, Names in his sight & with  
the presence of them John Roby, Joseph  
Robert, Isaac  
John Roby

Thos Roby

1778 In the name of God Amen I Joseph Brittain of Jones County in the  
Province of North Carolina living full and unskilful but of sound and disposing mind  
and Memory Do make and declare this this my last Will and Testament In witness  
following & As for my Estate whereas it hath pleased God to bless me with I give  
and bequeath in manner following First It is my desire that all my just debts  
be duly settled paid and paid Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest Daughter  
Mary Elrod one Cow and calf and her increase and one feather bed to her and  
her heirs for ever & Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest son James Brittain  
one Improvement joining to the place I now live on also five hundred out of the Estate  
to him and his heirs for ever & Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Phoebe  
Brittain one feather bed and two Cows and calves and one yearling fawn also  
one pewter Dish and basin and three plates to her and her and her heirs for ever &  
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Jonime Brittain my land and  
Improvement that I now live on also all my plantation Tools and House furniture  
the Childrens excepts one bay mare and side Saddle also one bay Horse called  
Jack on young bay Stallion six cows and calves to possess as long as she continues  
her natural life or widow hood for her and her Childrens use My will and  
pleasure is that after my Wife's decease or Marriage that the above mentioned  
Articles be sold and equally divided between my six youngest Children  
My will and desire is that my Tract of Land lying and being in Orange  
County in North Carolina on half way Creek of Little River be sold and equally  
divided between my six youngest Children Item I give and bequeath unto  
Phillip William Joseph Benjamin Aaron and Samuel all the rest of my  
Estate to be equally divided and each of them to have their part as the come  
of age to them and their heirs for ever my desire is my six youngest Wives  
have their Education out of their own part of the Estate I desire that George  
Smith that craps with me now shall have his part of the Crop according to  
 bargain and I appoint my loving wife Jonime Brittain Robert Roberts and  
John Hardin my Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby making  
all other Wills in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my seal this twenty second day of August in the year of our Lord 1778

Signed Sealed and delivered  
In the presence of

Joseph Morgan  
James Hargrave  
Thomas Walker

Joseph B Brittain  
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