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the furniture, Dresser & furniture & saddle & the remainder to be sold at the discretion of my executors & the money arising from said sale after paying my just debts to be divided equally betwixt my four children, Andrew, Mary, Margaret & Robert, but in case my sd wife should marry again I empower my sd executors to make sale of the negro woman & the other personal property left for the support of said family except her saddle, clothing &c & furniture & dresser with its furniture which I bequeath to my sd wife for ever & the money arising from sd sale I appoint to be divided equally betwixt my wife & four children above named. Item I give, bequeath & demise, to my sons Andrew & Robert the land I now live on hereto adjoining to be divided at the discretion of my Executors between my said sons.

Item I give, demise, & bequeath to my brother James all my right the claim, interest & demand for into a certain tract of Land, lying on both sides of Elk Shoak creek in Judith County, willed by my father to my brother William deceased, upon condition that my heirs be forever released from a certain sum of money which I was bound to pay to my said brother James by nature of my father's last will.

Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my trusty & well beloved wife Frances & my trusty friend James Mandachande Alexander Wilson executors of this my last will & test: & I do hereby disannul revoke & disallow all other wills, legacies, bequeaths, heretofore made, ratifying & confirming this to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Signed, sealed, published & declared to be my last will & test in presence of:

John Morrison

Robert Hughes jr  
Dn Minner.

David Morrison

In the name of God Amen! I Joseph Mays of Rowan County & State of N Carolina being sick & weak in body but of sound & disposing mind, memory & understanding considering the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time, being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and then by being the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me from hence. Do therefore make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say. First & principally I commend my soul into the hands of all mighty God & my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named & after debts & funeral charges are paid.

I lend to my beloved wife Ester Mays all my real & personal estate during her life or Day of marriage & after her decease or Day of marriage. I give & bequeath to my son Isaac Mays all my land & improvements thereon.

My will & desire is that after my wife's death or

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Day of marriage, that all my personal estate be sold  
& the money arising thereon to be equally divided betwixt  
my four children, Isaac, Nancy, Mary & Lacey Mays,  
& lastly I hereby constitute & appoint my dear wife  
Cather Mays to be sole executor of this my last will &  
test: revoking & annulling all former wills by me made  
I do heartily ratify this & no other to be my last will &  
testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand &  
seal this 29 August 1799.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged  
in the presence of  
E. V. Harbin jurr.  
George Gentle.

Joseph Mays (seal)

In the name of God amen!

I Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Conaughey of the County of Rowan &  
State of N. Carolina being in a low State of health  
& knowing that it is appointed that all flesh must  
die, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs in  
as just & equitable a manner as possible do make  
& ordain this my last will & testament in following words.  
Viz I give & bequeath unto my brother James M<sup>c</sup>Cona-  
ughey my plantation or tract of land on Little creek joining  
William Cowan Samson M<sup>c</sup>Conaughey & Hugh Blackie  
& to pay my debts out of it, if sufficient  
Item I give & bequeath unto my brother Samson M<sup>c</sup>Cona-  
ughey son of Joseph M<sup>c</sup>Conaughey & John M<sup>c</sup>Conaughey

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& his daughter Margaret Milles M<sup>c</sup>Conaughey eightpence  
each. I give & devise unto my sister Catharine Susan-  
n Milles & Martha Foster ten Shillings each  
Item I will & desire that the remainder of my estate real  
& personal be divided between my brother Joseph  
& James M<sup>c</sup>Conaughey to enable them to bury me  
in a decent & Christian manner.

Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my brother  
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my last will & test: hereby disannulling all other  
wills or executors by me made & appointed ratifying  
& confirming this my last will & testament in tes-  
timony of the same I have set my hand & seal this  
6 day of February 1798.

Signed sealed & testifies  
in the presence of us  
Jas. Brandon.  
Charles Dunno.

his  
Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Conaughey (seal)  
mark

In the name of God Amen!

I James M<sup>c</sup>Brown of the State of N. Carolina &  
County of Rowan; being of sound & perfect mind & memory  
blessed be God Do this 18 day of May A.D. 1799, make  
& publish this my last will & test: in the following manner.  
I give & bequeath to my true & loving wife my young  
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choice out of my stock, & one bed & furniture & the whole

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