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In the name of God Amen. I Levi Silver of
Rowan County being very sick and weak in body of sound
mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do
make & ordain, & constitute this to be my last will & test:
That is to say, principally and first of all I recommend my
soul into the hand of almighty God and my body I re-
commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial
at the discretion of my executors, and as touching my
worldly estates wherewith it had pleased God to bless
me with in this life I give give, demise & dispose
of the same in the following manner, that is to say first of
all I lend & demise to my wife Mary Ann Silver four or
acres of land lying in Rowan County in the forks of the
Radkin, likewise one cow & calf which is now in her possession,
freely to be possessed and enjoyed by her during the time
of her natural life. I do likewise give and bequeath unto
Delilah Walker twenty six acres of land, adjoining the
above mentioned land, also one cow and calf freely to
be possessed and enjoyed by her, during the time of her
natural life. And after the decease of the above mentioned
Mary Ann Silver and Delilah Walker the above mention
land which I have devised unto them, the same shall
devise unto James Freedy to be his lawful right and
property without any manner and condition. And
the remainder of my property exclusive of the above

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mentioned articles my will & pleasure is that the same shall
be sold at the highest bidder, and all my just debts to be
paid out of the income of the same: and the remainder of
the same if any, the one third part I do give and bequeath
unto the above mentioned Mary Ann Silver and the remainder
of that I do give and bequeath unto the above mentioned Delilah
Walker. I do also appoint Thomas Smith to be the sole
executor of this my last will and testament. And I do
hereby disannul all other wills, Legacies & requests in
any wise heretofore signed by, ratifying, allowing and
confirming this and no other to be my last will and
testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this 12 day of April 1798.

Signed sealed published,
pronounced & declared by the said
Levi Silver to be his last will
and testament in presence of us,
who in his presence & in the presence
of each other have hereunto subscribed
our Names.

Frederick Pholson

Frederick Pholson

Dec. 2nd 1800 I do hereby certify
that that the above is the will pronounced
by the oath of Frederick Pholson to be
last will & test of Levi Silver deceased
and was sworn to be so the day and
date above written