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In the name of God the 27th Day of March 1783. I
 Maccolm Blue late of Rowan County in the State of
 N. Carolina, planter, being in good health & of perfect
 sound & disposing mind & memory, but calling to mind
 the mortality of my body, & knowing that it is appointed
 for all once to die, do make constitute & ordain this my
 last will & testament, that is to say principally & first
 of all I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God
 who gave it & as for my body, I recommend to the earth
 to be buried in a Christian like manner, at the discretion
 of my executors, not doubting but that at the general
 resurrection, I shall receive the same by the almighty
 power of God, as touching my worldly estate, where with
 it had pleased God to bless me in this life I dispose
 of it in the following manner & form.

First my will is that all my just debt be paid.
 Secondly I give & bequeath to my youngest son James
 Blue one hundred acres of land, of the tract upon which
 I now live adjoining the old dividing line between
 Samuel Smith & John Smith, including my dwelling
 house, the spring & spring branch to him the said
 James Blue, his heirs & assigns for ever.

Also I give & bequeath unto my second son Dugal
 Blue for simple one hundred acres of land, of the same
 tract, adjoining his brothers James hundred acres, the
 remainder of the said tract upon which I now live to
 be equally divided between my two sons Archibald Blue

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& John Blue, & the said land when divided to belong to
 them & their heirs & assigns in Fee simple
 Also I give to my dear wife Margaret one third part of
 the land upon which I now live during her natural life,
 & one third part of my personal estate & over & above the
 said third part the best cow & the best mare or horse that
 I shall see possessed of, at her own choice. The remainder
 of my personal estate to be equally divided between all
 my children.

Also my will is that all the land, which I have entered
 in the late land office be equally divided between my two
 sons Archibald & John & their several divisions to come
 to them & their heirs or assigns for ever.

Also I give & bequeath to my dear wife Margaret her
 own feather bed & furniture. And I do here by constitute
 ordain & appoint William Nesbit & my wife Margaret
 Blue executors of this my last will & testament, hereby
 renouncing & revoking all other wills by me made. In
 witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
 the Day & year above written.

Signed, sealed, published
 declared and pronounced
 by the Testator to be his
 last will & testament in the presence

Maccolm ^{his} Blue ^{only}
 mark.

Mac. Chambers Jun.
 David Nesbit.
 Spruce Macay