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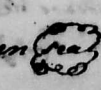
& it is my desire that after all my debts is paid, that there may be a equal division made of the balance, among my three sisters ^{& Lucy Owen} ~~namely~~ Judy Owen, Mary Owen & Patty Linder, my three sisters & Lucy Owen a daughter of Judge Owen & after my decease I desire that an inventory may be taken. I have unto do set my hand in presence of the witnesses this 18th day of September AD 1794.

Lucy Owen, King's ^{his} Owen ^{his} Henry Owen ^{his} 
 Judy Owen ^{his} ^{mark.} ^{mark.}

In the name of God Amen! I Nancy Owen of Rowan County & State of N^C Carolina, lying weak of body but of sound mind & memory - & calling to mind that it is appointed for all flesh once to die & as touching what worldly property it had pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath in manner & form following, that is to say:

1/ I will & bequeath unto my beloved Grand son Humphrey James son of Allian James, all & singular that part of property, that shall & may fall to me in right of Dower as relict & widow of James Owen Decd

2/ I do hereby constitute my trusty friend Allian James as my executor of this my last will & test: & I do revoke & disannul all & every other will & test: what ever. testifying this to be my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 2nd day of August: 1799.

in presence of us Saml. Dusenberry. ^{his} Nancy Owen ^{his} 
 James Calhoun & Willis Ellis. ^{mark.}

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In the name of God Amen! the 26th Day of January 1807. I Joseph Caters of N^C Carolina & Rowan County, being thro: the abundant mercy & goodness of God, to weak in body but of perfect mind & memory, do constitute this my last will & test: & I desire it may be received by all as such. First I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it, through the all sufficient merits of my most compassionate redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins & is able to save all to the utmost, all that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lived to make intercession for them, & who I trust will not reject me returning penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy in this hope & confidence I render up my soul with comfort, humble beseeching the most blessed & gracious trinity one God most holy most mercifull & gracious to prefer me for the time of my decease & then to take me to himself into that peace & rest & incomparable felicity which he has prepared for us all that love & fear his holy name amen. Blessed be God I give my body to the earth, from which it was taken in full appearance of its resurrection from thence at the last day. As for my burial, I desire it to be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife & my executors hereafter named which they will manage it with all requested providence. And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it had pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, bequeath, & dispose of the same in following manner & form: 