Last Will and Testament and utterly disannulling all former wills and Testaments ratifying & confirming this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy four 1774

David Andrew (Seal)

Witness
William Dobbins
James Rosebrough

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North Carolina
Rowan County

In the name of God, Amen, I John Barnet Stagner of the County of Rowan and province of North Carolina, Farmer, being in perfect health of body, and of perfect mind and Memory, thanks be given unto God; calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all, I give and Recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body to be committed to the Earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my Executors; nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First I give and bequeath to Elizabeth, my dearly beloved wife, one third part of my Real and personal Estate, during her life or Widowhood, and at her Marriage or Death it shall fall to my well beloved Son Barnet Stagner to whome I give and bequeath all my Lands and all and every of my personal Estate such as Cattle, Horses Hogs and all that I should die possessed of only paying such legacies as I shall hereafter mention. Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Stagner one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain. Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Christiana one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Barbary one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Dorothy one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary one Shilling lawful money of Great Britain. Likewise I constitute make and ordain my Son Barnet Stagner William Andrew sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills, Legacies, bequests, and Executors, by me in any ways before named, Willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Tenth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and seventy five

John Barnet (his mark)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said John Barnet Stagner as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of each other
[illegible] Benjamin Benny

In the name of God Amen I William McPherson of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it and all his Mercies and calling to mind the Mortality of my body and that it is appointed to all men once to die to make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my Body to the dust to be buried in decent Christian burial and as touching the Worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form (Viz) I give and bequeath unto my brother Joseph all my right title and claim of the Land I now possess also all my right Title and Claim of certain Negroes I give bequeath to him my Fine breeches and one pair of Fustian Breeches — I give and bequeath to my sister Mary one yellow Cow my Furniture and Silver buttons — I give and bequeath unto to the heirs of her Body my bay horse and also a Gimlet Cow — I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Thomas Galbreath my blue coat a brick pattern fine Breeches & a linen Jacket I give and bequeath unto my Brother in Law William Lange my blue great coat my blue Jacket and breeches my scotch coat and two pair of Leather breeches — I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Samuel Galbreath a certain Cow Colt two years old past. I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Robert Linn my Roan mare in consideration of which I appoint him to procure and affix a Tomb stone over my grave and also to keep and take care of the affairs of Colt for the use of Ye Samuel Galbreath and he shall have an opportunity to take him into possession — and further I appoint my goods & Chattles not mentioned above to be sold to public sale by my Executors and after all my just debts are paid the surplus of my Estate is to be equally divided between my two Sisters Mary and Ann And I do hereby appoint John Cochran and Andrew Cochran Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby make and all other Wills made by me heretofore ordaining and appointing this to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twelfth day of August Anno Domini 1777

his
William X McPherson (Seal)
Mark

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in the presence of us
Robert Linn — Thomas Galbreath

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In the name of God Amen on ye year 1777 Sept. 10 I Robert Milligan of Third Creek in ye County of Rowan & province of North Carolina being very sick & weak of body yet of perfect mind & memory & calling to mind ye mortality of my body that is to say first of all I do commend my soul to God who gave it & trust in ye merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ that upon his decement I shall stand acquitted at the day of Judgment when he shall make up his Jewels & I do recommend my body to ye Earth to be buried in decent burial order at ye discretion of my Executors [illegible] that all my Debts be paid out of the [illegible] of my Estate with my funeral Charges & ye rest of my Estate I will & bequeath as follows Viz I do Will and bequeath unto my Grandson [illegible] 2 blue ones 2 striped 2 white ones to his [illegible] I do Will & bequeath any lawful [illegible] that my [illegible] Buckles & Sleeve buttons [illegible] my Executors [illegible] & bequeath any lawful [illegible]

Bible to his proper use for ever & to Margaret Gay wife of James Gay I do will & bequeath my Silver Tea Spoons & my Silk handkerchief to her use & I do Will & bequeath all the rest of my Estate to my Landlord William Armstrong Carlson viz body Cloths Cash Loom & tackelings & all my books to him and his heirs for ever also I do appoint & will that my Friend William Armstrong be Executor to this my Last Will & Testament & this above written Will & Testament I do acknowledge to be my last Will & Testament as Witness my hand & Seal the day & year above Written

his
Robert Milligan (Seal)
Mark

Witness present
James Dickey Samuel Dickey

In the name of God Amen This twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord God One thousand seven hundred & seventy seven I John Cowden of North Carolina Rowan County Rocky Creek settlement but now in Hardin Lancaster County Pensylvania Farmer being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for it calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last Will & testament. & first I commend my Soul to almighty God that gave it & my body to the Earth to be decently buried & as for such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I do give demise and dispose the rest in the following manner after all my just Debts and funeral ~~Expenses~~ charges is paid Viz. Imprimis I give & bequeath to Jean my well beloved Wife the sum of One hundred and Sixty pounds North Carolina Currency to be one year after my decease paid to her by my Executors herein after mentioned & likewise my Round Mare & her Saddle & her own Bed & Bed Cloths & one Cow at her own choice and her Chest — The Rolls & Rider the Chest have at the old price of such articles — Item my is that my real Estate that is to say my Lands which I now hold by Deed or claim all from Richard Armstrons lines on the South to or near to Shirts path on the great Road to be equally devided amongst my three Sons Viz Matthew John & William share & share alike & that part of my land that is not now Deeded I allow my Executors to Deed as soon as possible at the expence of my Estate that Mare & Coalt two Cows & two Calves which he was the claimant of my Son Matthew to be equally devided amongst my three Sons share & share alike but in case any of my three Sons should die before they arrive at the age of Twenty years & without lawful issue then my Will is in such case that the said belong to the Survivors or Survivor share & share alike Item I give and bequeath to my two daughters Viz Elizabeth & Martha each Sixty pounds like Lawful money of Pensilvania to be paid out of my personal Estate to be raised as for Convenient by my Executors & put to the best use for the Children in case one of my said Daughters dies under age or without lawful heirs than in such a case it shall belong to the survivor — Item my Will is that after the before mentioned Legacies and bequeathments are paid that the over plush if any of my personal Estate be equally devided amongst my five Children share & share alike — Item my Will is that my Family live together if they can live comfortable as long as my wife shall remain a Widow. if my Executors see it most advantageous [illegible] for that my Children may be schooled & educated in a [illegible]

as Desireth I allow him his Sold — I allow said James my Round Mare yearling filly — Item my will is, if my Wife sees it proper that my Brother from Gilcreest at his own request have my Son John & my Brother James Cowden at his own request have my son Matthew to Cloth School & educate at their own expences which they are every willing to undertake to perform. — Item I likewise constitute & appoint William Shank & Robert Young Executors of this my first Will & Testament & disallow revoke & disanul all & every other Will Legacies and bequeathments heretofore by me in any wise made relating this & no other to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have set to my hand & Seal the day & year above Written &c

John Cowden (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & pronounced by the said John Cowden to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of

Robert Gilleeret John Gilleeret William Cowden
Josiah White Joseph McGuire

In the State of Pennsylvania
Lancaster County to wit.

On the twenty first day of August Anno Dominie 1777 before me the Subscriber personally appeared Robert Gilleeret John Gilleeret and Joseph McGuire three of the subscribing witnesses to the within Will and on their corporal Oaths did depose and say that they saw the within named John Cowden the Testator within named, sign seal publish pronounce and declare the within Writing as and for his last will and Testament and that at the time thereof he was of sound and well disposing mind memory & understanding to the best of their knowledge observation and belief

Peter Rookstraw
Register for the probate of Wills &c in and for the County of Lancaster aforesaid

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In the name of God Amen this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty seven I William Crofsbale of the County of Bannon and State of Virginia being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for all his Mercies and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say imprimis and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of in the following manner and form Item I give and bequeath unto Martha my well beloved wife one Bed & furniture and four Cows