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State of North Carolina Rowan County

These are to certify that ~~apart~~ the subscribers were called upon Robert Smith in his last sickness in his own habitation or dwelling house, on Tuesday the 20th Day of September, 1785, in order to remember and have drawn into form his last will and testament, which is substantiated in the words following I bequeath, to my wife ~~Thers~~ one third part of my personal estate to be her general property And that she shall have the full and free exercise of and possession of my dwelling house and out houses and sufficient quantity of cleared land for her comfortable subsistence with her family during her widowhood

Thereafter the marriage or death of my wife, my land shall be sold and the money equally divided amongst all my children both male & female, and the same rule is to be observed with respect to the distribution of the residue of my personal estate.

That neither of the children shall be entitled to receive any legacy apart of my estate until the marriage or death of my wife or on this express condition namely that my wife with consent of me executors James McHenry shall judge it proper for my family to move to the western waters, in which case they are to sell my land and distribute the money arising therefrom as above said

Given under our hand & seal this 20th September 1785
 Daniel Boyd Seal
 Benjamin Dobbs Seal

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In the name of God Amen I Peter Piggswalt of Rowan County and State of North Carolina being through the mercy and goodness of God to weak in body but of sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received by all as such first I most humble begueth my soul to God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merit and mediation of my most compassionate redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them and who I trust will not reject me a returning penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy in this hour and confidence I render up my soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious Trinity one God most holy most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the throne of my glorification and then to take me to himself into that peace & rest & incorruptible felicity in which he has prepared for all that love and fear his holy name Amen blessed be God I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day as for my burial I desire it may be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and my executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence as to my worldly Estate I will and positively order that all my debts be paid first I give to my dear and loving wife as long as she continues to be a widow for hundred