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In the name of God amen I Henry Riches - of Rowan County in the State of N^c Carolina being very sick in body full of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for it, Do this 13th Day of November in the year of our Lord 1799 - Make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner following that is to say.

It is my will that my well beloved wife Chatharina Riches shall keep her possession on the plantation I now live on together with all my beloved children as like in my life time as long as she shall be a widow after her death or if she should marry again then it is my will that my well beloved son Henry Riches shall possess the land I now live on after he shall take his right of the land, & live on, in a twelve month after he shall pay to each of his sisters ten pound good & lawfull money but if my son Henry should die before he should have her possession of the plantation, which he shall not have before his twenty one years of age, it is my will that the plantation shall be sold after my wife death & equal divided amongst my children, it is my will that all my wife, & my children that will obey her & stay with her do make of the plantation shall be equal divided amongst them, any stock they rise during the time, they live peaceable together on the plantation shall be equal divided amongst them - Concerning all other property to me belonging it is my will that the three oldest daughters shall each of them have when they marry as before it if convenient a bed and

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one cow each and the balance left it is my will it shall be equal divided amongst the rest of my children - Now I desire that this my last will & testament be faithfully fulfilled - in witness whereof I the said Henry Riches have set my hand & seal the Day & year above written.

Signed, read, published, & attested
by the said Henry Riches as his last will
& test: in the presence of us.

Johann Gotten.
Leonhard Welcher.
Jacob Fisher jun.

In the name of God amen!
I Steph. Roberts of the County of Rowan & State of N^c Carolina being weak in body full of sound mind & memory Do make this my last & test: Viz First I give my soul to God that good it is my duty to the dust to be buried in a decent manner at the Discretion of my executors And as to what worldly property it hat pleased God to bless me it is my will that it be disposed of in the following manner.

Viz, In the first place it is my will that all my just debts be paid
I give to me beloved wife Phoebe all my Negroes stock of every kind, plantation tools, household furniture for her use during her natural time the Negroes to put in her possession as soon as the crop is made where they are now under the direction of my son Warren.

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I give & devise to my son Warren Roberts the tract of land containing thirty one acres & one half whereon I now live & also one hundred acres of land where my mill stands on Polli creek also 200 acres of land I purchased of William Moore to him & his heirs forever also the profits arising from my negroes stock & household & furniture which will be more than will maintain my wife at her discretion I give & devise to my son Josuah Roberts one tract of land purchased of Thomas Carson known by the name of Millers place also one tract of land containing 60 acres I purchased of John Ford to him & his heirs forever.

It is my will that my plantation on Country line creek in the County of Caswell be sold & the money arising therefrom together with all the residue of my estate to be equally divided between my son Warren Roberts & Josuah Roberts, my daughter Polly Harrell Molly Moreton, Judith Eymond & Phebe Richmond Nancy Roberts & Betsey Roberts daughter of my son William Roberts jointly to be considered to have a share provided that it shall be considered that Judith Eymond has received ninety pounds Virginia money already.

And for the performance of the above my last will & test I do appoint my beloved wife Phebe Robert my son Warren Roberts & my true friend John Withers executors of this my last will & test, as witness I have hereunto set my hand & seal of 4th of July 1803.

Signed sealed, published in presence of
W. Moore, Carhart Walling,
Jacob Wifeman

Wm Roberts
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In the name of God Amen! I Deborah Biles of the State of North Carolina of Rowan County being in perfect health of Body & of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God I calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all women to die do make & ordain this my last will & testament, that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a 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 where with it had pleased god to bless me in this life I give, demise, & dispose of the same in following manner & form. — First I give & bequeath to Elizabeth Stone & Tabby Biles all my real & personal property what soever them & their heirs for ever after my death to be equally divided between the two sisters at the direction of my executors. I do hereby constitute make & ordain & appoint my dear beloved friend James Stone & my dear beloved sister Ann Biles as my executors of this my last will & testament. And I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke & disannul every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequestes & assets by me in any wise before named, willed & bequeathed — ratifying & confirming, this & no other to be my last will & test: in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand