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

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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]