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In the name of God Amen.

I Jacob Willis of the

County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina being of advanced years of life and in an ill state of health but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make ordain and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz. I give my immortal soul to God who gave it to me, hoping through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer to have full and free pardon of all my sins, and my body to be interred in the earth from whence it was taken, after such decent form as my executors hereafter named shall think convenient there to remain until the great and general day of Resurrection when by the power of Almighty God my body and soul shall be again united to a full & a full enjoyment of His glory to all eternity.

Next that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid off and satisfied out of my personal estate. And as touching and concerning such further estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life, I give will and bequeath in manner ~~and form~~ following.

- 1st Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lydia all my land and all belonging to it as I now own it also all my farming utensils & Household and kitchen furniture, all the Cattle, three head of horses and all the hogs during her lifetime in widowhood and if she should marry then the land to be equally divided among the Children.
- 2^d Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Willis one feather bed and furniture to her & her heirs forever.
- 3^d Item. I give and bequeath unto my son W^m Willis one scythe and one axe to him and his heirs forever.

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- 4th Item. I give and bequeath to my son James B. Willis one scythe, Cradle & one axe to him and his heirs forever.
- 5th Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Johnston Willis twenty five Cents to him his heirs forever.
- 6th Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Agnes Willis one feather bed and furniture to her & her heirs forever.
- 7th Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Willis twenty five Cents to her and her heirs forever.
- 8th Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Willis twenty five Cents, to him his heirs forever.
- 9th Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Willis twenty five Cents to her and her heirs forever.
- 10th Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Brown Willis twenty five Cents to him and his heirs forever.
- 11th Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Willis twenty five Cents to her and her heirs forever.
- 12th Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Jesse Richardson Willis twenty five Cents to him and his heirs forever.
- 13th Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Gallahue Willis twenty five Cents to him and his heirs forever.
- 14th Item. And lastly I order and allow and appoint my wife Lydia Willis and my son James Willis ^{Black} executors of this my last will and Testament revoking, disannulling and disallowing all former Wills, gifts, legacies and bequests by me and this only to be my last will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Signed, sealed, pronounced & declared in presence of us who saw the said Jacob Willis pronounce the same to be his last will and Testament
 Samuel S. Gidney (Jurat)
 Joseph Thomas (Jurat)

Jacob Willis (Jurat)