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and also ^{two head of cattle} to John Morrison and Robert the horse and saddle he now claims and one horse more & two head of Cattle and also each one bed & furniture Third. I bequeath the plantation I now live on to my beloved wife during her life, then to be equally divided between my three sons Thomas, Andrew and Joseph Morrison, and also Thomas the horse and saddle he now claims and another horse and two head of Cattle one bed and furniture — Andrew & Joseph each two head of Horses one saddle and bridled and each two head of Cattle, one bed and furniture each. —

Fourth I bequeath to my daughter Betty Morrison one horse and saddle & bridle with two beds and furniture and two head of Cattle and two hundred dollars in money. —

Fifth. I bequeath to my daughter Mary Morrison one horse saddle and bridle with two beds and furniture and two head of Cattle and two hundred dollars in money. —

Sixth. I bequeath to my daughter Betty Morrison one horse bridle & saddle with two beds & furniture and two head of Cattle and two hundred dollars in money. —

Seventh I allow my still and three negroes, Loose, Phillis & Abe to be sold and the money to the use of settling the claims against the estate. —

Eighth. I bequeath to my beloved wife one negro girl named Sel, with the ballance of all my undivided property and house and household furniture during her lifetime and at her death equally divided among all the above named children

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Fourth. I ordain and appoint Francis Morrison and John Morrison Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking, annulling & making void all former Wills, Testaments, Legacies or Executors by me heretofore made, given, granted appointed constituted or ordained, ratifying & confirming this and thus only to be my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of November 1826. —
Signed sealed published and delivered by me the testator John Morrison as
his last Will and Testament
in presence of us

Hugh Watson
Samuel Spratt

John Morrison Esq
John Morrison Esq

In the name of God Amen:

I Jesse Evans of Putnam County & State of North Carolina, being very weak and frail in body, but being in my perfect senses thanks be to Almighty God for his goodness, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die — I do make this my last Will and Testament — first I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the earth. — And as to what worldly property it has pleased God to bless me with, I wish it to be disposed of as follows. — 1st my desire is that my three daughters that are with me, Franky, Lucinda and my youngest which we call the baby, when they meet it or go to themselves, each to have the value of fifty dollars in such property as will best suit them. —

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Lastly I give to my beloved wife Eunice all the rest of my estate real and personal for her to enjoy during her natural life or widowhood; after that I give unto Thompson, Jefferson, and Jope what land I possess to be divided between the three; then what remains of my property to be equally divided between all my children, Patsy, Franky, Lewis, Sally, Polly, David, Anna, Thompson, Lucinda, Jefferson, Jope and the youngest which we call baby - and further I give to my beloved wife Eunice one negro girl of her choice for her to dispose of as she may see cause. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of August 1826 - I do hereby make & constitute my worthy friends James Clegg and David Evans my Executors of this my last will and Testament

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James Clegg

Jope Evans

(See Min. Docket p. 126 for probate)

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In the name of God Amen

I William W. Groves of the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God; 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 principally and first of all I leave and recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried 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 touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of in the following manner & form. -

First of all my lawful debts to be paid. -

I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Groves the tract of land where I now live during her widowhood with the house and household furniture for the raising and support of the family, with one sorrel mare one sorrel colt and one Roane horse with the cattle and hogs to be disposed of as she thinks best for the use of the children. -

I leave and bequeath unto my son Jope Groves the tract of land where he now lives by estimation 145 acres with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging with what property he has received

I leave and bequeath unto my daughter Jenny what property she has received; and the more that I shall let her have to pay back twenty dollars to my present family. -