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I further State that my son Luke and Jehonias shall have two years after they get possession of said land before they shall pay up to the other legates - as to personal estate I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret during her natural life, except a Cow and calf or the value thereof to my three daughters Mary, Mary Ann, Rebecca and then to be divided as follows to Alfred Hester if he stays with the old woman until he is twenty one years old that he has a horse and saddle worth forty dollars, and what remains at her death to be sold at twelve months credit and the money divided among the heirs of my son Joseph, Robert and Zachariah and Margaret Peter - I do nominate and appoint my two sons Luke and Jehonias as executors to this my last Will and Testament Given under my hand and seal as my last Will and Testament. - Signed in the presence of us; May 20<sup>th</sup> day 1826. -

Levell Wilkins (Sunt)  
John Wilkins

Jehonias Waldrop (Sunt)

In the Name of God, Amen.

I John James of the County of Putnamford and State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thank be given to Almighty God, 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, first I recommend my soul to

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God who gave it, and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christianlike burial at the discretion of my executors, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of in the manner as follows, first - I give to my wife Sarah James one Hundred Acres of land, beginning at the beginning White Oak of the old survey her lifetime, also all stock lots, and household furniture to do and dispose of as she may see proper.

I give to my daughter Mary Patton ten shilling at the decease of her Mother, I give to my son Thomas James twenty eight acres of land of the old tract, beginning at a Hickory the <sup>2nd</sup> corner tree, run with the old line one hundred & forty eight poles to a stake on the line <sup>thence</sup> with the same degree of the old survey thirty poles to a stake, thence according to the degree one hundred and forty eight poles to the old line thence thirty poles to the beginning.

I give to my son David James that hundred acres that I lend to my wife, and him to live when he now lives till her death. - I forgive my daughter Jane Baldridge the interest of a note of one hundred dollars that I had against her. - I give to my daughter Nanny James that fifteen acre survey where David lives, and thirty acres joining known by the name of Edwards entry, and twenty seven acres of the old survey the West corner. - I give to my son John P. James ten shilling at his Mother's death. - Also I give to my daughter Sarah James seventy two and a half acres of land of the old survey joining David and Nanny below and Elizabeth above. -

I give to my daughter Elizabeth James seventy two and half acres of the old survey joining Thomas

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Abner and Sarah below. — I give my daughter <sup>Frances</sup> Elender Barry thirty dollars at the decease of her Mother. — Also I appoint Thomas James and David James my lawful and sole executors to this my last Will and Testament. — and I do hereby utterly disavow and every other former Testament, wills, bequests, legacies and executors by me in any wise before named, nullified, bequeathed ratified and confirmed this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. — In Witness Whereof I have set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1826. — Signed sealed, pronounced and declared by the said John James as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names. —

William Adair (Scrib)

Thomas Marlow (Scrib)

John James (Scrib)

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In the name of God Amen.

I John Schoedel of Pulaski County & State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health and knowing that it is appointed unto man once to die but as the day nor the hour is not known, and I am blessed with my good reasoning faculties and sound mind do make, ordain, declare and publish this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others. —

1<sup>st</sup> After my decease I request that my body shall be interred in a plain but decent manner at a suitable spot of Ground on the plantation where I now live or may die. —

2<sup>nd</sup> I earnestly request that my just debts should be all paid (if there should be any) as soon as circumstances will permit. —

3<sup>rd</sup> Then I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sally Schoedel all my real and personal estate during her widowhood, and should my beloved wife die my widow, then our children should have it divided and each receive an equal share, as at present we have but one son whose name is Thomas. — 4<sup>th</sup> — But should my beloved wife Mary again, I must earnestly desire my Executors to reserve my real and personal estate for the only proper use and support of my beloved wife Sally Schoedel and our children, I allude not to any children that my beloved wife may have after my decease, or those that I had in my former marriages. —

And lastly I appoint my executor for the faithful execution of this my last Will and Testament, Absalom Warlick, Jerrall Crowder and Jeremiah Blanton. —