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- Item 5. I give and bequeath to my daughter Charlotte Miller one horse and saddle, Bed and furniture one Cow and Calf and one negro boy named Peter which she has already had, and three negroes to wife Dick & Andrew and Sam to her & her heirs forever.
- Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Jean Jackson one Mare and Saddle, bed & furniture one Cow and Calf & one negro girl named Doll which she has already had, and 3 negroes to wife Peter and Charles and Fanny to her and her heirs forever —
- Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Providence another one horse and saddle and fifteen dollars, which she has already had, and three negroes to wife James and George and Anna and her choice horse and her choice Cow and Calf out of my Stock, to her and her heirs forever; add a bed and furniture also to her and her heirs forever — And my desire is, and I order it so to be that the land I bought of John Alley laying on White Oak and Green's Creek, be sold, and the money equally divided between my daughter Elizabeth Hawkins's children when they become of age or marry, and that each of her children have 40 dollars out of my estate when they become of age or marry, in money or in such property as my executors may think proper, to them and their heirs forever —
- Item 8th. And I desire that the balance of my estate that I have not given away, be sold at twelve months end and the money equally divided between my four daughters, to wife Nancy Scott, Polly Earle, Jean Jackson, Charlotte Miller and Providence Arthur, to them and their heirs forever.

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Item 10th. I last of all appoint and ordain my two son in law to wife Aspinia Earle and William Jackson my executors to execute this my last Will & Testament. Given under my hand this the day and year above written, as witness my hand and seal.

Test.

Ans. Mills, Jurat
Isak Lyre G. Blackwells, Jurat
Lotto Stephen Casper

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In the name of God. Amen.

I, Lawrence Costner of Rutherford County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory (helped by God) do this twenty third day of August and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner following, that is to say. Test. I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Costner every thing that I own so long as she lives single single by my part in two hundred acres of land lying on both sides of first Broad River joining lands of Anderson Elam, Peter Moony, Nathaniel Thompson and Frederick Grigg, together with my part of all the stock consisting of horses, cattle, sheep, fowls &c, together with household and kitchen furniture; with all my crop now growing and on hands & my gun and all that belongs to it; and my part of Brandy that is to be made at John Brodebarber. The above my wife Nancy, ^{Costner} to have so long as she lives single, and after her death the property shall be equally divided among my heirs, viz Thomas Costner, David Gibon Costner and Joseph Dickson Costner, and one that

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she is now pregnant with mth, shall all have an equal part or share of my estate after my just debts is paid, which must be first done of all.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Anderson Elam and Andrew Blalock executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Lawrence Costner have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Lawrence Costner ^{his} ~~mark~~ ^{and}
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Lawrence Costner in the presence of us, who were present at the time of who were present at the time of signing and sealing therof.—

Witness

Henry Scherck Jr. (Saratoga)
William Cleaton
Samuel Thompson (Saratoga)

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I, Richard Eskridge of the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made. And first I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estimation in life; and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of the same as follows First, I direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that shall come into the hands of executors from any portion of my estate. Secondly, it is my will and desire that my beloved wife Elizabeth have all my tract of

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land wherein I now reside during her lifetime or widow hood, and after her death or marriage I give my tract of land to my two sons, John and Elijah Eskridge to be equally divided between them, containing in the whole two hundred and thirty four acres more or less.—

Thirdly: I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth my negro woman Hagar to dispose of as she pleases and her increase, also forever.— Fourthly, I give unto my three sons, John J. Eskridge, John Eskridge & Elijah Eskridge—

each of them a bed and furniture & each of them a cow & calf also to make them equal with those that has received such to be delivered to them by my beloved wife when called for.— Fifthly: I give all the rest of my property including my present crop, household and kitchen furniture, farming tools of every description, all my stock of horses, cattle, hogs sheep &c unto my beloved wife Elizabeth during her life, then widowhood I give unto my wife all the following negro woman negro man, Prince, negro woman Willis and all her children unto my beloved wife Elizabeth during her lifetime or widow hood and after her death or marriage, it is my will and

desire that my executor herein after named sell to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, all the property that is in proportion of my beloved wife and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my children, to wit William A. Eskridge, Hamilton Eskridge, Richard A. Eskridge Silas Eskridge, Nancy Elam, John G. Eskridge, Sally Wilkins, John Eskridge and Elijah Eskridge, each to share and share alike, and to effectuate this my intention I do hereby vest in my executor full power and authority to dispose of the same in every respect as I could do it living and the proceeds as soon as it shall come into the hands of my executor, the heirs or representatives of any of any of my children who shall have died between the time of my decease