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in a public way to satisfy any debt, dues and demands whatsoever - and knowing the exorbitant and perfidious principles of my wife & fearing she will to the injury of her children claim her lawful right, as a presentative means, she thus act, I give the whole of my estate to the State of Virginia. If unfortunately any dispute should arise respecting the true intent & meaning of this instrument it is my Will that it shall be decided by three judicious men, chosen by the Contending parties, and be as decisive as if settled by a Court of law.

To be executed by my son Joel Wood, whom I do hereby nominate & appoint sole Executor of this my last Will & testament, wishing him in every case to obtain the advice and Council of my friends John Moore (W.) and Ambrose Mills (Gent.)

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written.

State of North Carolina County of Rutherford
February Term 1825

The above paper writing purporting to be the last Will & testament of Daughters Wood dec. was presented in open Court for Probate to which there being no subscribing witnesses, John Moore Merchant, John Morris & James Morris being sworn, deposed that they believed the body & signature of the instrument to be of the proper hand writing of the testator, whereupon the Court ordered it to be recorded and enrolled at full length.

Witness
J. Craton Clk
B. Hers R. Birchall

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In the name of God Amen.

I Nathan Hamrick of the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God, do this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord 1825 make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say,

First - I give and bequeath to my loving wife Delilah Hamrick the following negroes, Spence, Hannah and Harry and one fourth of my land and plantations where I now live, four cows and calves, four hogs, three beds and furniture, six chairs, my Cupboard with all it contains, all the kitchen furniture and water vessels and all the jugs and butter pots, two looms, all the wheels & cards, my chests and trunks, two good gentle horses, six sheep, twelve good hogs, one sow and pig, all the geese, turkeys & chickens, all my ready money during her natural life.

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Nathan Hamrick the negro boy Ben to him and his heirs forever.

3. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Hamrick Lin & Peter & their increase to her and her heirs forever.

4th I give & bequeath to my daughter Marciana Hamrick Rhoda and her increase to her & her heirs forever.

5th I give and bequeath to my son David Hamrick Sarah & Tom to him & his heirs forever.

6th I give and bequeath to my son William Hamrick Phill & Will to him and his heirs forever.

7th I give and bequeath to my son Lorenzo D. Hamrick Perry & Betty & their increase to him and his heirs forever.

8th I give and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Hamrick, Enos & Minny & their increase to him & his heirs forever.

9th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Eliza a negro girl called Fatima & her increase, the two beds and

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furniture which she now has in possession and all the rest that I have hitherto given her, to her and her heirs forever.

10th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Suttle all my tract of land on Murren Creek in all the County Tennessee State during her natural life and then to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her body, to them and their heirs forever.

11th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Suttle, & William Suttle my grand son, & sons of sons of Mary Suttle a Negro girl named Irene and her increase, which said girl is now in possession of Mary Suttle to them and their heirs forever.

12th I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Irene Suttle a Negro girl to be bought at two hundred dollars or by my executors and her increase to her & her heirs forever.

13th Hence my Will and desire is that my land be undivided until after my Wifes death and then be equally divided between my four sons Nathan Hamrick, David Hamrick, William Hamrick & Lorenzo D. Hamrick & they shall call together four discreet men to each one fourth in value to them and their heirs forever.

14th All the rest and residue of my estate not herein before mentioned, at the end of four years to be valued and divided so as to make the negroes that have been given to Jeremiah Hamrick, Nathan Hamrick, David Hamrick, William Hamrick, Lorenzo D. Hamrick, Nancy Hamrick, Sarah Magney, & Narcissa Hamrick equal in value to them & their heirs forever.

15th After my Wifes decease I give to Nathan Hamrick the Negro woman Hannah, to David Hamrick, I give the Negro boy Harry and to Narcissa the Negro man Spencer to them & their heirs

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forever; all the rest and residue of the estate left to my wife except the land to be equally divided between my three daughters Nancy Hamrick, Sarah Magney and Narcissa Hamrick to them and their heirs forever. Lastly I make and ordain my two sons David Hamrick & William Hamrick executors to this my last Will and Testament.

I the Witness whereof I the said Nathan Hamrick have to this my last Will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

signed sealed published and
declared by the said Nathan
Hamrick Testator as his last Will
& Testament in the presence of

Thos. Birchett (Clerk)
John L. Stadden
A. C. Erwin -

Nathan Hamrick
mark

In the Name of God Amen.

The twenty sixth March one thousand eight hundred & twenty five. I Susanna Miller widow and relict of John Miller deceased being by the Will of my said husband left some particular property and considering that I have procured some in my own right during my widowhood and that I dont think there has as yet been an equitable disposition of the property among Legatees have thought it my duty according to my power to put now on an equality by what I have to dispose of it is my Will that my son in law Robert M. Apu be content with what he has, &c. - I give and bequeath to John Twitty Miller the ninety acres Land secured by me joining the old tract also two Cows and Calves. I also give and bequeath to David Miller my son 2 Cows and Calves. As to my Negroes David & Betty, Nancy, Harriet & Williamson, also my two horses