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In the name of God Amen.

I Bushrod Doggett of the County of Rutland State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory doth make Constituted and ordain this to be my last will and Testament I therefore revoke all former wills or will by me made previous to this date — In the first place it is my will that my beloved wife Susannah Doggett shall be well provided for, I therefore will and bequeath unto her, 1st the following slaves, Jacob, Jenny, Spencer, & Abram also the tract of land where I now reside supposed to contain two hundred acres, also all my stock waggon, stills household furniture, farming utensils vessels of all kinds &c — and at her death the negroes and their increase together with the land and other effects devised to her to be equally divided between my children then living or their issue, at the same time reserving the first child that the said Jenny may have for Bushrod Doggett the son of my son Richard for him to have and receive when he arrives at mature age — Item 2^d I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Wilmoth one negro girl named Selah together with a mare & cattle that she has hitherto received, all of which I estimate at two hundred and eighty dollars, to her sole use or her issue.

Item 3^d I will to my daughter Nancy Mosely the tract of land of land where she now lives supposed to be fifty acres also one negro girl named Harriet a horse and cattle that she has received I estimate the whole at four

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hundred and thirty dollars which I intend for the said Nancy or her issue. —

Item 4th It is also my will to give to my daughter Eliza both one negro girl named Rachael with my lots and improvements in Rutlandston together with thirty acres of land contiguous to the town on the East side, I estimate the whole at five hundred and eighty dollars, which I intend for her own proper use or her issue. —

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Butler one negro girl named Jude, one hundred acres of land where she now resides to be laid off in a square on or joining the lower south line twenty dollars worth of cattle I estimate the whole at five hundred and twenty dollars, which I give for her use and her issue or the use thereof of her issue which is intended to be distinctly understood as relating to what I have willed to each of my daughters.

Item 6th As it has been my own will and pleasure &c to put in the possession of William Sutton who married my daughter Mary a certain negro girl named Dinah for the proper use & benefit of my two grand children Eliza Love Sutton & Elias R. Sutton, it is my will therefore that they receive the benefits arising from said negro & her increase if any. —

Item 7th As it has been my own will and pleasure to apportion off my sons to a certain amount and estimating the property that within has been received or otherwise herein named, I now proceed to state the amount as given and received by each of my sons, William Doggett's land, Negro, Stock &c five hundred & sixty dollars. —

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George Doggett, Land negro stock & five hundred and sixty dollars.

Richard Doggett Land, negro stock & five hundred and ~~twenty~~ dollars.

Item 8th As there is land and negroes not named in any foregoing part of my will, it is my will that all the ~~land~~ and negroes &c shall be disposed of to the best advantage as soon as convenient after my death, that if all that is not mentioned in any of the above items.

Item 9th It is my will that agreeable to the estimate value that I have thought proper to attach to what each one of my children has received together with what is herein named, that after their all being made equal with my daughter Elizabeth, then the balance to be equally divided between my children agreeable to the true intent of the foregoing items.

Item 10th I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William Doggett and Orinil Butler as my executors to carry into effect this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 19th day of June A.D. 1829.

Item 11th Before I signed this my will it is my intention that the land & negroes not herein specified are to be valued, lotted & drawn for by my legates — Valued by Jacob Machal, Egg Noble & Harrison & George Walton Eggleston, or one failing to attend any two may choose a third man — A.B. the word to be "intended before signed."

Item 12th It is not my will to give to my grand children Eliza Love Sutton & Elias R. Sutton any more of my estate than the negro their father has in possession. — A.B. The word "mind," "time," "the," and the letter a intended before signed in presence of
James S. Ferrell (Seal) ^{his} Bushrod Doggett (Seal) ^{his} Mark
Alexander

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In the name of God, Amen.

I James Reid of the County of Rutland and State of North Carolina being in a weak state of health but of sound mind & memory calling to mind the mortality of the body & that it is appointed for all men kind to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament — And first of all I resign my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the direction of my Executors. And as touching such worldly estate as God has been pleased to bestow upon me, I allow to be distributed in the following manner. — And first of all I allow all my ^{lawful} ~~just~~ debts, ^{& legal expenses} to be paid out of my personal estate. Item. I give & bequeath unto my beloved niece Elizabeth Guffy all my plantation now occupied by John Smart and also four feather beds & five bedsteads and all my bed furniture of every description. I also allow to the said Elizabeth Guffy all my other estate of every description that I did seized & possessed of household draper & kitchen furniture, one mare one saddle, cow, sheep, one clock, two Cotton wheels, two flax wheels and any other article belonging to me at my death, my notes only excepted & what is hereafter mentioned.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my sisters that is Agnes Plummer, Martha Guffy, Letitia Cook — now three dollars each when my notes are collected — Item. I give & bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth Guffy one cow & calf.