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State of North Carolina Rutherford County.

In the name of God Amen— I Thomas Hall well knowing that I was born to die it is ordered by the Almighty once for all mortals to die and with this knowledge that I was born to die and now being sound in mind and memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament. I in the first place I will my soul to Almighty God who gave it to me after my death I wish my body to be decently buried in a christianlike manner. I then wish all my just debts to be paid if any there should be against me, it is my will that my brother John Hall shall live and reside in the same manner on the same premises on the same conditions and be provided for as hitherto as long as he lives, it is also my will that Ferraby Cogan who now lives on my premises do remain on the same and be provided for as usual. It is my will and pleasure that my son Thomas Cogan born of the body of Ferraby Cogan I do for the love and affection I have for him do make appoint & ordain him my true and lawful heir to have and to hold all the property that I may die in possession of, it is my will and pleasure that William Owen shall live on the same plantation where he now lives until my son Thomas Cogan becomes of age on the same term that he now lives on and it is further my will that no part of the property shall be sold, that the negroes shall remain all together on the same place where they now live, it is further my will that my son Thomas Cogan shall have good English Education, that the surplus of the crops & the stock after the common supply for the family use be sold, and the money arising from such sale shall be placed in the hands of my Executors for the purpose of paying the taxes & other necessities for family use, it is my will & pleasure that Gent. George Walton of Rutherford Co. & William Owen of the said County be my Executors to my last will and testament and that they become

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the Guardian for my son Thomas Cogan. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty three—

in presence of us
Thomas Cogan (Sert)
Joseph Cole
John Cole (Sert)

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