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and the line of such division or distribution to be entitled to such share or shares as their respective ancestors would have been entitled to receive if then living.

And I do hereby make and Ordain my son Elijah Eskridge executor of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I Richard Eskridge the testator have to this my will, written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
Witnesses
D. Dobbin

Richard Eskridge

In the name of God, Amen.

I William Stewart of the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God; Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this to be my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, & my body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors; and I appoint my wife Lucina and my son William Stewart to be my executors, and to act and do for me as though I was personally present, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the

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following manner and form — First, I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife two hundred acres of land that I now live on and also give my wife one grey mare and two Cows and one Calf and all my hogs & my farming tools and my working instruments and all my household furniture and all that I possess in this world besides, during her natural lifetime and at her death all this property that is left, I do will to my son William Stewart, and I also give Peggy Jones five dollars, and I also give Lucina Simons five dollars, and I also give my grand daughter Peggy Stewart ~~five dollars~~ one grey mare called ~~Lucy~~ and do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disannul all & every other former testaments, legacies and executors by in anywise before made, made and bequeathed, ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one. Signed, sealed published and pronounced and declared by the said William Stewart, 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.

Test, Robert Johnston (affirms)

Samuel Stewart (Surat)

William Stewart (Surat)

In the name of God, Amen.

I Thomas West of the County of Rutherford and State of N. Carolina, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed

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for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, viz. Principally and first I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth from whence it came, hoping at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate as with it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. 1st Request is that my just debts if any there be against me, be paid. 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth West all my estate, real and personal, by her to be peaceably possessed during her natural life and privileged to traffic and dispose of the same amongst my children or otherwise, if her needs may require, and at her death my will and desire is that my two youngest sons namely Isaac West and William West, to have all my land, mill and stile which I now live divided between them as equally as it can be done and the rest of my property the same shall be equally divided amongst all my children, except one bed and furniture to my son Isaac West, by sale or otherwise if they can agree upon the division of the same. Manly, Elizabeth, John, Sarah, Peter, Thomas, Elizabeth, Mary, Isaac & William. I likewise constitute make and ordain Joseph L. Divinny and my son West executor and executors to this my last will and testament; and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, bequests, bequests and executors by me in anywise before named, made and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will

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and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Thomas West as his last will & testament in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

John Proutie (Clerk)
James L. Divinny
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Thomas West
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In the name of God Amen.

I William Murray of the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say. First, I give and bequeath unto my son Saby Murray four shillings. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my son M. D. Murray four shillings. Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Strub four shillings. And lastly, the balance of my estate I give and bequeath unto my son John Murray for the support of my loving wife Cecil Murray and son Mordecai Murray. And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend John Murray executor of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I the said William Murray have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this day and year above written.