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until my youngest child arrives to the age of twenty one year, and then sold and the amount thereof equally divided among my said children or otherwise should my Executor hereafter appointed be of opinion (which I leave wholly to his judgment) that it will be more to the advantage of my said Legatee to sell the Land at any period sooner my will is that he do so and the amount thereof divided among my said children as above stated and now lastly I do hereby make Ordain and appoint Edward Rippy Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and affixed my seal the 14th day of July in the year of our Lord 1824

In presence of
Joseph Logan (Jurat)
Thos Logan (Jurat)
William Logan

Larkin Logan & Co
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In the Name of God: Amen.
This eighth day of August in the year of our date 1824, I Zachariah Wood of Rutherford County and State of North Carolina, being in a feeble state of health but of perfect mind & memory yet knowing the frailty of nature and the certainty of death, do make and Ordain this instrument written with my own hand to be my last Will and Testament.

Impressed. I recommend my soul to God who gave it, my body to the earth to be entombed in burial, and the expenses therefrom arising, together with other just debts (if any there be) first to be paid

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Item. To my daughter Dorcas Fowler I give & bequeath all my land above the Road leading from the flat throat on Green River to Henry's old schoolhouse of which she now has possession.

Item. To my son Joel Wood I give and bequeath all my land above Edmund Waldrops, to which the said Waldrop assigned me a deed of Conveyance.

Item. To my son Randolph Wood I give and bequeath all my land between Edmund Waldrops and a branch emptying into the river opposite a small island running up said branch to the spring now in use, thence a direct course to my C. line.

Item. To my daughter Sarah Ann Guttins I give & bequeath all my land below the tract whereon I now live, beginning on a White Oak below the first trap land following a meander line to the fork on Rodders branch thence up the meander of said branch keeping every left hand fork to the source, then the nearest course to William's line.

Item. To my son Middleton Wood I give & bequeath all my land on the North side of Green River below the first bequeathed to Randolph Wood.

Item. To my wife Mary I give and bequeath a reasonable support during her widowhood & good behavior and no longer.

Item. To my sons Nelson Wood & Carter Wood I give and bequeath the balance of residue of my estate Real or Personal without reserve.

It is my express Will & desire that none of my land shall ever be sold from among my legates, that if any one shall be anxious to sell & another shall be willing to purchase them and in that case I permit a sale, yet for it to remain in family forever, not admitting that any part thereof shall ever be sold

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in a public way to satisfy any debts, claims 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 preventative means, she then 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 (Wm.) and Ambrose Mills (Gent.)

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

Joel Wood
State of North Carolina County of Johnston
February Term 1825

The above paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of David H. 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 read and enrolled at full length.

Witness
Myself

Jonathan C. B. H. Wood
B. H. Wood

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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 Deborah Hamrick the following negroes, Spencer, Hannah and Harry and one fourth of my land and plantations where I now live, four Cows and Calves, four bees, 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.

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

3^d 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 Narcissa 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 Emily & Pety & their increase to him and his heirs forever.

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

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