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I Jane Carr widow of John Carr of Stokes County,  
 North Carolina, do make and publish the following as  
 my last will and testament, that is to say,  
 I will & bequeath, give and devise all my estate of  
 every description to Nelly Margaret Shackelford & her heirs.  
 I nominate and appoint my friend Samuel Shackelford  
 Executor to this my last will & testament.

Witness my hand & seal this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March  
 A.D. 1853.

Signed sealed & published }  
 in the presence of }  
 Rob. B. Watt }  
 John A. Gilmer }

Jane Carr (with mark)

March Term 1857.  
 The execution of the last will & Testament of Jane Carr deceased  
 (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in the Court  
 by the oath of Robert B. Watt, one of the subscribing witnesses to the  
 same & ordered to be recorded.

Robt. B. Watt

In the name of God, Amen.  
 I Green L. Richardson of the County of Stokes  
 and State of North Carolina being weak and  
 feeble in body, but of sound mind and memory  
 do hereby make this my last will and Testament  
 in manner and form as follows -  
 First - I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth twenty  
 seven acres & one half acre of Land, it being Lot No. one  
 and valued to her at the sum of one hundred & twenty  
 five dollars.  
 Secondly - I bequeath to my son John twenty seven acres  
 & one half acre of Land, it being Lot No. two and  
 valued at one hundred & twenty five dollars.  
 Thirdly - I bequeath to my daughter Rachael intermarried  
 with Sam P. Richardson twenty seven and one half  
 acres of Land, it being Lot No. three & valued  
 at two hundred & twenty five dollars.  
 Fourthly - I bequeath unto my son Joseph twenty  
 seven and one half acres of Land, it being Lot  
 No. four and valued at two hundred and twenty  
 five dollars.

The above four bequests are composed of the  
 upper division of my plantation, and subdivided  
 among my four oldest children agreeable to  
 a plot of division made at my request by  
 Lealib Jones on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this instant which plot  
 I desire to have recorded, so as fully to explain  
 and convey my meaning and intentions. It is  
 my desire that the above named children shall  
 equalize and pay over to one another so that  
 each shall in land and money share and share  
 alike, that is No 1 and No 3, pay over to No 2 &  
 I to equalize their land in value.  
 I further bequeath to my beloved wife Inditha Lad  
 and to my four youngest children, to wit, John  
 Richard, Nancy & Green the lower end or division  
 of plantation to remain in their joint possession  
 until the youngest child become of the  
 age of twenty one years, then to be divided  
 among my last named children agreeable to the  
 above specified plot of division, each lot to be  
 valued and equalized by the payment of money  
 so that each one shall have share and share  
 in valuation.

It is my wish to have a sale made of my personal property after my death and all the money arising to my estate after the expensy incurred to be equally divided among all my children, that portion arising to my four youngest children to be and remain for their mothers and their own raising and support.

It is my wish that no portion of my estate shall be expended in law to be kept from court as much as possible, and if a sale of my effects can be agreed on between my wife and all my children it may be done by private sale. hereby authorizing my Executors to use their best endeavours to keep down court expenses by agreeing to private or public sale so as not to prejudice the rights of any of my children or my wife.

It is my desire that my younger children who have had little or no portion of my effects shall receive or retain what my older children have heretofore rec<sup>d</sup>. that no misconstruction shall be placed on this last request my object is to give each child that has not rec<sup>d</sup> a bed the sum of Ten dollars or the bed.

Lastly - I hereby appoint my son Joseph Richardson and my son in law Sam P. Richardson my Executors to carry into effect this my last will and Testament.

Given under my hand & seals This 20. day of February A.D. 1857.

signed sealed and  
acknowledged before us  
John J. W. Davis  
Wm A. Lash

John L. Richardson  
Wm A. Lash

March Term 1857.

The execution of the last will & Testament of Genl. Richardson deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open court by the oath of John J. W. Davis & William A. Lash deposing witnesses to the same & evidence to be accorded, with the division of the lands accompanying the same.

Wm. H. Hill, Clerk

(The executor for the Richardson, estate)

The following is a copy of the division of the lands accompanying the will of Genl. L. Richardson, viz:

Lot No 1. Begin at Black oak on the old line, run South 38 poles to a white oak marked R. then East on a new line 116 poles to point in Davis line, then North on said line 38 poles to old Co. then West on old line 116 poles to the Beginning containing 27 1/2 acres.

No 2 Begin at point in lot of No 1. Run South on the old line 38 poles to point in Davis line, then West on a new line 116 poles to point, then North 38 poles to W of No 1. Then East on No 1. 116 poles to Begin. 27 1/2 acres

No 3. Begin at point in lot of No 2. Run North 13 poles to a poplar on a branch then West on old line 95 poles to a stake, then South on old line 31 1/2 poles to a stake in Willis's line, then East crossing the creek 158 poles to a stake in Davis line, then North on Davis line 18 poles to two links to a W of No 2. West 116 poles to the Beginning containing 27 1/2 acres.

No 4 Begin at stake Co of No 3. Run South on Davis line 23 poles to point then West 158 poles to a stake in Willis's line then North 23 poles to 10 links to Co of No 3. East on No 3 - 158 poles to the Beginning. 27 1/2 acres

No 5 Begin at Co of No 4. Run South 23 poles to 10 links to 10 links to point then East 158 poles to point. North 23 poles to 10 links to Co of No 4. then West on No 4 to Beginning 27 1/2 acres

No 6 Begin at Co of No 5. Run South 23 poles to 10 links then West 158 poles to a stake then North 23 poles to 10 links to Co of No 5. East on No 5 158 poles to Beginning 27 1/2 acres

No 7 Begin at Co of No 6. Run South 23 poles to 10 links to point then East 158 poles to a stake then North 23 poles to 10 links West 158 poles to Beginning containing 27 1/2 acres.

No 8. Begin at point in Willis's line. Run East on No 7. 158 poles to point in Davis's line then South 13 poles to the old line from Chambers line then West 59 poles to a black oak old Co then North 58 poles to a stake then South 48 poles to old Co on Chambers line then West on Willis's line 88 poles to line old Co then North on the old line 58 poles to Co of No 7 and Beginning, containing 32 acres.

Surveyed Feb 18 & 19 1857.  
by John J. W. Davis.

John J. W. Davis

Wm. H. Hill, Clerk