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The Execution of the last will & Testament of Solomon Leonard decd. (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of G. F. Wilson & W. Leonard the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

M. C. Hill, c. c.

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Votts of Stokes County in the State of North Carolina being weak in body and of sound mind & memory & understanding but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner of form following to wit:
First I bequeath to my dear wife Elizabeth Votts the tract of land which I have reserved to myself and on which we at this time live, containing seventy four acres more or less with all my cattle, house hold furniture, barn building, tools & whatever I may possess at the date of my death as long as she lives & remains my widow, under the conditions following to wit: That she sell at public sale after my death so much of my cattle & furniture as she may not use appropriating the proceeds towaids the payment of my debts and that she provide for the children which are not of age after the death of my dear wife the land when she lives & which I bequeath to her for her life time or as long as she remains my widow shall become the property of my son Madison Votts if he wishes to possess the same & pay for the same at the rate of five dollars per acre. If the said Madison Votts should not wish to purchase it at that price then it shall be sold to the highest bidder. My son John Votts have purchased a tract of land from me for which he is indebted to me shall after my death and after all my legal debts are paid pay the interest of what may remain due yearly to my dear wife Elizabeth Votts as long as she lives or remains my widow after her death all shall be sold except what is otherwise bequeathed and the proceeds with the outstanding capital & debts shall equally be divided among my children or their heirs when & where alike.

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Gathy I nominate my friend Jasper Todd to be the Executor of this my last will, hereby revoking all other legacies and bequests formerly made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty eight day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Signed, sealed & declared by the said testator as his last will and Testament in presence of us

Samuel B. Buckhner

Charles Fuller

Jacob Votts

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The Execution of the last will & Testament of Jacob Votts decd. (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Samuel B. Buckhner & Charles Fuller & ordered to be recorded.

M. C. Hill, c. c.

I Robert Hutchins of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner of form following: That is to say first, that my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses. Together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the money, that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. I then I will and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Hutchins all the land belonging to me at this time as her own property forever hereafter to dispose of as she chooses. But to be disposed of to some one or more of my children as she may think proper. I then I will and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Hutchins my Negro girl Oaster In during her natural life & at her death to dispose of at her pleasure. I then I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth, one horse her choice a bridle and saddle, one bed & furniture, one cupboard and furniture I mean the one in the dwelling house, one cow & calf, her choice one sow & pig, one wheel & cards, one chest & also all my crop & grain on hand & on time to look and all the castings on hand.