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In the name of God Amen

I John Heath of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being very commonly sick and infirm in body and many times near my coming expectation tho' at this instant of perfect mind and sound memory and calling to my mind the uncertainty of my life & knowing it is appointed to all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say Principally and first of all I recommend my soul to the heavenly care of God that gave it & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian burial at the discretion of my surviving friends and executors and as it hath pleased the Lord in his kind providence to bless me with my reasonable portion of property for which I wish to return him my most humble thanks I am willing and wish to dispose of it as follows —

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Heath one hundred acres of land to be run off for him in the west side of my divided land joining forty acres that he bought of me and paid me for Lenoire County, I leave and bequeath to my loving wife Levina Heath one hundred and fifty acres of land including my dwelling house and out houses with my orchard cleared lands working utensils and all my household and kitchen furniture allowing part of Orchard and plantation attached to the part I give to my son Thomas Heath with all my stock of every kind except one horse a bay mare known by the name of Buck all to be freely possessed by ~~her~~ her life and at her decease the said bequeathed land to her for her life to be equally divided among my three sons William John & Abraham at the discretion of my son

Executor and ^{with} of her decree for all the real personal and movables of every kind of property to be equally divided among my four daughters Nanny, Elizabeth Peggy and Susanna, willing and desiring that my two little sons John & Abraham shall be well taught at school till they are reasonably well learned and the expenses defrayed as soon good time shall offer at the discretion of my sole executor and knowing the fidelity and candour of my two trusty friends I ordain and appoint my son Thomas Heath my sole executor of this my will and also my wife Levina Heath my other executrix jointly believing she will see to the rights of my wishes and intentions conforming to the last will and Testament I humbly let my hand and seal this 7th of November 1819

Test
J. Coffey

John Heath
witness

Stokes County December term 1820
The execution of the last will and Testament of John Heath (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proven proven in open Court by the oath of James Coffey and ordered to be recorded

Matthew R. Moore clk
J. B. Banner Dec