

69) and Testament of Samuel Paver of which the foregoing is a True copy was produced in open and duly proven according to Law by Hamilton Jager and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done

Robert D. Giddings Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I John Tuttle of the County of Sticks and State of North Carolina being in perfect health mind and memory but calling to mind the uncertainty of life and knowing that I am appointed unto all men once to die do make publick and declare this to be my last will and testament First and principally of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with it is my will and desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid by my Executors as soon as convenient after my dissolution

And as touching the residue of my estate I devise and bequeath it in the following manner to wit

I hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Barbara for and during her natural life or widowhood all my lands & negroes and all my stock of horses cattle and hogs also all my house hold & kitchen furniture together with every other article of property of whatever name or description that I may be possessed of except such as herein after disposed of Other use

I also give unto my said wife Barbara all the crops and provisions that may be on hand at the time of my decease to be at her use and disposal for ever

Also all debts due my estate except those owing from my Children; it is my will and desire that said debts be collected by my Executors hereinafter named and that my said wife have the money when collected And all debts due from my Children it is my will and desire that they have their own choice when to pay said debts into the hands of my Executors immediately after my decease or that said amounts due from my said Children be retained by my Executors Out of their respective shares at the final distribution of my estate It is also my will and desire that my said wife Barbara have the liberty of selecting from among my negroes such as she may be disposed to keep for and during her natural life or widowhood as above named also such other property as she may desire for her own use and

that she may refuse to keep and all such property as she may not select it is my will and desire that the same be exposed to publick sale by my Executors upon such terms as to them may seem most advantageous I wish it to be understood that my said wife have her own time to make her election in that is to say one two three or four years or longer if she may think proper. — It is my will and desire that immediately after the dissolution of my said wife Barbara that my Executors expose to publick sale to the highest bidder all my land negroes and other property that may be found belonging to my estate upon such terms and in such quantities as to them may appear best And the money arising from said sale to be equally divided between all my Children To wit the heirs of my son Thomas Tuttle dead to have an share to be equally divided between them share and share alike Michael Tuttle Elizabeth Roles Mary Gordon and the heirs of my daughter Anna Robert to have one share to be equally divided among them share and share alike Henry Tuttle John Tuttle William Tuttle Peter Tuttle James Tuttle Elijah Tuttle And Sally Cason to have each one share And should my said wife refuse to keep all my estate during her natural life or widowhood and my Executors make sale and all as above directed the money when collected is to be equally divided in manner and form as aforesaid And should any of the heirs of my son Thomas Tuttle dead or any of the heirs of my daughter Anna Robert dead be under the age of twenty one years it is then my will and desire that my Executors retain their respective share or shares in their hands until they arrive at the age above mentioned but to pay no interest on the money whatever

And I hereby constitute nominate & appoint my said wife Barbara Tuttle, Executors and my two sons Henry Tuttle and William Tuttle Executors and Executors of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this nineteenth day of September Anno Domini 1809

John Tuttle, Sr. Seal

Witness my hand

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