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for Robt Williams CC

In the name of God amen. I Joseph Ham of the State of North Carolina and County of Stokes being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make and constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament. In the first place I commend my soul to god that gave it leaving my body to be buried in a decent and Christian manner and as for the world goods wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me I dispose of them in the manner following

And first, My ~~will~~ will and desire is that my land remain divided among my children as formerly agreed upon among themselves -

Secondly, My desire is that my wife Lett Ham enjoy all and every article of my Household furniture and likewise have her maintenance or in other words every thing to remain as it is during her lifetime except stock of every kind and after her death to be equally divided

between Ezechiel Ham and Daniel Ham

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Thirdly My desire is that my stock of every kind viz Horses cattle sheep and hogs (except Ezechiel & Daniel a horse & pair) be equally divided among my children viz Ulysses Wallbrook, Thomas Ham, John Ham, Rachel Watson Lett Ham Ezechiel Ham and Daniel Ham

Fourthly My desire is that all my tools of every kind be undivided and remain jointly to Ezechiel Daniel Ham -

Fifthly and lastly I do appoint my two sons Ezechiel Ham and Daniel Ham the only and sole executors of this my last will & Testament declaring this to be my last will & Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th Day of October 1794

Signed sealed declared and published in presence of us

Joseph Ham Seal
marks

John Quillen Jurat
marks

William Bean
mark

Elizabeth Burnett Jurat
marks

Stokes County March term 1795

The Execution of the last will and testament of Joseph Ham Deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was proven by the oaths of John Quillen & Elizabeth Burnett Cor and to be supposed which is accordingly sworn by

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