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approved security and the money appropriated  
 to the use above mentioned as in the Con of the  
 said book and Waleh furthermore I do appoint  
 and wish as my executor Viz. Abijah Benson and  
 my beloved wife Sally Robinson my wife executrix  
 as long as she remains in widowhood likewise  
 I do appoint as helpers Counsellors and Trustees  
 Joseph Joppe and Drury Bunderant first of all  
 I give and bequeath My beloved wife Sally Robinson  
 my household furniture & property except that before  
 mentioned of every kind untill such time as my  
 children come of age Viz. Melvred Douglass, John  
 Strangely Henry Fox William James David Wilson  
 and Judith Linn Robinson children born in  
 wedlock to William H. Joppe & Sally Robinson  
 I do will and wish as these children according to  
 their names come of age that they receive in  
 proportion to what Sally Reel Joppe wife of  
 Elisha Joppe daughter of William H. & Sally  
 Robinson receives when she married the balance  
 to belong to my beloved wife untill death then  
 all moneys lands and property and materials  
 of every kind to be equally divided between  
 my seven legates. I do hereby renounce all  
 former wills & testaments legacies bequests &  
 executor by me in any wise before mentioned  
 willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming  
 this & no other to be my last will & testament In  
 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and seal this the first day of February one thousand  
 eight hundred & 18

Wm H. Robertson

Signed sealed Published pronounced and declared

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In the said William H. Robertson as his last will &  
 Testament in the presence of us who in his presence &  
 in the of each of other have hereunto subscribed our  
 names -

- Jacob Horton
- Thomas Bond
- James <sup>his</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>mark</sup> ~~mark~~
- Isaac <sup>his</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>mark</sup> ~~mark~~
- Elijah Joppe

Woke County Court  
 March Term 1810

The execution of the last will  
 & Testament of William H. Robertson of which  
 the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved  
 to open (read) by the oath of Jacob Horton  
 & Thomas Bond & orders to be recorded

Done and signed  
 At Woke County  
 The 2<sup>d</sup> of February 1810

In the name of God amen, I Joseph Nelson of the  
 County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being in perfect  
 health and of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto  
 God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing  
 that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and declare  
 this my last will & Testament that is to say principally of first  
 of all I give and bequeath recommend my soul into the hand  
 of Almighty God that give it and my body I recommend to the  
 earth to be buried in sweet Christian Burial at the direction  
 of my executors nothing doubting but of general resurrection  
 I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and  
 as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God  
 to bless me in his life I give devise and dispose of the same  
 in the following manner and form  
 First I give & bequeath unto my son Eleazer Nelson  
 six p<sup>cs</sup> four shillings & no more also to Joseph Nelson son of  
 said Eleazer Nelson six p<sup>cs</sup> four shillings & no more also to

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 five shillings & no more also to Mary Smith Nelson  
 daughter of said Alexander Nelson deceased five shillings  
 & no more also I give & bequeath to my dear beloved  
 wife Mary Nelson and my Daughter Rachel Pitting  
 and my son Isaac Nelson all my Land Negroes  
 and every part of my estate to be equally divided  
 between my wife my Daughter & son and after  
 the death of my wife the whole Estate to be  
 equally divided between my Daughter Rachel and  
 my son Isaac to be their proper right & their heirs  
 forever

And I do hereby utterly disavow revoke & annul  
 all and every other former Testaments wills legacies  
 bequeaths & Executors by me in any wise named before  
 named wills & bequeaths ratifying & confirming  
 this & no other to be my last will & Testament  
 in which whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year  
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four

Joseph Nelson (Seal)  
 made

Sealed & published pronounced  
 and declared by the said Joseph  
 Nelson as his last will & Testament  
 in the presence of us who with  
 presence & in the presence of each  
 other have hereunto subscribed  
 our names Seth Olden  
 Jeremiah Stegall  
 Ed. Samuel Clarke

St. Croix County Court at New York Term 1806  
 The execution of the last will & Testament of Joseph Nelson  
 dec<sup>d</sup>: of which the foregoing is a true Copy was duly proven  
 in open Court by the oath of Samuel Clarke & others  
 to be recorded — done accordingly

Robt Williams Clk  
 Thos. J. Armstrong Esq

I Owen Williams of St. Croix County & State of New York 109  
 Cardiac being weak and low in body but of perfect mind  
 memory calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing  
 it is appointed for all men once to die I being desirous with  
 some worldly effects which I desire may be disposed of in the  
 following manner

First of all I desire that my last debts be paid out of  
 my personal estate all other debts due me to become due  
 me to fall in as personal Estate And it is my will that  
 my wife Sarah shall have one horse her choice and saddle  
 and bridle two Cows her choice one bed of Furniture on Cotton  
 wheel one flax wheel and Chick one Dutch oven and  
 six little one smoothing Iron two Chears and my bed  
 and furniture to be equally divided between my wife  
 Sarah & my two Daughters namely Margaret & Elizabeth  
 Pitting and it is my will that my two above named  
 Daughters Margaret & Elizabeth shall have each of them  
 one bed of Furniture flax wheel pot smoothing Iron & two  
 pounds It is my will that my daughter Mary with her  
 Estate shall have Ten pounds.

And further it is my will that my son William  
 shall have the place that was formerly James Evans the  
 fifty pounds

And it is my will that my son Owen Nelson  
 shall have Ten shillings

And it is my will that my son Isaac shall have the  
 place that formerly belonged to John Pike with paying  
 out fifty pounds

And my son Eph shall have the place when I now  
 live with paying to my two daughters Margaret & Elizabeth  
 each of them fifteen pounds when he is twenty one

And it is my will that my wife shall have  
 the use of my house & plantation when I now live  
 during her widow hood

And further it is my will that if there should  
 not be enough to pay all the above mentioned it  
 shall come from each of them equally and if  
 there should be any left for it to be equally divided