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In the name of god Amen I William French of
the State of North Carolina & County of Stokes, in
twenty first day of March in the year one
thousand Eight hundred & one being sick and
weak of body (but of perfect mind and memory) and
knowing it is ordained for all men one to die, do make,
Constitute and advise this my last will and testament.
And first I recommend my soul to God who gave it and
my body to be buried in a decent Christian manner &c.
And as for such worldly estate, with both present and god to bless
me with I give & bequeath in manner and form following
First it is my will & desire that all my just debts be paid
Item I give and bequeath unto my sons Joseph, William, Samuel
and John French the sum of five hundred dollars apiece
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Livingston
my property whatsoever except my Negro woman Dolly
after the aforesaid legacies are paid
Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Rebekah Gardner her
share in the land which is my Negro woman Dolly
And lastly, I do by these presents constitute & advise my son
John French to be my whole and sole Executor to this my
last will & Testament & I do hereby declare this and another
to be my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the Day
and Date aforesaid

William French

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of us

Josh Watson }
John Hallbrook } Jurats.
Delany Whitworth.

Stokes County North Carolina 1801.

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The execution of the last will & Testament
of William French deceased of which the foregoing is
a true copy was duly proven in open court
by the oath of Josh Watson & John Hallbrook
& a deed to be recorded which is annexed here

Robt W. H. &
J. P. W. H. &

In the name of God Amen!
James Hampton of the County of Stokes and State of North
Carolina being of sound perfect mind and memory do make
and advise this my last will and testament in the man-
ner and form following I. First and principally of all I
and I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty god
who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be
decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter
named and as touching my worldly & temporal estate
to prevent disputes after my death I give and dispose
of as follows First I will that all my debts & funeral
charges be paid by my executors out of my estate
In premises I give to my eldest son Thomas Hampton or
a Negro man named Sutton and a Negro woman
named Comfort all my wearing clothes my riding horse
& saddle. In premises I give to my youngest son James
Hampton all that part of land where I now live
containing Two hundred & eighty acres except my
burying ground half quarter of an acre all &c.