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185²⁵⁸ State of North Carolina Wayne County.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Daniel Bates Being Sick but of a Sound Mind and Memory Praise God for the same and what worldly Estate God hath blessed me with I thus I send to my loving wife Mary Bates my Plantations during her Widowhood and also as Childs part of all my Estate.

Now I Give and Bequeath to my two Sons Charles Bates & Thomas Bates my Plantations to be Equally Divided Between them.

Now I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Betsy Bates Equal share of all the Rest of my Estate.

And lastly I do hereby Constitute and Appoint James Bates and my wife Mary Bates my whole and sole Exors of this my last Will and Testaments and I do hereby Revoke Disannul and Make Void all former Wills and Testaments heretofore made by me In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal This 26 Day of June 1778.

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Elias Bates
John Bates
William Briscoe

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Daniel Bates (Seal)
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