In the Name of God Amen

I Robert. Wright of Edgcomb. County. In North Carolina. January the Seventh. Day. 1748. being very. Sick and weak in body but of perfect Mind and Memory. thanks be given unto God therefore Calling unto Mind the Mortality of my body And knowing that it is Appointed for all men once to dye. Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. that is to say Principally and first of all. I Give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it. and for my body I recommend it to the Earth. to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner. at the Discretion of my Executr. Nothing doubting but at the 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 this life. I Give devise And dispose of the same in the following manner and form

I do Ordain my Wife Sarah. Wright and Richd. Simons my Executrix

Imprimis. I Give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah. Wright. Ten breeding Cattle. one breeding Mare. one feather. bed. one Iron. pot. one bason Three Ews. and one hundred Acres of Land during Her Widowhood.

I Give and bequeath unto Francis. Patrick one Shilling: ~~y~~

I Give and bequoath unto my Daughter Jane. Six brooding Cattle. one brooding Mare. one bason One Small Dish: one Skillet. two Ews. one ram

Item. I Give and bequoath unto my Son Robt. Wright ~~y~~ two hundred and twenty Acres of Land with the Plantation that Lewis. Patrick now lives on Six brooding Cattle ~~tree~~ two year old Stears. one Large bason. one pot. two Ews. and Lambs. and one ram. one young broding Mare. and a gun.

I Give and bequoath unto my Grand Son. Wm Patrick. one Cow. and Calf. one young Mare: one Ew: and Lamb.

And the Rest of my Estate I Give unto
My beloved Wife during her Widow
=hood &

Robert Wright

Seal

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Mark

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Rich. + Welch
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Bob & Wright
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North Carolina Pitt County This is to Certify That This Day
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Williams Two of his majestyes Justices of peace for the Said
County and made oath on the Holey avenlis of almyty —
God that He Roote this Will of Robert Wright that we —
Have anact This Paper to and that that The Sd Wright
Was of Sound sence & memmery at ye same time that —
and that he Saw The other Subscribeing Witness make there
Markes at ye Same time — Sworn Be fore us as witness
our hands This 3 Day of october 1774

John Tison J. P.

John Williams J. P.

In the name of God Amen - the 22d day of January in the year of our Lord 1798.

I John Wright of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina being aged and infirm, and in a low state of bodily health but of a perfect sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, and my worldly Estate to be disposed of in the manner following -

Imprimis. To my beloved Wife Rebekah Wright I lend the whole plantation whereon I now live, (including all my lands from the Oaks near the plum Tree upon the Hill by the swamp running a direct course from thence up by my son Lewis Wrights where the old Fence Tore down) To my son Thomas Wrights line, during her life, which I do now possess and have not heretofore disposed of, with all the improvements and appurtenances thereunto thereunto in any wise belonging, and my half of the Still and all my negroes, except such as are herein given and otherwise bequeathed, with all my Stock of every kind whatsoever including all my horses Cattle Hogs and sheep, to be during her own life - Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebekah, all my household and Kitchen Furniture of every kind whatsoever to dispose of as she may think proper - and my riding Chair also to dispose of as she pleases - which she is to enjoy without hindrance -

Item To my son Thomas Wright I give and bequeath after the decease of his said Mother Rebekah, that part of my Land whereon I now live, the West side of the Avenue, the line to begin at his Corner at the Trees where the Old Still formerly stood, and to Run thence with the Avenue including my dwelling house as far as the upper part of my cleared Land on the West side of the Avenue near a piney Slash thence to run a direct

course to his line near or at the crooked (Causway) with all the improvements and appertainance thereon in any wise belonging — Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Wright one Feather bed which he received when he was married —

Item I give and bequeath to my son David Wright after the decease of his said Mother Rebekah that part of the Plantation which lies on the East side of the Avenue the line is run as abovementioned with all the improvements and appertainance thereon or thereunto in any wise belonging to him and his heirs forever with a Child which my Negroe wench Grace brought by the name of Polydore —

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Beck after the decease of her 2d Mother Rebekah my Negroe Girl Patsey to her and the Heirs of her body forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebekah Beck after the decease of her 2d Mother Rebekah my Negroe Diamond to her and her Heirs forever *

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Clack after the decease of her said Mother Rebekah my Negroe boy Virgil to her and her heirs forever — And it is my will that after the decease of my said Wife Rebekah Wright the following Negroes (viz) Phillis and Grace with all their Offspring increase shall be equally divided between my three Daughters (viz) Elizabeth Rebekah and Mary to them and their Heirs forever —

and it is also my will that after the decease of my wife Rebekah Wright that the following Negroes (viz) Dunham and Mack be equally divided between all my Children, to wit, James Wright John Wright Thomas Wright David Wright Elizabeth Beck Rebekah Beck and Mary Clack to them and their Heirs forever, together with all the Plantation Tools of every kind and with all my Stock of every kind, including Hogs Cattle Horses &c — up to Christmas and then their Heirs forever —

And it is my wish and will also that this Division be made in whatever manner the Executors may think proper, and that no Sheriff be allowed to sell or have Commissions thereon unless by the Consent of the Executors —

And it is my will that all just debts be paid before any Divisions take place, with respect of my moveable property and Funeral Charges to be paid out of my moveable property before said division take place —

And lastly, I nominate constitute and appoint my worthy friend and Son Thomas Wright and James Clark Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby utterly revoking all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made, declaring this and no other to be my last will and Testament —

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribing Witnesses.

John Wright (Seal)

Wm Dickson

Jno R. Wright

Isaac Wright

State of No Carolina
Duplin County } April Term 1800.

Then was the within Will Exhibited before the said County Court and proved in due form of Law by the Oath of William Dickson one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and at the same time Thomas Wright & James Clark the Executors named in the said Will came before the Court and Qualified as such according to Law

Ordered that Letters issue accordingly

Test Wm Dickson C.C.

John Wright Dec'd
Proved April Term
1800.

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In the name of God Amen

I David Wright of the county of Duplin & state of North Carolina being far advanced in age & in a low state of bodily health but of sound disposing mind & memory thanks be to God for the same, & calling to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die have thought it best to dispose of my worldly estate among my Heirs by making this my will, & revoking all other former wills by me made do make this my last Will & Testament in the manner and form following.—

And first recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came to be decently intered at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, and secondly that all my Just debts shall be paid by my said Executors, and thirdly in order to enable my wife the better to raise my small children and educate them without her being obliged to charge them board and clothing, I leave her without loan my two old negroes Penny & Mack as long as she and the Executors think they will be of service to her and then be at the expense of the Estate, I then loan her during her natural life the lands I now live on except the land I bought of Brother Thos Wright and that untill my son David Wright becomes of lawful age on condition that she consents to have it rented out in such manner as the Executors may think best I also lend her the following named negroes. Big Brister Easter, Milly, Jim and Jack and Marcia — which she has liberty to keep or hire them (or any part of them) out, also my household & kitchen furniture all such as she cannot well do without so as to enable her to give a bed & furniture to each child when they Marry or become of lawful age; I give her

to dispose of as she pleases, my new Gig, harness and my old horse called Marks and her choice of two of the Mules It is my will that such a part of the crop stock & provisions as will be sufficient for her and family to be left unsold untill a new crop comes in — Item 1st I give to my son Thos H Wright the negroes & mare which he has already received by deed of gift also the furniture given by me to him, in addition to this I give him my negro boy Jackson to him & his heirs forever — Item 2nd I give to my son John Wright the money he has already received & have in addition to this the negroes he has already received, I also give him at my death my negro boy Britton and one hundred dollars for his attendance on me while on my sick bed —

Item 3rd I give to my daughter Mary C Bush wife of Lewis B. Bush the negroes mare & furniture she has already rec'd & to my Grandson William Bush her son I give & bequeath my negro boy Manuel to him and his heirs forever —

Item 4th I give to my daughter Rebecca C Hooks wife of Thomas C Hooks the negroes she has in possession by deed of gift and the furniture she has received and seventy dollars to buy a horse if she thinks proper to put it to that use to her and her heirs forever — Item 5th I give to my daughter Patsey C Wright my negro girls Judy, Hannah, and Molly and one hundred dollars to buy her a horse also one bed bedstead & furniture to her and her heirs forever —

Item 6th I give to my son David Wright my lands — that I bought of my Brother Thos Wright the boundaries of which may be ascertained by referring to the deed also my young black mare also one bed bedstead & furniture to him and his heirs forever — Item 7th I give to my son Isaac Wright all the balance of my land at the death of his mother — also one bed bedstead & furniture and one hundred

dollars, to receive when he marries or becomes of lawfull age to him and his heirs forever — Item 8th I give to my two little daughters Eliza Smith Wright & Kitty Ann Wright the following negroes viz Harry, Mary, Harris, Tomey, Maria, Gillis and Evaline & Edmund also one bed bedstead & furniture to each of them to them and their heirs forever — It is also my will & desire that if the Executors think the balance will overpay my debts together with the Judgment of mine against John B Wright taken in the superior court of this county as much as can be collected in time, that they reserve from sale ~~any negroes~~ the following negroes George, Stephen, & Calvin, which negroes in that case and not otherwise I give George to My daughter Patsey C Wright, Stephen to my son David Wright and Calvin to my son Isaac wright to them and their heirs forever

At my death as soon as is convenient after the first court my Executors may advertise for sale at six months Credit my negro woman Sally & children Loderick & if found necessary the other three reserved, together with what part of the crop stock & provisions, household & kitchen furniture, plantation tools &c as may be thought advisable to sell by the Executors & my wife to pay my first debts — At the death of my wife all the property loaned her that may be left on the plantation to be sold to the highest bidder + & equally divided among all my children that are then living and if any be dead to his or her children as far as his or her portion would amount to had he or she been living, if any of my children unmarried or Married die without lawfull issue then and in that case the daughters party to be divided among my daughters & if male his share be equally divided among my sons, lastly I constitute make & appoint giving them full authority to act as such m,

beloved & trusty sons Thos. H. Wright & Jno Wright my lawfull Executors, this I ordain to be my last will & Testament in witness whereof I this day set my hand & affix my seal in the presence of March the 13th 1827

D Wright (Seal)

signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Test William Hodges
Wilson Hodges

D Wright's
last will & Testament
Recorded April Term
1827

Book A 501

State of N Carolina } April Term 1827
Duplin County } Then was the within
Will proved in open Court in due form
of law by the Oaths of Wm Hodges & Wilson
Hodges the subscribing Witnesses thereto &
at the same time Jno Wright Qualified
as Exr thereto Ordered that Letters Issue
Test [illegible]

Jno Wright Qualified

In the name of God. Amen — I John Wright Senior of the County of Sampson in the State of North Carolina, being in health, and of sound Memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in form following — Viz —

First I Give to my Wife Penelope for and during her Natural Life all my Estate Real and Personal

Secondly — I Give and Bequeath to my Son Isaac Wright the following Negroes Viz Miley Cato Amos & Peter, Five Hundred and forty Acres of Land including my Plantation ~~and~~ Dwelling, and out Houses & Still — also two other Tracts of Land which I purchased from Barry Freeman containing two Hundred and Eleven Acres — Deed bearing date 20th Oct. 1821 — I also Give said Isaac my Household furniture except Beds, Kitchen Furniture & Plantation Tools a Yoke of Oxen, a Log Carriage & Chairs — the Oxen to be chosen by said Isaac — the above property & Lands are given to said Isaac Wright his Heirs and assigns, but not to take effect, untill the death of my Wife Penelope

Thirdly I Give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Perry Brown one Feather Bed —

All the property belonging to my estate, not named above, that may be and remain after the death of my Wife, I will to be equally Divided between my Son John, My Daughters Rebecca, Polly, Betsy, the Children of my deceas'd Daughter Nancy, and my son Isaac — said Children of Nancy to have one share —

I appoint my sons John and Isaac Wright Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke all former Wills — In Testimony of the above I John Wright has hereunto set his hand & seal this 20th day of Nov. 1835 —

Signed Seal'd Publish'd and declar'd by said John Wright as his last Will in presence of

W. Robinson
David Smith Sr
Raiford Carroll Sr

John Wright Senr (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter
Sampson County } Sessions Nov. Term 1848.

Then was the foregoing Will duly proven in open Court by the Oaths of David Smith and Raford Carroll two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded.

Thomas J. Hardison Clk

J. Wright's Will

Recorded in Will
Docket Pages
344 and 345.

Thomas J. Harison Clk

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In the name of God Amen. I James Wright planter of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin do make this as my last will and testament. First recommending my soul to God who gave it. and my body to be decently buried by my Executors. I give first to my wife Kitty the sum of nineteen hundred and ninety nine dollars to be paid her as soon as it can be collected by my Executors. it being the sum agreed on, and which she after due consultation. said she was willing to accept, in full satisfaction, of what she might be entitled to otherwise of my Estate both real & personal and of every kind whatsoever of which I may die seized and possessed. As regards my real estate in Duplin County. I give it all to my sons Isaac and William, in special trust and confidence that they will apply the same to the use benefit and profit of my grand children. the sons of John B Wright deceased for, John Beck. James Monroe Isaac and William. minors. and at their death, and after the death of the survivor it is my wish that the court of Chancery appoint a trustee, with such instructions as will afford perfect security. to continue the execution of the trust for the use benefit and behoof of said minors. and that my said Trustee or the survivor in case of death. and in the event of the death of both. such trustee as the Court of Chancery may appoint and under the direction thereof may make such (as will be equitable and just between the same minors) a division. so as to render each part or lot as little as possible. and as it will be convenient when they come of age or even before for them to occupy the same. should through neglect of pay^t. of Taxes or otherwise. the lands be sold. my son Isaac & William. as they live at a distance. or may remove away. are not to be held responsible nor those who may legally represent them; but this exculpatory clause is not to apply to any Trustee the Court of Equity may

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appoint. As respects my real Estate in Cumberland & Bladen on the Northwest river, now in the possession of my son Bryan Wright. I give it to my grand sons. the sons of Bryan John & Jamy and to their father. the use of it only. the legal estate right and title thereon to my trustees Isaac & William, subject to all the provisions, contained in the first clause for the benefit of my minor grandchildren the sons of John B Wright deceased. and also subject to all the exceptions therein set forth as respects leasholds. As respects my negroes including Fanny their children, now in possession of Alexander McAllister. I dispose of them in manner following. To be divided into six equal parts or shares, consulting the convenience of family, as much as practicable & farther if it can be done, for Rosana their child to be thrown into the Lot that is for the use of my son Bryan their children and Fanny their children to be thrown into the Lot intended for the use of Ann McAllister their children. one sixth of all my slaves to my son Isaac his heirs. one sixth to my son William their heirs. one sixth to Isaac & William in special trust and confidence. that they will apply the use of the said negroes. the hire or profits, to the benefit use and support of my son Bryan and his children. one sixth to my son Isaac and William, in special trust & confidence. that they will apply, the use of the said negroes. the hire or profits to the support, benefit & use of my daughter Chilly Murphy & her children. One sixth in special trust & confidence to my son Isaac & William that they will apply the use. the hire & the profits of said negroes. to the support benefit & use of my daughter Ann McAllister & her children. One sixth to the use of my sons Isaac & William in special trust & confidence that they will apply the use hire or profits of said negroes. to the support benefit and use of my grandchildren the sons of my deceased son John B Wright (viz) John Buck Jamy Munro Isaac & William. for their use support & benefit It should have been mentioned that Fanny & her children

es in the possession of Alexander McAllister. I not only include to be comprehended, in the division the present stock of slaves but all future increase. and I do hereby give to my sons Isaac & William the legal estate right & title. to them their heirs & assigns of all the negroes that may be comprehended in the different bequests intended for the use & benefit of the before named, viz, Bryan & his children Chilly Murphy & her children. Ann McAllister & her children and my grand children of my deceased son John B Wright viz John Beck James Munro Isaac & William. and to make such arrangements as they think proper to further & give effect to the said bequests. either by giving or retaining possession. as my object is that none of my said slaves, given in trust shall be sold but if my sons Isaac & William deem it advisable to put the negroes thus to be devided into the possession of my son Bryan. & son in law John Murphy & Alexander McAllister, as they live at a distance. they are not to be held liable to incur any responsibility. should any of them be sold or otherwise disposed of. they will use all conv.t means to prevent the same. they are in case of death the survivor to make any just division. as the respective children marry. not disregarding the convenience of my own children. they are nearer than the grand children. Should Bryan or any claiming under him bring or cause to be brought suit for Rosina & child or B.p. sold the former to myself. the latter to my son Isaac. then in that case. Isaac & William. will take what is intended for the use of my son Bryan & his family so far as to indemnify all trouble & loss that may occur therefrom. In case of death of either trustee. the survivor to act. in case of death of both then the Court of Equity to appoint trustees.

I give to my daughter Ann McAllister as pin money for her sole and separate use three hundred dollars. after paying the legacy to my wife & one thousand dollars to be held or given to the use of my daughter Chilly Murphy & children, and one Bed & furniture to my daughter Chilly

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and one Bed & furniture to my daughter Ann McAllester. every thing not devised or bequeathed is to be sold, debts due me & money I may have on hand. and the proceeds to be divided amongst all the five legatees. say in these parts subject however to all the before cited trusts. unless my Trustees & Executors should be of the opinion the immediate benefit of each should require it to be paid over without restriction. And should my son in Law John Murphy bring any suit against me or my Executors then Isaac & William are not only to withhold the one thousand dollars, but apply the proceeds of all the Slaves provided bequeathed for the use of his wife & children or such portion thereof as may be necessary in their judgement to indemnify & fully discharge any expense or trouble & pay the same which may accrue therefrom. And as they may have considerable trouble & expense in attending to said trusts. They are at liberty to reserve such funds as they may deem just to cover the same. I hereby revoke & nullify all former wills by me made and do hereby constitute and appoint my loving sons Isaac & William Wright Executors of this my last will & testament. May 24th October 1839 — Signed sealed & published & declared in the presence of —

Jas. G. Dickson
D. B. Newton
David Wright
Henry Bowden

James Wright

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Rockingham County } April Term 1840

The within paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of James Wright dec'd was produced in open court and the due execution thereof was duly proved by the oaths of Daniel B. Newton, David Wright and Henry Bowden subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon it is ordered by the court that the same be recorded. Test James Dickson Clk

I James Wright of Dallas County, do make and ordain this codicil to my last will & testament, of a previous date, to wit, October the 24th 1839.

First I desire that my negro man John shall be divided among my slaves as set forth in my said will & form a part of the lot, bequeathed to my son James William, for the use of my grandson, Thomas named the son of my deceased son John B Wright. but in the intending no addition to the lot, but in the divisions to have been substituted, in place of another that might be drawn for their use.

Lastly, having some doubt whether a fee simple has been given, to my trustees for the use, therein named I do give to my son James William all my real estate in Dallas County, both the lands on which I reside together with all adjoining or detached tracts in said county, to them their heirs and assigns forever, in special trust & confidence, that they will apply the proceeds and benefit thereof to the support of my said grandchildren John Bent, Jamie Eleanor Lucie & William the sons of my deceased son doctor John B Wright, and to their heirs, and when they deem it necessary to divide the same, for their use & benefit to do so, as equitably as they can; but I leave it in their to do whatsoever they think best, to attain & carry

and my object in providing through them for these orphan & other weak dependent children — And I extend to them my trustees the same power & controll over the personal property that may fall to them for the uses aforesaid or as set forth in my will, in relation to these orphans.

It was my intention also to give to Isaac & William to them their heirs and assigns forever. all my lands in Cumberland County & Bladen County on the N. side. East River & Welly's creek. which I now give in fee simple as above stated. for the use of my son Bryan during his life. and after his death for the use of his son John & Jamy and their heirs and I hereby empower my Executors before named & Trustees. to divide the lands as equally as may. and to apply the use for the support of my two grandsons John & Jamy for them & their heirs in such manner as they think best. Having unbounded confidence in my sons my Executors & Trustees. I have only to add, that I leave them, to dispose of all the trust & to exercise the controll over the property, as well as their legal rights. to as to secure the comfort & promote the convenience of my dear children & grandchildren respectively. and should they think it best for

them to occupy the lands, the possess the slaves, and either
should be sold, by myself my Executors & Trustees, or not
to be held responsible. as they have at a distance both Mr.
other representatives, will have much to do to attend to their
own concerns. I also authorize my Executors & Trustees, in
applying the use & benefit of the slaves, that may contribute
the most for the use of my son Bryan & his children to
bear in mind, the lands for the use of James & the
the son of Bryan and make such deductions, as regards
their benefit here, of the slaves. as they my Executors &
Trustees may think right. in order that his other
children, may not be too much injured in the division
or appropriation of land & negroes.

And as regards the slaves willed to them or that may fall
to them in the division. in trust for the use & benefit of my
daughter Chilly Murphy & her children & for the use & benefit
of my daughter Ann McAllister & her children. If
my Executors & Trustees should deem it best to compromise their
position to either of my sons in law. they can do
so without hazard on their part. affecting either their
or representatives. but they are at liberty to use such
precautions. as they deem best or as may be conv.t for
preserve the property to be applied in furtherance
of the great object I have in view. a provision for
my daughters & their children. I appoint my son Isaac
9 & William Executors & trustees, of this codicil as well as of

as of the wills, now in possession of my nephew David Wright, dated as nearly as I recollect as before stated. and I also appoint them guardians of my grand children before named, viz the sons of my deceased son doctor John B Wright. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18th day of November 1839.

James Wright (Seal)

executed in the presence of.

John S. Hill

Daniel Bowden

Henry Bowden

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter
Duplin County } Sessions — April Term 1840

The within paper writing purporting to be a codicil of the last will and testament of James Wright dec'd was produced in open Court and the execution thereof was duly proven by the oaths of John S Hill Daniel Bowden and Henry Bowden subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon it is ordered by the court that the same be enrolled with the last will and testament of James Wright dec'd

Test James Kirkwood

Last Will - Testament
& Codicil - of
James Wright dec'd

April 1840

In the name of God Amen

I Elizabeth C. Wright of the County of Duplin & State of North Carolina Being of sound mind & understanding do make this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows Viz: I commend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the dust from whence it came to be decently interred & that all my just debts be paid by my executor hereafter named Item 1st I will & bequeath unto my Children Thomas H. Wright John Wright Mary Bush Rebecca C. Booth five dollars each to them their heirs & assigns forever Item 2nd I will & bequeath unto my daughter Martha C. Stines one Bed & furniture to her her heirs & assigns forever Item 3rd I will & bequeath unto my son David Wright my wagon & harness & a half dozen silver table spoons & a trunk to him his heirs & assigns forever Item 4 I will unto my daughter Eliza S. Wright a half dozen silver teaspoons a trunk & my Gig & harness & her choice of my horses to her her heirs & assigns forever Item 5th I will & bequeath unto my daughter Catharine A. Wright a half dozen silver teaspoons a trunk and her second choice of my horses to her her heirs & assigns forever Item 6th I will & bequeath unto my Children (Jointly) David Wright Eliza S. Wright & Isaac Wright the residue of my property consisting of Corn Fodder Cattle Hogs horses household & kitchen furniture plantation tools & all other articles not mentioned to them their heirs & assigns forever Item 7th I will & bequeath unto my son Isaac Wright my negro boy Calvin & a half dozen silver teaspoons a trunk & my mare that is called his provided that he receives it as a full & complete remuneration for the legacy of one hundred

Dollars left him in his fathers will Then upon that express condition I bequeath the boy Calvin unto him the said Isaac to him his heirs and assigns forever Further provided in case of the death of the said Isaac before he arrives to be twenty one years of age or marries It is my will & intention that the said negro boy Calvin shall be equally divided between my Sons David Wright & Daughter Eliza S Wright to them their heirs & assigns forever Lastly I constitute & appoint my Brother Boethus L. Hill my lawfull executor to this my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this the 18th of January one thousand eight hundred & forty signed & sealed in the presence of

Test

Thos Hill

John S. Hill

Elizabeth C Wright (seal)

& qualified

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and
Duplin County } Quarter Sessions
July Term 1841

The within last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Wright Decd is brought into court and the execution thereof duly proved by the Oath of Thomas Hill one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And at the same time Buckner L Hill the executor therein named came before the court and qualified as executor thereto. Ordered that the will be recorded & the Testamentary issue

Test James Dickson Clk

Mrs C. Wright's

Mill

Oct 1841

Will of
Thomas Mytt

Recorded

Thos Mytt Deceased

In the name of god amen. I Thomas Wright Senior of the county of Duplin being in good health, and of sound disposing mind and memory praised be god for the same, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. hereby revoking all former wills at any time made or intended to be made. In manner and form as follows

1. I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Eliza Wright, during her natural life all my negros not hereafter placed in the possession of my several children, And all my horses stock of cattle, furniture, farming utensils in fact every thing as it is now, And this I do with the view and for the express purpose of furnishing a home for my Daughter Susan C. Whitfield, who I enjoin upon my wife to take care of so long as ~~she~~ my wife may live

2. I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Eliza Wright, during her natural life, all my real estate in the counties of Duplin and Sampson, including my dwelling and out houses

3 I give and bequeath unto my Executors hereinafter named, a negro boy by the name of Charles in Trust for the sole seperate use behoof and benefit of my Grand Daughter Eliza C Whitfield, during her life, and after her death should she have any children to go and belong to them. Should however my Grand Daughter Eliza marry to please my Executors, then I authorize them to give the management and controll of the boy to such person, this being left entirely to the

found discretion of my Executors. I also give to her Eliza, one bed and its necessary furniture —
4. I give and bequeath unto my Executors. a negro boy by the name of Mordecai. for the sole seperate use behoof and benefit of my Grand Daughter Rachel J Whitfield during her natural life, and after her death to her children should she have any. Should however my Grand Daughter marry, then and in that case I have it entirely discretionary with my Executors, to give the management and control of said boy to her. I also have to her one bed and its necessary furniture
5. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Haywood Whitfield. two hundred and Fifty dollars — to be paid to him by my Executors after the death of my wife
6 After the death of my wife. I give and bequeath unto my Executors in Trust. Two negroes Edmond and Randleson. for the use support and maintenance of my Daughter Susan C. Whitfield my Executors to take charge of said negroes after the death of my wife — After the death of my Daughter Susan C. Whitfield. It is my will and desire that the above named negroes Edmond and Randleson be sold and the proceeds divided into eight shares one share to go to to John Wright — one to W B Wright — one to Thomas Wright. one to Alfred Wright — one to Council Wright — one to Richard Washington. one to Rebecca Sherwood — the eight share — to my Executors in Trust for my Daughter Sarah E Rooks and her children — Should either of my above named children die. then their children to

to represent them, to take the share to which they would have been entitled—

7. I authorize my Executors out of the sale of my real estate to give to my son Lorenzo R. Three hundred dollars over and above his distributive share. this I intend as compensation for the stone house—

8th All the remainder of my estate real and personal except one acre where the grave yard is which I devise and bequeath unto my Executors their heirs and assigns forever. My Executors will sell upon such terms, and in such manner as they may think best, and out of the proceeds of such sale I authorize them to retain Five hundred dollars, to be invested by them as they may think proper which is intended as an additional support for my Daughter Susan C Whitfield Should not the property bequeathed for that purpose be deemed sufficient. Could however the property bequeathed be deemed by my Executors amply sufficient to support my daughter, then and in that case, they will divide the fund of Five hundred dollars equally among my children as above share and share alike, save the eighth share which my Executors will receive in Trust for my Daughter Sarah E. Hooks

9 I authorize my Executors to retain ~~property~~ money enough from the sales of my property to fix the grave yard, and the graves where my wife and my self will be entered in such way as they may think best—

to pay off all my Just debts: and the balance of the money on hand to be disposed of as follows one share to be retained by John Wright one by WB Wright - one to Thomas Wright one to be given to Alfred Wright - one to Council Wright - one to Richard Washington. one to Rebecca Slocumb and the eight share. My Executors will retain. and I give the same to them in Trust for the sole seperate use behoof and benefit of my Daughter Sarah Eliza Hooks now of Alabama. to be invested. and used in the best possible manner. for the entire of my Daughter and her children - Should any of my children die. their children to receive the share to which they would have been entitled. should any of my children die leaving no children. then the share which that child would have received to go to my other children. viz those above named. to be divided into seven shares the share of Sarah Hooks in Trust as above

10th I nomenate and appoint my two sons John and WB Wright Executors. to this my last will and testament. in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the day of March 1845

Signed sealed in the presence of us, who signed in the presence of each other

Thos Wright (Seal)

Killian Jackson

Geo. H. Jackson

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter
Duplin County } Sessions, January Term 1847

The within paper writing, purporting to be the last Will & testament of Thomas Wright, Senior, is produced in Open Court and offered for probate, And is duly proven by the oath of Kelby Mason one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded in the book of Wills of Duplin County.

Teste

J. H. Herman Clk
by B. F. Grady D. Clk

October 4th 1861

Know all men by these presents that I. Isaac Wright of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin do declare this to be my last Will and Testament

(Item 1st) I give to my Brother David Wright and his heirs the following negro slaves together with whatever increase they may have from now until my death (viz) Sarah and Margaret. John. Ellen. Gus. Dockery. Buchanan and Nanny, (Sarah's children.) Calvin and Calvin's wife Big Hester. Joe. Little Hester and Little Hester's two children Harriet and William.

(Item 2d) I give to my Sister Eliza S. Smith one negro slave named Ransom.

(Item 3d) I give and bequeath all my land to my Brother David Wright and his heirs forever

(Item 4th) I give all my crop, both what is gathered and what is not not gathered to my Brother David Wright

(Item 5th) I give my Brother David Wright all my horses cattle hogs and all other kinds of stock and also my household and kitchen furniture. wagons. carts plows &c and all other kinds of farming implements of every description including my Buggy and Harness.

(Item 6th) I give my gold watch and chain to my nephew Buckner Smith (Son of Sam Smith)

(Item 7th) I give my Gun to my nephew Samuel Smith Jr) Son of (Samuel Smith Sr)

(Item 8th) I give all my Notes to my Brother David Wright and his heirs forever

(Item 9th) I appoint my Brother David Wright Executor to this my last Will and Testament

(Item 10th) I direct that my Executor David Wright pay all my just debts and my Taxes from the property given to him —

(over)

(Item 11th) I give my Stock in the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company left to me by my uncle Dr. Buckner Hill (deceased) but still in the hands of his Executor to my Brother David Wright and his heirs.

(Item 12th) I give all the balance of my property and Estate not disposed of in the foregoing Will and Testament and also any increase, improvement or addition that may take place in any of my property and Estate between the signing of these presents (viz) this last Will & Testament and the time of my death to my Brother David Wright and his heirs forever. Signed &c in presence of-

October 4th 1861 Isaac Wright

Witnesses { Wm E. Hill
Ja. F. Shine

State of North Carolina

Duplin County Court October Term 1861.

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Isaac Wright deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by David Wright the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Isaac Wright is proved by the oath and examination of William E. Hill and James F. Shine the subscribing witnesses thereto It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Isaac Wright and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said David Wright executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath and entering into bond as required by law. Test John J. Whitfield Clk.

Isaac Wright's
Will

Recorded October
Term 1861.

Isaac Wright's
Will

In the name of God Amen. I Byrd Boykin of
the County of Sampson and State of North
Carolina being of sound mind and memory
blessed be God, do this Eighteenth day of September
the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hun-
dred and twelve and in the Thirty Sixth & Seventh
year of American Independence; Make & Ordain
this my last Will and Testament
in manner following that is to say
First I give and bequeath during
Sarah Boykin During her Natural life my Plan-
tation whereon I now live and land as far as the
Green Spring and from thence to the Lee landing
with four Negroes to wit Pompey Dick Jude &
Dinah one Feather bed and furniture one Reading
Plantation Utensils, three Cattle
two Horses & twenty six cows & calves one yoke of Oxen
one Cart a Sufficiency of working tools and one
year provision and at her Decease all the
Perishable property to be Equally Divided between
my five Children to wit Thomas John Solomon
Sarah & Fanny Boykin —
Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved son
Thomas Boykin all the money which I have lent
[illegible]
said Thomas Boykin two Negroes to wit Cat &
Cherry one Feather bed and furniture and one
Cow and Calf to him his heirs & Assigns forever
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my two beloved
sons John and Solomon Boykin all the
Residue

Residue of my Lands Dividing by the Run of Cohira except the Oake Island Track which is to belong to the Land on the East Side of Cohira with two Hundred and fifty dollars to be aded to the Land on the West Side of Cohira the aforesaid Lands to be Divided by Casting lots between the Said John & Soloman Boykin I also give and bequeath to my son John Boykin two Negroes by the Name of Sam and Bob one feather bed and his furniture & two Cows & Calves to him his hiers and assigns for ever

I also give and bequeath to my son Soloman Boykin two Negrow boys by the Name Isham and Jim one Horse bridle and Saddle one feather bed and furniture and two Cows & Calves to him his hiers and assigns for ever

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Nancy Boykin three Negrows to wit Hannah Rachel & Grace one bay Horse Colt saddle and bridle one feather bed and furniture and two Cows and Calves to her; her hiers and assigns forever

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Jeaney Boykin three Negrows to wit Mary Bellow Phoebe and Dance one horse horse Colt one bridle and Saddle one feather bed and furniture and two Cows and Calves to her her hiers and assigns forever

Sixthly after my Daughter Jeaney becomes of Age then the Residue of my Negrows

to be equally Divided between my five Children
to wit Thos John Soloman Nancy and Jeany
Boykin and the Residue of my Stock ~~to be sold~~
Cattle hogs and Sheep to be sold and the money
to be equally Divided between my wife and the
aforesaid five Children -- And I hereby make
and ordain my two Sons Thomas and John
Boykin Executors to this my [illegible]
Testament In witness whereof I the said
Byrus Boykin have to this my last will
and Testament set my Hand and Seal the
day and year above written

Signed Sealed published &
declared by the Said
Byrus Boykin the [illegible]
as his last will & testament
In the presence of us who were
present at the signing
and sealing thereof

Byrus Boykin (Seal)

John Herring S

Lot O Riche S
mark

Mary her Riche
mark

Official Business
Office