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WILL OF JOSEPH COLLINS, 1799

In the name of God, Amen. I, Joseph Collins, of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God for same, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, admonished by a weight of years that my exit cannot be very remote, do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

First, I recommend my soul to Almighty God and direct my Body to be buried in decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors.

As to the worldly goods with which I am Blessed, I dispose of them in manner following:

I give an bequeth to my beloved wife all property that I got by her to her and her Heirs forever. I also give her one years provision of corn and

meat. I also lend to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood

all my houses where I now live, also the orchard with a straight line for

George West, line to Andrew Biddles, just taking in the orchard. I also lend to her during her natural life or widowhood 2 cows & calfs, 2 sows and pigs, one riding creature. All that I have lent to my beloved wife in

this last Will and Testament I give and bequeath to my son, Bennett Collins, after the natural death or marriage of my wife, to him and his Heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, David Collins, my daughter, Ann Wilson, my sons, Joab Collins, Jesse Collins, Williby Collins, Henry Collins,

each a Negro. It is my will that the six Negros shall be drawn for by the

above mentioned children, the Negroes names are Ambrus, Cato, Andia, Cyrus, Lensey, Peg.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, Henry, one bed & furniture, a peas of land on Red Bud, in my new Patturn, some pewter.

Item: I give and Bequeath to my son, Williby, my old plantation in the pinene woods.

Item: I lend to Jonas Summerlin and Elizabeth, his wife, that part of the plantation where they now live, during their natural lives, and at their death,

it is to go to my son, Jesse, to him and his Heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, Jesse, all my Rocquist land except the

part that I have lent, also one bed and furniture, two cows and calvs, my

stock of hogs at Roquist and some pewter.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, Bennett Collins, a Negro Gall called Phillis, to him and his Heirs forever, also the plantation where I now live.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Bennett, to him and his Heirs forever, three hundred and six acres of land on Licking Branch and bed and furniture, some pewter.

Also, it is my will and desire that Simon, Fib, Teasa, Nancy, Marm should be sold at public sale, the moneys assessing from them shall be equally divided amongst all my children.

Item: All the remaining part of my property that I have not given away consisting of stock, utensuls, bonds, notes or accounts, after my just debts is paid out of

the same, I give and bequeath to my son, Bennett, to him and his Heirs forever

lasty, I conclude and appoint my two friends, Humphrey Hardy & George West,

my Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In witness where of I have set

my hand and seal this 2 June 1799.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of: Josiah Thomas, Turner Bazemore, William Johnston.

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