In the name of God, Amen.

I **WILLIAM WADE** of the county of Northampton, state of North Carolina, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth, viz.

FIRSTLY It is my will and desire that the piece of land which I bought of **JESSE ALLEN** joining **RHODES BARKLEY** and my self shall be sold by my executor, whom I shall hereafter appoint, for the purpose of paying my just debts. Should said lands sell for less than the value of it I wish it retained and be considered as the my property. I likewise wish the sale of said land to take place at the option of my executor.

SECONDLY I give and bequeath unto my beloved son **THOMAS TURNER WADE** one sorrel colt called Sary to him and his heirs forever.

THIRDLY I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter MARY T. [WADE] CROCKER to my beloved son JOHN WHITFIELD WADE and to my beloved daughter REBECCA WINDFIELD, formerly REBECCA WADE, the six Negroes EADY, FAITH, ELLEY, FANN, ROB and HANNAH as assigned to them in a deed of gift with the additional sum of five cents each to them & their heirs forever.

FOURTHLY It is my will and desire that no part or particle of my household furniture shall be sold but reserved for the use hereafter intended. It is further my will and desire that my executors shall sell my crop of cotton with the exception of a sufficiency for the families use, one half of my crop of corn and fodder, one half of my stock of horses, cattle and hogs leaving for the use of family such half as may best suit their situation together with one half of my farming tools and wagons for the purpose of paying my just debts. The balance of my estate both within and without doors should remain together under the superintendence of my executors for the use and benefit of my family in supporting my children and educating them, the Negroes to be kept on the plantation and not hired out until my youngest daughter ELIZABETH JANE WADE shall arrive to the age of eighteen years. To my wife to have a sufficient support equal with the children so long as she should live single. Should she die or marry before the above named ELIZABETH JANE WADE shall arrive at the age of eighteen years it is my will and desire that all my Negroes (not named as above) with their present and future increase, the remaining part of my stock, and crop, household and kitchen furniture with all and every species of property not named should be appraised and for my wife ELIZABETH to draw one share equal with her surviving children by me. The balance to remain on the plantation for the use and benefit of the children. Should she live single until the above mentioned time of eighteen years arrived, it is then my will and desire that my Negroes, stock of every description, household and kitchen furniture, together with all species of property (land excepted) should be equally devised between her and her living children by me, to share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. It is further my will and desire that my wife shall have the use of my house and plantation which I bought of WILLIAM [DELOACH] and JAMES DELOACH so long as she may continue single.

FIFTHLY I give to my beloved **WILLIAM FRANKLIN WADE** a tract of land which I purchased of **ETHELDRED THOMPSON**, provided he pays **THOMAS TURNER WADE** one hundred dollars, and likewise reserve ½ acre of land for a burying ground, which payment is to be made at the time of his taking possession of said land to them and their heirs forever.

SIXTHLY I give and bequeath unto my beloved son **CARTER POWELL WADE** the land and plantation I bough of **WILLIAM** and **JAMES DELOACH** including my dwelling house & other houses, provided he pays **COLLIN BARNES WADE** three hundred dollars which payment is to be made when the said **CARTER POWELL WADE** shall have possession of said land, should the piece of land above named which is left to be sold fail to sell it is my my will and desire that my son **THOMAS TURNER WADE** shall have it to them and their heirs forever.

SEVENTHLY I give and bequeath unto **COLLIN BARNES WADE** the piece of land I bought of **REBECCA TAYLOR** to him and his heirs forever.

EIGHTHLY Should either of the children now living by my last wife die without a lawful heir begotten by their body, it is my will and desire that the property of each deceased shall be equally divided between the surviving last named children by my last wife.

NINETHLY AND LASTLY I nominate and appoint **COLLIN W**. **BARNES** and **JAMES H**. **WOODS** executors to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and obliterating all other wills and forms heretofore made or caused to be made by me.

September 18<sup>th</sup> 1829

WILLIAM WADE {seal}

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of

ALLEN BARKLEY JOHN M. CALVERT

I  $\mbox{WILLIAM WADE}$  do make and ordain this, my codicil, to this my last will and testament, viz.

It is my desire that the tract of lands which I have given to my son **WILLIAM FRANKLIN WADE** in the  $5^{th}$  clause of the above will should remain for the use of the family until my said son **WILLIAM FRANKLIN WADE** arrives to the age of eighteen.

Witness my hand and seal the 20th of October 1829.

WILLIAM WADE {his x mark, seal}

Witness

ARTHUR DAVIS ELIZABETH BARKLEY

Northampton County December Court 1829

This last will and testament of WILLIAM WADE, deceased, together with the codicil was exhibited in open court and the will proved in due form of law by the oaths of ALLEN BARKLEY and JOHN M. CALVERT the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the codicil proved by the oath of ARTHUR DAVIS one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Whereupon **JAMES H**. **WOODS** one of the executors named in said will qualified as the law directs.

**TEST** 

JOHN W. HARRISON, Clk

State of North Carolina Northampton County

To all whom these presents shall come.

KNOW YE THAT I WILLIAM WADE of the county and state aforesaid for the natural good love and affection and other good causes hereunto moving which I have to my daughter POLLY P. WADE and my son JOHN W. WADE and my daughter REBECCA W. WADE have given, granted and by these presents do freely give, grant unto my daughter POLLY P. WADE one negro girl named FAITHY and to my son JOHN W. WADE one negro girl named FANNY and to my daughter [REBECAH] REBECCA W. WADE one negro girl named HANNAH which said gift or right of said Negroes are not invested in my said three children until they severally marry or come of age lawfully. Also EADY, ELLA and BOB to be equally divided between my said children ad my death to have and to hold and enjoy the said Negroes unto my children, aforesaid, the right to be invested in them at the time specified aforesaid to the only proper use and behoof of my three children aforesaid and I, the said WILLIAM WADE, do for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns warrant and ever defend the just right and title of said Negroes or the remaining part of them at my death from claim of any person or persons.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  $5^{th}$  day of June 1814.

WILLIAM WADE {seal}

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Teste

D. COPELAND

Northampton County June Court 1814

This deed of gift was acknowledged in open court by **WILLIAM WADE** and ordered to be certified ad registered.

Teste

JAMES C. HARRISON, clk

Registered 10<sup>th</sup> July 1814 in Book P Page 37.

Teste

W. E. DANCEY, PR

Northampton County December Court 1829

This paper writing purporting to be a testamentary disposition of the property therein named of WILLIAM WADE, deceased, was exhibited in open court and the hand writing of DEMPSEY COPLAND the subscribing witness thereto was proved by the affirmation of JAMES PEELLE and the hand writing of the said WILLIAM WADE, deceased, was proved by the oaths of THOMAS BURGES, THOMAS PEETE and ETHELDRED J. PEEBLES and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

JOHN W. HARRISON, clk

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

We, the undersigned, to hereby acknowledged ourselves ... WILLIAM HAWKINS Esquire, Governor ... office, in the sum of five hundred pounds. But to be void on condition that ... lawful cause obstruct marriage between WILLIAM WADE and ELIZABETH POWELL for whom a license now issued.

Witness, our hands and seals, this 29th day of September A. D. 1813

In presence of

WILLIAM WADE {seal}

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