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Sampson
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I Sampson Stanton of Southampton County being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner following.

1^{stly} I lend the use of the Land and plantation wherein I now live to my wife also the use of the whole of my personal estate during her Widowhood.

2^{ndly} I give and bequeath unto my son John Stanton the Land and plantation wherein Kinchen Peterson formerly lived in the State of North Carolina and County of Northampton on the road leading from Hickses Ford to Halifax and on the north side of Jones Branch - Containing four hundred Acres be the same more or less to him and his heirs forever.

3^{rdly} I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Stanton the Land and plantation wherein Robert Johnson now lives in the State of North Carolina and County of Northampton lying on the road leading from Murreys Borough to Eatons Ferry containing by estimation three hundred Acres be the same more or less to her and her heirs forever.

4^{thly} I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Stanton the Land and plantation wherein I now live subject to his mother use as aforesaid. I also give my said son the Land and plantation wherein William Butler now lives to take the possession of the last mentioned Tract after the death of said William and his present wife to him and his heirs forever and it is my will and desire that after my said son Daniel shall come to the possession of either of the aforesaid Tracts of Land given him that he shall permit my said daughter Sarah to live with him during her single life free from any charge against her for her support, if she chooses to do so.

5^{thly} I give my one half of the Water Grist mill which I hold with Mark Judkins to be equally divided amongst my four Children James, John, Sarah and Daniel or their legal representatives and it is my will and desire that the whole of my personal estate which I have before lent the use of to my wife be equally divided between my aforesaid four Children or their legal representatives and it is my will and desire that such division may be made without selling any part of said estate and that my estate should not be appraised.

Lastly I appoint my two sons James and Daniel Stanton my whole and sole executors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifth day of the sixth month in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight

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