which Lands I give unto my two Daughters aforesaid to be Equally Divided between them by a fair and Equitable Division also which Lands I give my said two Daughters them their heirs and assigns forever but in case my said two Daughters or either of them should die without Issue then my Will is that the Land so given them or either of them be Equally Divided between my three Sons John Phillips and William Hoops their heirs and assigns forever. Thirdly I give unto my Daughter Margarett Mitchell the Plantation where she and her Husband John Mitchell now live with the Land adjoyning being the Land I bought of Benjamin Minson also which I give her and her heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I give and my Will that my two Sons aforesaid but from Hebron and William Hoops shall have twenty four shillings current money each out of my Personal Estate then that the Remainder of my Estate Personal be Equally divided between my Sons John Phillips and William Hoops Margarett Mitchell Isabel and Hebron Hoops. Fourthly I give unto my Daughter Mary Mitchenson Five Shillings current money likewise I give my Daughter Sarah Hoops the Same Sum of Five Shillings likewise I give unto my Daughter Martha Matthews the Sum of Five Shillings and no more to my Heirs these three last mentioned having had a considerable part in my first Gift. My Will further is that my Son William have the Free use and Possession of his Land Bequeathed him when he arrives to the age of twenty years Lastly I hereby constitute ordain and appoint my loving Wife Margarett Hoops Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Fifteenth day of November Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Six

Signed Sealed and Published
in Presence of us
S Milligan
Nath[l] Hynson
Thomas Hynson

Philip Hoops (Seal)

At the foot of the foregoing Will was this written Oath
Bute County
Mr Nathaniel Hynson and Thomas Hynson two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the above Will being duly and solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God do depose and say that they saw the Testator Philip Hoops sign the foregoing Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. That at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request 21st July 1757

Sworn before S Milligan Dy Comty

I do further testify that the above oath was taken by the witnesses in the presence of John Hoops Heir at Law to the Testator and that the said John Hoops did not object thereto.

Witness S Milligan

Bute County 15th August 1759 Mr Simon Mclure the other Subscribing Witness to the above Will in common form proved the same the Heir at Law present

A P Rider
recorded

before S Milligan Dy Comty
Bute County

On the 7 day of January 1759 came James Willett one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he saw the Testator sign and seal the said Will and that he heard the said Testator publish pronounce and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he subscribed his name as witness to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request and that he also saw James Hebron and William Willett the other Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will sign their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator and at his request

Sworn before
W[m] Tryon Clerk
Bute Cty

Paid of the Probate to Elizabeth Bond one Mill

In the Name of God Amen the Sixth Day of November in the Seventieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second over Great Britain anno Domini 1756 I Nicholas Dorsey of Bute County and Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak but of sound mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore 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 that is to say Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul to 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 direction of my Executors And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of same in the following manner & form Imprimis I will that all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges should be paid or order to be paid in some Convenient Time by my Executor whom I shall hereafter name Item It is my Will and I do order that Elizabeth my Wife shall have the Disposal of my Personal Estate which I give and bequeath to my Children to be Equally to be divided among them share and share alike Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my beloved Wife my Dwelling Plantation and Land thereunto belonging during her Natural life and for the maintenance of my children and after my Dear and loving Wife shall decease then my Land shall return to my Son Nicholas Dorsey and to his assigns forever Elizabeth my beloved Wife I appoint and constitute and ordain my Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament allowing her Firm and Stable and I do hereby revoke all former Executors Wills Devises and Legacies whatsoever allowing this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament Witness whereunto I have set my hand and fixed my seal the Day and Year first above written