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ITEM I give unto my son EDWARD WESSON, my Dwelling, Plantation and all the rest of my land not heretofore given, to him his heirs or assigns forever.

ITEM I give my Still to be equally divided among all my sons to them their heirs or Assigns forever.

ITEM I lend my dearly beloved wife the third part of my Estate after my debts and Legacies are paid, during her widowhood, the other part to be equally divided among all my living children. I likewise Constitute make and ordain my son HENRY WESSON to be my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year

above written. Signed Sealed and Acknowledged to be his last Will and Testament.

Will and Testament
In the Presence of
JESSE KELLEY
STEPHEN GIBBS
JOHN NANNEY

EDWARD WESSON

Brunswick County Court June
23, 1788 this Will was
proved by the oaths of JESSE
KELLEY and STEPHEN GIBBS

thereto and ordered to be recorded. And upon the motion of HENRY WESSON the Executor therein named who having given Bond & Security and taken oath - - According to Law, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

WILLIAM WESSON'S WILL

Rutherford County, No. Carolina
1812 Jan. Court pg. 263

In the name of God Amen, I WILLIAM WESSON of the county of Rutherford & State of North Carolina being of Sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this Seventh day of March, 1811, make and Publish this my Last Will & testament in manner following, that is to say -

First I give and bequeath unto my loving wife REBECKEY WESSON my Personal Estate incurring of her Life or widowhood after paying all my just debts and at her death or after Widowhood to be equally divided amongst my living children, and I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends REBECCA WESSON my Executrix and JAMES POLLY my executor of this my Last Will and testament, set my hand and seal this day and year first above written. Signed, Sealed and Published and _____ by the said WM WESSON the testament as his last Will & testament in the Presence of us who were present at the time of signing and Sealing thereof.

CHARLES S. WILKINS

WILLIAM WESSON

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mark
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McCARTY

The MacCARTHY, McCARTY family is one of the most ancient families of Ireland. We are most grateful to ELLA McCARTHY WELLS and her lineage record for much of the following material.

The antiquarians tell us that the founder of the McCarthy family was CORMAC, King of Munster, A.D. 483. Their history commences with the first page of authentic Irish records and is as well attested as the history of any royal house in Christendom, and the fame of their chieftains, the learning, piety and zeal of many saintly men among them form a vast inheritance of glorious memories.

According to the Annals of the Four Masters, thirty of the Kings of Ireland and sixty one of her Saints descended from the MacCarthys, and to them belongs the matchless glory of producing the first Christian King in Ireland, to whom the country owes the welcome of its religion into the land, and not only this but the assembling, christianizing and sanctioning of the code of their laws, the Sanchus Mor, under which our ancestors lived for twelve centuries.

The ancestry of the family can be traced through twenty-eight monarchs who governed Ireland, back to the dawn of Christianity, and, if regard be had to primogeniture and seniority of descent, the MacCarthy family is the first in Ireland. Long before the founders of the oldest royal families of Europe, before Rudolph acquired the empire of Germany, or a Bourbon ascended the throne of France, CORMAC MacCARTHY ruled over