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red. Ostran and all the provisions in hand and all my stock of hogs and of the growing crop, one hundred bushels of Potatoes, one hundred bushels of Corn and two thousand pounds of Potatoes, and the shares and twenty bushels of rice, the pea crop and the crop of sugar cane.

It is my will and desire that after the death of my beloved wife Lucy Jane that she leave the negroes and their issue and inalienable household and kitchen furniture and stock of all kind herein before bequeathed and devised to my beloved wife during her natural life he equally divided between all my children their heirs and assigns forever, share and share alike.

I give and devise to all my children their heirs and assigns forever, the residue of my lands to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

It is my will and desire that all the moneys of my estate, after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus not and above the payment of my debts and expenses that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in equal proportions share and share alike to them and to each and every of them their Executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend A. S. Kemp my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. Revoke and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness Whereof I the said Chris. Kelly do hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of August 1864

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Chris. Kelly to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
 D. J. Kelly
 Chris. Kelly Seal

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North Carolina

Bladen County

Court of Peace & Quarter Session
 November Term 1864

A. Paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Chris. Kelly deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court, by A. S. Kemp the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Chris. Kelly is proven by the oath and examination of Duncan Kelly one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also gives the hand writing of the other subscribing witness A. J. McCreary, who though not dead is now a prisoner in the Army of the Confederate States.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said Paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Chris. Kelly, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And therefore A. S. Kemp the Executor therein named duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by Law, and enters into Bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars with J. N. McCreary as security thereto which bond is accepted by the Court and ordered to be filed.

Attest

D. Blue Clerk

J. F. Cunningham D.C.

I Joel Johnson of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory last and knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to say first - That my Executors hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and pay all funeral expenses to which my just debts I owe and whatsoever owing out of my money that may come into my hands as a free and sole owner.

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red Oats and all the provisions in hand and all my stock of hogs and of the growing crop, one hundred bushels of potatoes. One hundred bushels of Corn and two thousand pounds of Potatoes, and the Shucks and twenty bushels of rice, the pea crop and the crop of sugar cane.

It is my will and desire that after the death of my beloved Wife Lucy Jane that she have the negroes and their issue and increase, household and kitchen furniture and stock of all kind herein before bequeathed and devised to my beloved Wife during her Natural life be equally divided between all my children their heirs and assigns forever, share and share alike.

I give and devise to all my children their heirs and assigns forever, the residue of my lands to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

It is my will and desire that all the residue of my estate, after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debt owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of my debts and expenses, that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in equal proportions share and share alike to them and to each and every of them their Executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend N. S. Kemp my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness Whereof I the said Chris Kelly, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of August 1864

Agrees sealed published and declared by the said Chris Kelly to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
 Duncan Kelly
 J. S. Kemp

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North Carolina
 Bladen County
 Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
 November Term 1864

N. Paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Chris Kelly, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, by N. S. Kemp the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Chris Kelly is proven by the oath and examination of Duncan Kelly, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proves the hand writing of the other subscribing witness N. J. McCreary, who though not dead, is now a doctor in the Army of the Confederate States.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said Paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Chris Kelly, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

And therefore N. S. Kemp the Executor therein named duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by Law, and enters into bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with J. S. McCreary as security thereto which bond is accepted by the Court and ordered to be filed.

Attest

D. Blue Clerk
 J. F. Cunningham D.C.

I, Joel Johnson of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do hereby ordering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make declare this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to say first - That my Executors hereafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and pay all funeral expenses to quiet and my just debts however and whomever owing out of the moneys that may come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

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I give and bequeath to my youngest son Owen Johnson all of my lands in Bladen County, not Rutherford, comprised away everything two hundred acres in the West Side of Turnbelle Creek on Jones Lake dream. the above bequeathed land consisting of divers tracts, including my dwelling house and plantation, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my grand sons, Robert Harney and Joel Y. Harney, equally my lands on the Lake dream as above excepted, to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son R. W. Johnson one negro man about twenty five years old named John to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son, David Johnson one negro boy about twenty years of age by the name of Pitt, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Naimin Johnson one negro boy about twenty years of age by the name of Anthony, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son, Evan Johnson, one negro boy by the name of Isaac, about twenty years of age, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Owen Johnson one negro boy by the name of Black, about eight years of age to him and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary West two negro girls, one by the name of Sally, about twenty six years of age and one by the name of Rachel about eight years of age, during her natural life and at her death to her children issue of her body, in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary J. West one negro woman by the name of Cherry, about twenty six years of age, and her two children Ellen and John, the girl eight years of age by the

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name of Martha, and after her death to her children issue of her body, and in the event of her leaving no child to return to her Brothers & Sisters.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Cole, two negro girls by the name of Selah about fourteen years old and Julia about six years of age, to have and to hold during her natural life and after her death her child or children and in the event of her leaving no children or issue to her Brothers & Sisters.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Helen Johnson two negro girls about the age of nine years, by the name of Amy and the other by the name of Claracy, to have and to hold during her natural life, and after her death to her children or child and in the event of her leaving no bodily issue to descend to her Brothers & Sisters.

I give and bequeath to my two grand sons, Robert Harney and Joel Y. Harney, conjointly, one negro boy by the name of Josiah, about seven years of age, to them equally, and their heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary El Harney, one negro girl about ten years old by the name of Mary, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned, shall be paid and the same owing to me collected, and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided among all my children.

And Lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty friends and Brothers, David Johnson, my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, nothing and declaring nothing with any will and Testaments by me made, heretofore.

In Witness whereof I the said Joel Johnson have hereunto set my hand and seal at the

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Signed sealed published and declared by the said Joel Johnson to be his last Will and Testament Codicil to the foregoing will. Whereas I Joel Johnson have made my last will and Testament in writing bearing date the Twelfth, Third of October 1856 and have thereby made sundry devises and bequests according to the existing circumstances of my estate but which circumstances now having materially changed I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my said Will to be taken and construed as a part thereof. I give and bequeath to my son Owen Johnson my negro boy by the name of Simon to him and his heirs in fee simple to have and to hold forever. In testimony whereof, I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th church day of ~~November~~ in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Joel Johnson Test

This is the paper admitted to probate as the last will and Testament of Joel Johnson it appears to the Court to be duly executed for which see minutes of this Term

Blue Clerk

Bladen County
August Term 1861

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joel Johnson is offered for probate at this Term and it being proven by the oaths of John P. Lytle, Hubert P. Francis, William J. Carter and John G. Sutton, Credible witnesses who only believe such paper writing and every part thereof to be in the hand writing of the said Joel Johnson and it appearing further to the Court that the said paper writing, as the said witnesses were sworn among the valuable

papers of the said Joel Johnson, it is declared by the Court that the said paper writing is duly executed as a will and subject to convey both Real and Personal estate, the same is admitted to probate, Daniel Johnson sworn as Executor and Letters Testamentary are granted to him,

I Archibald Kelly of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and Memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First That my Executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts now owed and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate

Then I give and devise to my son John Archibald Kelly all of that tract of land whereon he now lives known as the White or Freeman Place containing one hundred and forty five acres more or less to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever,

Then I give and devise my youngest son William Owen Kelly all that tract of land known as the "Shard Land" together with a tract of thirty five acres bought from Duncan (Thomas) and in as much as the lower line of the Shard tract touches my Mausum House my devise is that my Mausum House shall be considered as a part of tract to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Then I give and devise to my son James C. Kelly the upper half of my Reed land the dividing line to be run from back line to the Swamp so as to leave ninety acres on each side of said line to him and to his heirs forever.