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their respective persons and estates and provided also that in the event of their death or dying again I constitute and appoint Robert McRae of Brunswick County and in the event of his death I appoint Dr. William Anders, to have and to hold the Guardianship and the Custody both of their respective persons and Estates until they the said Mary Eliza Hayes McNeill, Sarah Harcas, and Eliza Ann, shall severally arrive at the full age of twenty one years.

Now

It is my Will and desire that the Guardian to my Children give to each of them as liberal an education as their means will admit of without squandering their estate.

Now

It is my Will and I hereby declare that no part or portion shall be rented of my lands, either directly or indirectly by my Wife or any other person who may act as Guardian, to my children And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Sarah Jane, Elson's and my beloved friends James C. Kelly and Oliver R. R. 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 declaring this the only Will and testament ever made by me.

In Witness whereof I the said Hayes J. Shipman do hereunto set my hand and seal. This 2^d day of November A.D. 1844 -

H. J. Shipman Seal

November Term 1848

It appearing to the Court by the oath of W. D. McNeill and Thomas M. Kelly, that the within paper writing was from among the valuable papers of Hayes J. Shipman deceased to wit: Envelopes and sealed, and locked up in a chest containing the deceased's books and papers of law, of this the said Hayes

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J. Shipman it is ordered that the same be admitted to probate as the last Will and testament of the said Hayes J. Shipman. Whereupon it is proven in open Court by the oath of William D. McNeill, Thomas M. Kelly, Haynes, Lunn and Colin Monroe, four credible witnesses that the sound writing of the said Hayes J. Shipman, is generally known by the acquaintances of him the said Hayes J. Shipman, and that the within last Will and testament and every part thereof including the signature of him the said Hayes J. Shipman in the places where the same is signed and written is in the hand writing of him the said Hayes J. Shipman.

It is further ordered that the within Will together with this Certificate be recorded.

In the Name of God, Amen
I, John C. Porter of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God do this the 1st day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Forty five, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say -

First I direct that my body be decently interred and my spirit I commit to God who is true.

And as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with I direct of the same as follows.

I direct that all my just debts and

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expense be paid after my decease out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my Executor from any portion of my Estate Real or Personal. Also I direct that my two Sillies be sold and all such other property as my Executor may think can be best disposed of by my beloved Wife.

Also I direct that my Wife's interest in the Cape Fear River plantation and her interest in the Real Estate of her Father be sold and the proceeds applied to paying my debts.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Margaret Ann Porter. The plantation I bought of James Chasew. My black girls Lucy and Patty. During her natural life and then to the Child she is now carrying.

I also give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife all my Stock of Hogs, Cattle and Sheep Crop of Corn Peas, Potatoes, Henshock and Kitchen furniture.

And I hereby make and ordain my beloved Friend Robert Melvin Senr. Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I John C. Porter the Testator have to this my will written in one sheet of paper. At my hand and seal this the 1st day of October in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Forty five.

Signed sealed and delivered John C. Porter Seal
in presence of us who have
subscribed in presence of
each other.
George Cain
D. D. Melvin

Part of these And. Quarter Sessions - Nov^r Term 1845
then the within Will of John C. Porter read over and
proved by George Cain the subscribing Witness and D. D.
Melvin the other subscribing Witness thereat and ordered
to be recorded.

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State of North Carolina
Bladen County

I Richard M. Lewis Senr of the aforesaid County and State do make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following viz-

1st I give and bequeath to Richard M. Lewis my Family Bible.

2^d I give and bequeath to Edward Lewis a note which I hold against him.

3^d I give and bequeath to David Lewis my negro man Ben Jr. to him and his heirs and assigns. I also give and bequeath to him and his heirs and assigns all my debt that are due me together with my crop stock and provisions. Households and Kitchen Furniture, and tools of every description. Also, I give and bequeath to him and his heirs and assigns during the lifetime of my wife Martha Lewis, and at her death it is my will and desire that I be equally divided between Richard M. Lewis Jr. Harriett Lewis, Edward Lewis, David Lewis and Lucy Ann Lewis, share and share alike, and that my Grand Son Richard Franklin Lewis, Son of David Lewis have I give and bequeath to him after the death of my wife Martha Lewis.

The cause of my not hiding my wife is my son David is to support her during her life.

I also give to my son David Lewis my Compass Chain and implements.

4th It is my will and desire that the property that I have given before to my children by deed go into effect at my death.

5th It is my will and desire that the balance of my estate be equally divided between Richard M. Lewis Jr. Harriett Lewis, Edward Lewis, David Lewis, Lucy Ann Lewis and the Heirs of my daughter Sarah Willis, each share and share alike.

And lastly I do appoint my sons Edward and David Lewis, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

February 20th 1844.