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I Theophilus Paton 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 -

I direct that my Executor shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts. Likewise and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate;

I give and devise to my beloved wife the Plantation where I now live on and fifty acres more that the mill is known upon and the Jones Swamp tract and seven and his wife Inds. and a boy by the name of Bill and a young mare three cows and calves such as she chooses the best son and pigs and ten head of other hogs, such as she wishes and corn and fodder enough to keep up her own stock for the year and two bushels of shelled peas and twenty five bushels of potatoes and five bushels of clover enough of corn for her bread and her family and meat enough to support her and her family for this year and five stacks of hay her choice of five head of sheep and hogs enough to shoe her and her family for the year and all the poultry.

I give and devise to my son Daniel two tracts of land, one the Purchase tract and twenty five acres and the Ellis land

I give and devise to my youngest son Leon one hundred acres of land patented by myself lying on the south west side of Turnbull Creek below the mouth of Church Branch, and also the two tracts of land on the North East side of Turnbull Creek the land I bought of John Daniel.

My will and devise is that all the residue of my estate of Real Estate and personal property be sold and divided among all my children share and share alike and the children of my daughter Mary Jane coming to the age of twenty one years to the said Mary Jane

Receiving her equal share to her and to the land she is heir of her body.

And what I have bequeathed to my beloved wife after her death to be equally divided among my children.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John James Paton my Lawful Executor to see that all my purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and my part and clause thereof, hereby making and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said Theophilus Paton do hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of Jan one thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty three.

Signed sealed and published Theophilus Paton
and declared by the said Theophilus Paton 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,
Witness, M. Monroe
H. B. Francis

Church Carolina
Bladen County } Court of Peace & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1863.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Theophilus Paton deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by John H. Paton the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Theophilus Paton, is proved by the oath and examination of Malcom Monroe one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Theophilus Paton deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and that hereupon the said John H. Paton Executor as aforesaid, be qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Ordered Court
J. H. Paton