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In the name of God Amen - I Martport Colbeck of the County of Halifax
and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & disposing Memory to make
this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following -
In the first place it is my will & desire that all my just Debts should be paid
and for the payment thereof I hereby vest such powers in my Executors (hereafter
named) to dispose of such part of my perishable ~~estate~~ & personal Estate as
shall be sufficient therefor entirely at their discretion. - It is my will that
all the Negroes remaining after my Debts are paid be hired out for the support
of my wife Susannah and my Daughters Mary C. Colbeck & Elizabeth M. F. Colbeck
during the life of my said wife, and at her Death, it is my will that my
daughter Mary C. Colbeck have the choice of one of the Negroes living at the
Death of my wife Susannah - I give to my daughter Elizabeth M. F. Colbeck
one hundred Dollars and no more, having given her what property I intended
previous to my making my will - It is my will and desire after my daughter
Mary C. Colbeck having made choice as aforesaid of the Negroes left at the
Death of my wife as aforesaid that the Negroes remaining together with the
remaining part of my Estate (if there be any) be equally divided amongst
the following Persons ~~to~~ Mary C. Colbeck, Sarah Purnell, John D. Colbeck
and ~~Donathen~~ ^{M.} Read - To Mary C. Colbeck, Sarah Purnell & John D. Colbeck their
heirs & assigns for ever - and the part that shall be allotted to Donathen M. Read
to be for her special use & support during her life & after her Death to be

hers & apogues for ever - and the parts that shall be allotted to Dorothea M. Read
to be for her special use & support during her life & after her death to be
equally divided amongst her children. - And I hereby nominate my son
John D. Colbeck, my son in law John Purnell & nephews John W. Housen
my Executors to this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking and making
void all wills heretofore by me made - In Testimony whereof I hereunto
set my hand & affix my Seal this fifth day of May in the year of our
Lord, one Thousand eight hundred & Eighteen.

Witness

Montfort Colbeck (Seal)

M. J. Ponton -

Gallegos County }
August 1818 } Then this will was exhibited in open Court and duly
proved by the oath of Mungo J. Ponton the subscribing witness thereto, who
says that the Testator was at the time of signing and publishing the same of
sound mind & disposing memory & on motions ordered to be Recorded.

Witness

Richard Gyles Esq

Gallegos County

1st Sept 1818

} Then this will was again exhibited in open Court
wherein John D. Colbeck one of the Executors in said will named came
and was duly qualified, thereto on motions ordered to be Recorded -

Witness

Richard Gyles Esq