In the name of God Amen

I Curtis Saunders being as I believe of sound mind and memory and feeling and knowing that my life on earth is drawing to a close do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament

And first I desire that my body be buried in a plain and Christian manner and commend my soul to the God who gave it and that my funeral expenses be paid out of the first means that may come into the hands of my Executor

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And I hereby appoint my friend D2 J M Lyle my Executor to carry out the provisions of this my will and Testament

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this ~~Feb~~ 31st day of March 1876.

Witness
J M Lyle
G J Thompson

Curtis Saunders Seal

State of North Carolina
Macon County

Personally appeared before me this day J. M. Lyle and G J Thompson witness subscribed to the Will of Curtis Saunders hereto attached and and maketh oath that at the date of said Will and Testament they were especially called by Curtis Saunders to witness his signing the said will as his last Will and Testament for the purpose therein expressed and they further swear that they believe Curtis Saunders was at the date of signing the said last Will and Testament of sound mind and disposing memory. Further. That said J M Lyle is the Executor in said will.

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Sworn to & subscribed before me and after hearing the proof and the possession of the Will by J M Lyle the Executor and it further appearing that said Curtis Saunders is dead it is adjudged that the Will be admitted to probate & J M Lyle is duly appointed Executor This March 19th 1885

Saml L Rogers C.S.C