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Major Powers' Will

State of North Carolina Ashe County
Know all men by these presents that I Major Powers
of the State and County aforesaid being of a sound
mind and good understanding as ordinary but
being of a feeble body and unable at this time
and not knowing how soon I may be called
away from this world and feeling that without
an alteration I cannot stay here long I have
thought proper to leave some directions how
I wish my affairs in this world to be disposed
of in this my last Will and Testament writing
all others. I wish my affairs to be disposed
of as follows to wit - I wish my home lands
and tenements to be long to all my children equ-
ally the oldest as well as the youngest. for them
all to make it their home as long as they may
chose. and go away when they please and
return when ever they wish to do so. and no
one to have any power or authority to sell or dis-
pose of any portion of said land until the
youngest child shall be of lawful age and
then for said land to be sold and equally
divided among all. the true meaning of
this will is that all who stay at home and
attend to it are to have the authority over
it, and they that do not stay at home and
see to it not to have the authority over that
which they do not help to make. as to my
personal property after paying my debts
out of it let the balance be disposed of as
follows. I wish my property to remain with
the family for the use and benefit of my
children which are under age, and for
those that have care of my youngest are
to have the authority and power of using
said property ~~that~~ for the benefit of the
family but no other way. and after my
youngest children are of age whatever

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may remain to be equally divided among my children that stay at home, I wish my daughter Martha to have fifteen Dollars more than my other children on account of her having more trouble with my youngest child. I wish this to be the way of disposing of my perishable property if any of my children should marry or leave home at any time he or she at any time leaving home shall have his or her part of said property as though there was equal division made to the whole & if my children can agree among themselves about the division I should be glad. but if they cannot I wish my Executors to see to it and settle justly between them, I wish for John Thompson & Noah May to be my Executors to this my last will and Testament and I appoint them as such, and in settling my affairs if these men should differ in any thing I wish them to choose and both agree in choosing a third man to decide the difference. This is my last Will and Testament signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Constance ^{his wife} May at Jurot, } This 1st day of August
Andrew Powers } 1845.
} Major Powers *Edw*