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May Term 1866

North Carolina
Cass County

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Shirley Sparling
of Sound mind and memory but knowing the shortness
of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will
and Testament

In the first place bequeath my Soul to God who gives to
all and my body to the earth from whence it was taken
my Will is that all my Just Debts be paid and all
of the Ballance of my Substance consisting of land cattle &
Hogs be equally divided between my three children Wiley
Sarah & Bartlett my Will and desire is after my debts
for no diversion to be made during my wifes natural life
time but for her to remain where she now lives
during her natural life I do ~~also~~ also in my will
appoint my friend Joseph Mueller my lawful
executor to transact and settle all my Just Debts
and that he be compensated for his trouble in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Seal this twenty third day of June
in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight
hundred and Sixty Three Thomas Shirley Sparling

Witness
Joseph Mueller

Elisha Shirley