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The Last Will and Testament of James A. Patton
 Born Asheville N.C. April 30th 1861

I James A. Patton being about to go with my Company to repel our Northern enemies; and being aware of the many vicissitudes that may attend such a duty desirous of providing for my wife in case I do not return, make this my last will & Testament making all other of a date. prior to this, to wit,

1st I make my Brother M. A. Patton or my friend Mr. J. J. Sherry - executor of this my last will & Testament either or both of them.

2^d It is my wish that all my debts be paid, selecting for that purpose such property as my executor may deem best after consultation with my wife, whom I wish if possible I desire followed out; and if there be any excess it is my wish that it go to my beloved wife Anna E. Patton, to wit: after my debts are paid, I will desire & bequeath all the residue of my estate, of whatever nature it may be, whether real personal or mixed to my wife Anna E. Patton absolutely. In testimony of the truth of the above, I have hereunto set my & affixed my seal, day and date above mentioned.

Signed & Sealed in Presence of
 of } James A. Patton (Seal)
 J. M. Blair
 J. R. Osborn.

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The Last Will and Testament of Benj. Coultas
 In the name of God Amen

I Benj. Coultas of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina Resident of the waters of South Harmony Creek now in the seventy fourth year of my age but in good health and of sound and disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament.

Amongst I direct my body to be decently interred at the Pizah meetinghouse under the direction of my Executor to rest in the ground until with humble reliance on the mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ I meet it will arise in the last ^{day} to the resurrection of the dead.

Touching such words & substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with I will and do hereby give and bequeath to my wife Anna E. Patton

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Ben Curtis will Continued

debts and funeral expenses shall have been paid And as several of my children is married and have real lands and other property as advancements I will now mention the Character of said property & the ^{same by myself to my son} ~~same by myself to my son~~ Madison Curtis land on North Homary & a horse ~~beast~~ and saddle & the amount of three hundred dollars, To my son Benjamin Curtis land on North Homary when he now lives & a horse & saddle & to the amount of three hundred dollars, To my son Jackson Curtis land on North Homary & a horse & to the amount of three hundred dollars, To my son John Curtis a horse & beast and cow & some other five dollars, To my Daughter Elizabeth & Davis wife of Henry Davis one Bed & furniture one cow & some other house furniture worth thirty three dollars, To my son Thomas Curtis one horse & beast & one heifer & worth eighty five dollars, To my son Washington now single one horse & beast and black hog worth sixty five dollars, To my son Joshua a horse & beast money & to the amount of one hundred and seventy eight dollars & 75 cents, all the above sums as advancements I now confirm,

I will and desire to my Daughter in law Eveline Curtis wife of my son Amos Curtis the use & Control of the lands which she now lives on on North Homary - joining and above Benjamin Curtis & and below John Smathers until her eldest Daughter Mary A. Curtis & Daughter of my son Amos arrives at the age of twenty one after that time the said Eveline Curtis widow of my deceased son Amos Curtis to have the use Control & profits of one third part of the said tract of land for and during her life time.

I will and desire to my two Son Daughter & Children of my son Amos Curtis the name of said Children are Mary & Martha the above last mentioned Land, Subject to the provision above named to them to have & to hold to them & their heirs & assigns forever, also to said Mary & Martha ten dollars each to be paid by my Executor out of the sale of my other effects within two years after my decease. I also will and desire to my two Son Children of my son John Curtis ten dollars each to be paid in like manner as the above, I will and desire to my son Jackson Curtis deceased five Children ten dollars each to be paid as the above, I will and desire to my son Joshua Curtis one hundred and ~~eighty~~ dollars to be paid so soon as the Testamentary shall be taken out on my estate provided there should be money in hand, if not to be paid at expiration of two years.

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Benjamin Curtis will continue
I will and desire to my son Washington Curtis & his heirs
& assigns forever that portion of my homestead lands &
lying on the N.E. side of the Creek & known as the heaving flats
said lands to commence at the N.W. corner of homestead tract
of land a Spanish oak and corner of a tract known as the
Gordon tract & to run down a ridge known as the old house ridge
to a forked apple tree in a field near where an old house used
to stand thence North and a direct course to a branch thence
down said branch to a fork of said branch thence a short
course N.E. to the point of a ridge thence up the main top-
thence west & south around the out boundary of said land
to the beginning I suppose to be 75 acres with two hundred
dollars, I further will and desire to my son Washington
thirty five dollars in money to be paid in like manner as
my son Saphaw, I will and desire to my son Thomas Curtis
& his heirs and assigns forever one hundred acres of land
on said Curtis Creek and known as the Gordon tract
in which the said Thomas now lives West of the homestead
place where I now live, I also give and desire to my said
son Thomas the west end of a fifty acre tract off that
portion of said tract west & above the still house branch
to be his & his heirs forever in all I suppose to be one hundred
& ten acres north two hundred and twenty five dollars,
I will and desire to my wife below wife Delila go and
during her lifetime all that portion of the homestead and
plantations on which I now live on the south side of
Curtis Creek & west of James Mayes lands and east
of the still house branch also to my wife Delila a household
and cow and calf to be her absolute & her choice out of
my horses and cattle also to my beloved wife Delila
all my household & kitchen furniture for and during
her lifetime, except the family Books these Books I desire
to be divided amongst my wife and children but so
as for my daughter Mary to have my family Bible, I will
and desire to my two daughters Elizabeth & Ann wife of
Henry Davis & Mary Curtis and their heirs & assigns forever
that portion of my lands above devised to their Mother to
come into their hands at the death of my wife Delila
also to them, all the household & kitchen furniture in like
manner, I desire and direct that my executor hereafter
shall sell all that portion of my lands not heretofore
devised to any of my children after lawful advertisement
on a credit of six months the said lands lying on the
north side of Curtis Creek between and west of James

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 & South of the lands devised to Washington Curtis east
 of the land, devised to Thomas Curtis; and North of the land,
 devised to my two Daughters, also all other of my personal
 property, to be sold in like manner except such as I may
 hereafter set apart for my wife the proceeds of the above
 the debts due me or money on hand with all other property
 real or personal of every kind after the debts & funeral expenses shall
 have been first paid with the legacies named shall have been
 satisfactorily settled then the residue to be divided equally between
 my sons Madison Curtis Benjamin A. Curtis & Washington Curtis
 & Thomas Curtis Elizabeth Davis wife of Henry Davis & Mary Curtis;
 I will and devise that at my decease or before my sale is made
 of my property, that my Executors pick some suitable person
 also my wife pick another & these two persons may pick
 a third person whom duty it shall be to lay off of my grain
 & other provision sufficient support for my wife till she
 shall be able to gether her first crop thereafter my two sons
 is not intended to be regarded as having had a kitchen
 furniture but are intended to be brought in under the head
 of Perishable property.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my sons Benjamin A. Curtis
 & Thomas Curtis my Executors in whose integrity and
 discretion I have full confidence,

Signed sealed & published in the presence of the witnesses
 hereunto Subscribed their names in presence of the testator
 who Subscribed their names in the presence of each other
 this the 3rd day of May in year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and sixty,

Test Samuel B. Bender
 James M. Morgan

Benjamin Curtis (Seal)

The Last Will and Testament of John West
 Being about to leave home for seat of war and
 having in view the great uncertainty of life
 in the Army, I deem it prudent and just
 to make such disposition of my estate in
 the event of my death as will fully provide
 for the support of my Wife & infant Children
 therefore, I John West of the County of Buncombe
 in the State of North Carolina do make &
 publish this my last Will & Testament,
 I direct that all my just debts shall be paid
 Then, I give & devise all my real estate to
 my Wife Sarah Jane, for life, remainder to my
 to my living at law and on each further give to