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The Last Will and Testament of Eldad Reed (as Decreed)

In the name of God amen I Eldad Reed senior, of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being aged and infirm but of perfect mind and memory thanketh God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I gave and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my surviving Friends and as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of in the following manner, and now first that all my just and lawful debts be paid I also give and bequeath unto my son Eldad all that tract of land on which I now live containing one hundred acres be the same more or less it being valued at four hundred dollars and him to pay to Joseph Reed my Eldest son Twenty five dollars in cash or thirty two dollars and fifty cents in good trade in three years from the time of my decease also to pay to my son John Ninety one dollars and sixty six cents in trade at custamary trade price in three equal and annual payments in the above named time after my decease I also gave and bequeath unto my daughter Anna Clement all that tract or parcel of land on which her husband William Clements now lives it containing Seventy five acres be the same more or less it being valued at three hundred dollars and the said William and Anna Clement to pay to my son Joseph Twenty five dollars in cash or thirty two dollars and fifty cents in good trade in three years from my decease as above mentioned also to pay to my son John Ninety one dollars and sixty six cents in trade at custamary trade rate in three equal and annual payments in the above named time after my decease the above named sums to be paid to my sons Joseph and John is a bequest by me to them as their apportion I desired them to have ought of the value of my lands The payments to be made as above may be made in the following manner if the above named Joseph or John or their proper attorney shall not be ready to receive at the houses of the Eldad Reed or Clements their proportional payment then the aforesaid William Clements or Eldad Reed may have the property valued to the amount of their payments due and said property then to be advertised by my Executors and sold on a credit of eight months by taking note with approved security and when due to be collected by said Executor and pay over when called for one hundred Dollars worth of the valuation of the land bequeathed E Reed I claim for my own support to be divided between my two Executors in proportion to the time I live with each of them also all my yearly rents of every description I bequeath to

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My Son Eldad at Eleven dollars per a and I also gave to each of my other children living near at my death property to the same valuation ought of what my other personal property there is any remains undivided it to be equally divided amongst my children living near me at the time of my death I also nominate constitute and appoint my Son Eldad Reed and daughter Anna Clements as my sole Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow ~~Rescind~~ all and every other former wills Testaments legacies or bequests and Executors by me in any wise before appointed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th of August 1846
 Signed Sealed published and declared by me
 the said Eldad Reed as his last will and Testament his
Eldad & Reed son & daughter
mark
 in the presence of us who in his presence and in the
 presence of each other have hereunto set our names
 attest John Ganning ^{son & sonatt}
 James Reed ^(sonatt)

State of North Carolina ³ Court of Pleas and quarter
 Buncombe County ³ Sessions July Term 1849
 The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court according
 to law by the oaths of John Ganning son & James Reed the
 two subscribing witnesses thereto was admitted of record and
 ordered to be filed Attest Henry Clark