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In the name of ^{God} Amen!

I Tho^s L. Gaston of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, being in a declining State of health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make ordain and establish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following viz:

First I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret E. Gaston my silver watch, 1 bed bedstead and the necessary furniture therefor, my buggy harness, the umbrellas, belonging to it, and the mule which I usually drive, called Logan one ~~Bureau~~ ^{Bureau} her choice, a traveling trunk also her choice of those I have

Secondly I will bequeath, devise, & direct, that all the balance or remainder of my property, both not personal or mixed, be sold by my Executor; the loan on a credit of one two or three years, with interest from the day of sale; and the personal or mixed estate, on a credit of twelve months, That my wife Margaret E. Gaston, be paid by my Executor, within one month of the time of my ^{decease} death, the sum of thirty seven dollars and fifty cts, if then be that sum on hand, if not as soon as the sum can be collected, and that he loan out at interest, the interest to be paid quarterly the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, and the sum of thirty seven dollars and a half, the interest arising from said sum be paid to my said wife M. E. Gaston quarterly, making one hundred and fifty dollars annually during the time of her natural life or widowhood. And all the rest, residue and remainder of said sale together with the money due me and on hand at my death, after paying all my just debt, be divided between my two sons Josiah P. & Parley C. Gastons, Parley C. receiving two hundred and twenty five ~~the~~ dollars the most, I having advanced that sum to Josiah P. when he started to California, and wish him charged with the sum with out interest

Thirdly I will and devise that at the death or marriage of my wife Margaret E. Gaston the twenty five hundred dollars directed to be placed at interest during her life or widowhood, be collected, and equally divided between my sons J P & P. C. Gaston, and it is my will and desire that in case either of my sons should die, during my life or during the life or widowhood of my wife, having a child or children ^{and} ~~having~~ ^{and} ~~born~~ ^{born} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~after~~ ^{after} ~~then~~ ^{then} such child

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 or children shall receive such part or portion as
 the deceased parent would have received under this will
 if living, Lastly I hereby appoint Joshua Roberts
 my sole executor of this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking all former wills by me made in
 writing whereof I have herunto set my hand and
 affixed my seal, the 16th day of October, A.D. 1832
 Signed sealed and delivered *Thos. L. Gaston*
 in the presence of
 William Williams
 J. R. L. Gilliland

Witnessing the 11th Year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and fifty four, The following is my
 Last will and Testament

First

I will and bequeath my Soul to God who gave it,
 and my body to the grave, there to be decently entombed
 Secondly

I will and bequeath all my property both real and
 personal to my wife Susan Case during her natural
 life, and at her death, then the lands to go to -

Manly my son, in case he takes care of my daughter
 Enatitue and long as she lives and in case he fails
 so to do, then the Enatitue is to have it to hold
 or to be at her own disposal, with the exception of
 two pieces of land, to wit: one to Allen Case

Beginning on a Stake in my field 4 rods south
 of Samuel Speer's Stake corner runs east to Baker's
 line, then with said line to a Spanish oak
 then west with Murry's other line to a stake; then
 South with Samuel Speer's line to the Beginning
 containing fifty acres more or less which he is
 to have on condition that he Allen case pays a debt