

April 1861

In the name of God Amen I Geo W Sigman of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of Sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and Transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament. That is to say, First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate real and personal, I give bequeath and dispose of as follows, to wit, To my beloved wife all my and all my interest in the Lint & sawmill it being one half of each, together with one half the shares & shares used for L & D Mills, four Negroes, viz, Caroline, Joseph, Jane and Emeline, The two bay horse mules, my new wagon, bearing & harness, for two mules, all my farming tools, one Ruggy & harness. All my cattle, all my hogs & sheep, all my wheat & corn now on hand, all the meat & lard on hand, all the rufness on hand and all my interest in the bees here at home, all my house hold and Kitchen furniture, all the flax & cotton on hand and all the Salt, Sugar, Coffee & Molasses on hand, and as much of the present growing Wheat Crop when matured, as will be sufficient for bread twelve months all leather now on hand, during her natural life or Widowhood, and also my Will is that my Mother Catherine is to live with my beloved Wife & have her support off of my lands during her life, And at the death of my beloved Wife the property is to be sold & divided equally among my Children or so as to make them share equal with what they have already received, Harriet, Lucinda, Elizabeth, David Sarah, And I will and bequeath to my daughter Harriet one Negro girl named Metch which I value at Eight hundred & fifty dollars which shall stand as part of her legacy or distributive share in my estate And I will and bequeath to my daughter Lucinda Wife of Wm Bostian one thousand dollars which she has received of me as a part of her legacy or distributive share of my estate 4th My will is that my executor & executors after paying all my lawful debts should there be any property unsold or undisposed of, to sell such property and dispose of the Proceeds among my children as aforesaid, and also to dispose of my stock in the Western North Carolina R Road as they may think best & distribute the same among my children as aforesaid And I make constitute and appoint my beloved wife Abba Malissa & Wm Bostian my Executors & Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, I Witnes Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixty one, Witnessed by the request an in the presence of the Testator

Eli Sigman
David Setzer

George W. Sigman
(deaf)

October 1861

October 20th 1859 North Carolina Catawba County
I being a live and Solventable Healthy to my Age and knowing that I am appointed unto all men once to die
I do first of all I do give my soul into the hands of Jesus Christ
I do give to the second I do wish you call my just debts to be paid out of my Estate, The third I do will that my dear Wife should my wife & my land and property of all kinds that is worth five Cents for life, I think and wish to be so. I do wish to have her ride saddle and harness & cooking-stove for to use her bed & stove and clothing for them. I do wish to do as she please with the little money I have and I do wish to do as she please with after her disease Marcus should live is to fall him to all the above property. The rest of my children have all their part. If my wife should out live Marcus should live. She is to fall him to all the above articles to do as she please with her life time after that the property is to be put to sale and sold to the highest bidder & the money to be divided equally amongst the Children Marcus, children if should have any Marcus should live is to support his Mother this life time & to see that she has a good support if they should be any more debts or notes or money Marcus should live have them for his & Mother's self support all the shop tools & work benches & everything plank & ironmonger Marcus it to have if Marcus should live should have his & have children & away his & his children is to fall him to all the above property after the death of his Mother, if Marcus should have children the property goes to his children if he has none the property is to go to his Brothers & Sisters

My last will & Testament
Eyes Thomas Brady & miles Sherrill

Arum Sherrill (deaf)

if the executors can make it suit I should like for them to get four tombstones cheap kind telling our ages & the time we departed this life