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In the Name of God Amen, I Adam Graft of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following, that is to say That my executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial Suitable to the wishes of my relatives & friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts & burials and to whomsoever owing out of the Monies that may first come into his hands as a part or part of my estate I give unto my wife Ruthy the two Lots in Newton where I now live together with the dwelling house and all out houses in the said two Lots, also a tract of land lying near Newton known by the name of McHaffey tract and I do hereby put her in possession of all the above named possessions in whole in the first & entire during her natural life or state of Widowhood and provide she marries or after her death the aforesaid Lots & land above mentioned shall belong to my daughter Sarah Haynes I also will & bequeath to my beloved wife Ruthy two negroes namely Sandy Vining and his increase also one Negro boy named Allen, and after the death of my wife my will is that my said son Aaron Haynes is to have Vandy. And my daughter Abby Fry is to have Vining & Allen. Also I give my wife Ruthy one horse her choice two cows her choice some hogs her choice & also her household furniture including all the beds & placeards Bureau and every thing in the house and kitchen and wash pot her choice - washing tubs & her stoves all the meat all the grain, flour cotton seed and vinegar Potatoes and herds at my death or as much as will be sufficient for the support of her & family for one year if then should not be sufficient of grain & meat in hand at my death to support my aforesaid wife & family for one year, it is my will that my executor is to furnish what is required and charge my estate with the same.

I will & bequeath to my four daughters namely Abby Fry, Leticia Hunsucker, Sarah Haynes & Harriet all the property & wills to my wife Ruthy after her death (Lands & Negroes excepted) is to be equally divided between them and if they cannot agree the said lands & two negroes to be sold.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah R B Haynes one Negro girl named Bley & her increase three beds & furniture one bureau and my will is that her mother furnish her with the necessary things of house keeping.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Harriet my plantation lying on South fork known by the name Hayes tract joining Hill Robinsons & Call 190 Acres also one Negro girl named Rick's her increase three beds & furniture one Bureau one Canebed and my will is that her mother furnish her with the necessary things for her house keeping.

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I will and bequeath to my daughter Abby Fry my tract of land known by the name of William Witherspoon tract & call 88 Acres joining Elise Duty.

I also will & bequeath to Leticia Hunsucker my tract of land known by the name of Canada tract lying on the opposite of a Branch. It is my will & desire that all my property that is not disposed of by this my last will & Testament, at my death is to be sold by my executor as aforesaid and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between my wife & four daughters.

It is my will that my wife & my four daughters shall have an equal part in the five hundred dollars that I subscribed to the Rail Road & that I do hereby constitute & appoint my Trusty friend Henry White my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will & Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same and every Part thereof hereby making & declaring utterly void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said Adam Graft do hereunto set my hand & seal this 23rd day of August AD 1861.

Signed in presence of
McHaffey
Robert McHaffey
Adam Graft Seal

I Adam Graft of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being in perfect mind & memory do make the following as a Codicil to the foregoing will.

That I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Ruthy Graft my Negro woman Betty to have & to hold during her natural life and after her death to be sold & divided equally amongst all my children.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of September in presence of
McHaffey
Andrew Fry
Adam Graft Seal