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In the name of God, I Michael Rudisill of the County of Cataula and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind, but feeling the infirmities of age and knowing that I must part off this mortality, and appeal before my Creator and Judge do make certain and publish this my last will and testament.

1st I give and bequeath my spirit unto God, etc. I have in humble faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that he will save it in the day of Christ; and my body I recommend to a Christian burial in the earth, hoping for a glorious immortality.
2nd I give and bequeath unto my daughter Barbara Eliza eight hundred dollars out of my estate to make her equal with her sisters, to each of whom I have given that amount.
3rd I give and devise unto my daughter Barbara Eliza, the house and lot on which she lives and also give and bequeath unto her all my household and kitchen furniture of every description for the use of the eight hundred dollars mentioned above, and for her kindness and attention to me during all my infirmities of age. I also give her the contents of my milk house and smoke house - one are and live garden here and my cattle and hogs on hand.

4th I give and bequeath unto my son Ephraim Rudisill seventy dollars, money advanced to me shortly after the late war.

5th I give and bequeath unto my son Nathan Luther Rudisill fifty dollars as above stated.

6th I will and bequeath that the balance of all my estate shall be sold and the money collected on my debts and the proceeds of the sale and the money arising from the collection of the debts due me shall be equally divided between my sons Ephraim, Nathan and Melancthon Rudisill and my daughter Barbara Eliza Rudisill.

7th I do hereby declare and publish the foregoing to be my last will and testament, revoking and abrogating all former wills by me heretofore made and do hereby appoint my son Melancthon Rudisill and M. L. McCauley executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and published
in presence of us this 17th day
of May 1867
H. L. Cline
J. Campbell

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In the name of God, I Andrew M. Whitener of the County of Cataula and State of North Carolina, being called to the Confederate Army, full of perfect memory thanks be given to God, but knowing that all men must die, I do make, make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principal and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body to earth, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God, as touching such things whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and devise, dispose of the same in the following manner, and form first of all I give unto my beloved wife Anna all my lands, Chatula and all that is due at this time to be her own, provided she live single life to the end of her days, but should she marry after my death she shall lose to child a part of the property only, she may have the privilege to sell my plantation lying in Burke County, the same containing 170 acres at any time she sees proper to do so but should she live a widow to the end of her days, and dies intestate all the property to be divided equally between my sons. I also appoint Eli Whitener my executor, he with me who cannot I set my hand and seal this the 9th of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven.

A. M. Whitener
J. M. Hoyt

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