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In the name of God Amen

I B. E. A. Wilfong, knowing the certainty  
of death and the uncertainty of life, and  
being desirous of making some disposition  
of the worldly effects, that it has pleased God  
to bless me, do make and publish this my  
last will and testament in manner and  
form following, that is to say;

I Will and bequeath unto my daughter  
Jane M. A. McCorle one hundred dollars  
in money more than any of my sons  
mention'd in this will, Also all the fur  
niture I left in Newton at her house, and  
my leather trunk and all my wearing  
apparel (she being my only daughter)  
little wheel and winding blades, my bell  
mettle kettle my cooking stove and  
all my cooking utensils.

II I will and bequeath to my son S. S.  
Wilfong one hundred dollars more than  
his brothers, on account of the loss of his  
arm and my large rocking chair.

III I will and bequeath to my son J. A. Wilfong  
one nice small table.

IV I will and bequeath unto my son James  
E. Wilfong sausage grinder and stuffer  
my old copper Kettle my wheel barrow  
plough and harness all my interest in the  
grain crop at the Rock House farm &  
my burean my knives and forks that I  
use on my table every day, my old red cow  
if alive at my death, all my bacon, lard,  
flour, corn, soap, vinegar, and honey

V I will and bequeath unto my brother  
James Lumney my single bed and bed-  
stead and the covering used therewith.

VI I will and bequeath to my brother  
John Lumney the bed & clothing &  
stead that he is usually sleepes on & also  
the chair he usually sits upon.

VII I will to my granddaughter Mary Corle  
McCorle my silver snuff Ladle

VIII

I will to my granddaughter Fannie Lire  
Wilfong my pure silver tea spoons five in num-  
ber and one dozen spoons fine silver.

IX I will to my granddaughter Cora Wilfong  
the other half of my silver tea spoons five  
small ones & one dozen large spoons silver  
I will to Sue A Wilfong the large set  
of plates, knives and forks & 12 dozen  
table spoons

X I will to Cora Wilfong my granddaughter  
my set of table spoons and my butter  
knife

XI I will to my granddaughter Maggie Bell  
Wilfong my small set of silver knives and  
forks

XII I will to my granddaughter Frances  
Florence Wilfong one set of silver tea  
spoons & salt spoon and a small butter  
knife bought fifty years ago

XIII The balance of all my property not  
bequeathed heretofore to be equally divi-  
ded between all children

except my son Henry Wilfong his  
part shall go to Frances & Wilfong which  
part is to be to her from what my son  
Henry owes me, if sufficient for that  
purpose and is to be collected out of  
that debt and after deducting her  
share out of that amount there is  
any thing left then she is to be  
made equal and if the same  
cannot be made \$ out of him it must  
be her loss.

XIV I will the first money come into  
my executors hands shall pay my  
debts funeral expences and then my  
executor is to place suitable memo-  
rials at my grave & pay the same out  
of my estate & I hereby appoint my son  
K. A. Wilfong the executor of this my last  
will & testament

In testimony whereof I have placed my hand  
and seal 22<sup>nd</sup> of } 1887 S. R. Whittemore } B. E. Wilfong Seal  
March 1887. } Test. & A. Abernethy }

North Carolina  
Catawba County

I, B. E. L. Wilfong  
being desirous of adding this codicil  
to my last will and testament which  
is as follows

I will and bequeath unto my grand daughter  
Frances Florence Wilfong in addition to  
what I have already given her in the  
body of my will one hundred dollars in  
money, one bed and bedstead her choice  
after my G. Daughter Dora Wilfong gets her  
choice, one unroll blanket & comforter and  
one of those red and blue check blankets,  
one walnut Bureau one 4 feet table up  
stairs with a drawer in, my little can-  
dle stand and her mothers chairs green &  
black 6 in number.

I will and bequeath unto my grand  
daughter Jervine Wilfong Twenty dollars  
in addition to what I have given her  
for kindness in visiting me while  
in my sickness, also my new rug  
carpet.

II I will and bequeath unto grand daughter  
Dora Wilfong Twenty five Dollars for  
waiting on me whilst in my sickness  
and some little Compensation to her  
for coming so far to see me. In  
testimony whereof I have hereunto  
placed my hand & seal This 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1888.

Signed sealed & B. E. L. Wilfong Seal,  
published in presence  
of us.

Witness Lewis Reiter  
Witness T. R. Whitener

North Carolina Superior court  
Catawba County Feb 15 1888

Personally came before me Lewis Reiter  
& T. R. Whitener, And being duly sworn  
say they were present and saw Mrs B. E. L.  
Wilfong sign the foregoing Codicil to  
the last will and testament of the said  
B. E. L. Wilfong. And that her request they  
each signed their names to the said cod-  
icil as a witness thereto.

That at the time of signing said  
Codicil, the said testator was of sound  
mind & memory and of full age & in every  
way competent to make a will and was  
under no restraint to the best of knowledge  
and belief.

The day and date <sup>above</sup> written

T. R. Whitener <sup>Seal</sup>  
Lewis Reiter <sup>Seal</sup>

State of North Carolina } In the Superior  
Catawba County. } Court,

A paper writing purporting to be the  
last will and testament of B. E. L. Wilfong  
deceased, is exhibited before me, the un-  
dersigned, P. C. Hagle, Clerk of Superior  
Court in and for said county, by  
S. J. Wilfong the executor therein named,  
and the due execution thereof by the said  
B. E. L. Wilfong is proven by the oath and  
examination of T. R. Whitener, and  
J. A. Abernethy, the subscribing witnesses  
thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose  
and say, and each for himself that he is  
a subscribing witness to the paper  
writing now shown him, purporting  
to be the last will and testament  
of B. E. L. Wilfong, That the said B. E. L. Wilfong  
in presence of this deponent subscribed his  
name at the end of said paper writing,  
which is now shown as aforesaid, and

which bears date on the 23 day of March, 1887, doth in the presence of this defendant acknowledge the signing the said paper writing.

I, the defendant, further saith, that the said B. E. & Wilfong, the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament, and this defendant did thereupon subscribe her name at the end of said will, as and attesting witness thereto, and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator. And this defendant further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will aforesaid, and at the time of the defendant's subscribing her name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said testatrix was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this defendant, and further these defendants say not.

Severally sworn and

Subscribed, this 15 day of February 1888 before me  
P. A. Hoyle C. S. C. }  
J. F. Abernethy Esq. }

I, John R. Seats, of the town of Concord North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory (blessed be God for the same) do on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1888 make, ordain, and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following: Now first I give my son Alexander Hamilton all real estate that I may leave at the time of my death, except what is otherwise directed in this my last will and testament, and direct my executor in the following manner: All money that may be due my estate will go to pay my debts, but I should that not be enough to take of the rents; as I direct my executor to rent all property that will make any thing, to pay the debts. After the debts are all paid, my executor or guardian for my child A. Hamilton shall continue to rent all the property that I leave to my son A. Hamilton and will use the same for keeping up the property, such as painting, roofing &c. This to be done until my son is of proper age to take charge of the property I leave him. Now further, this is my will, should it be so that my son die before he is twenty-one (21) years old, and leaving no wife or children, then this real estate shall go to Alice Lee Bushett and her heirs, but I should Alice Lee Bushett not be living at that time, this real property shall go to my wife Annie E. she may dispose of it as she please at her death. But further as regards my son should he live and marry and have children; at his death this real property shall go to his oldest child living. But should my son die leaving no children, but a wife, she shall come in full possession of this real estate property, and idea with it as she