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101 I John Caldwell of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my last debts, howsoever and to whomsoever out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate, Then I give and devise to my beloved wife Margaret all the lands that I now own to have and to hold to her lifetime and then to be equally divided amongst all my children, Then I give and devise to my beloved wife Margaret Caldwell one small mare now fifteen years old, one small mare now five years old and as many of the cattle as she may choose to keep and all the hogs which I now own and also all the sheep also all the hired hold and kitchenfurniture and all the crop now on hand and farming utensils and all the bees and all the provisions now on hand to have and to hold to her the said Margaret Caldwell during her natural life, then to be equally divided amongst all my children, And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly friend J. D. Caldwell to sell my property, privately or publicly as he may think best my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made, In Witness Whereof I the said John Caldwell, do hereunto set my hand and seal this 7 day of June AD 1856, Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said John Caldwell to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names

as witnesses thereto

Thomas Wilkinson

Rufus Crum

John Crum

John Caldwell Seal

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102 I Barbara Herman widow relict of Peter Herman son of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my last debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of my Estate that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate, Then I give and devise to my son Ephraim Herman my clock and chest and chain three tables and one bed and three or four cupboards and dresser and all my kitchenfurniture, and one calf,

Then I give and devise to my daughter Catharine one bed and three, said Ephraim Herman is to have choice of the beds also said Catharine is to have my trunk, Lastly I do appoint him my son Ephraim Herman my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in Witness Whereof I set my hand and affix my seal this 3d day of March in the year of our Lord 1854.

In Presence of

H. H. Hallman

Abel Herman

In
Barbara Herman Seal
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