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In the name of God Amen,
I, Benjamin F. Whitener of Catawba County and State
of North Carolina being of a sound mind and memory
and feeling the uncertainty of my earthly existence do
make and declare the following to be my last Will and
Testament in the following form to wit,

First, that it is my Will and desire that at my
death that my Executor herein named prepare a decent
burial for my body and pay all expenses so
incurred as well as other indebtedness that I may
owe at my death, out of first money that may come
into his hands.

Item first, I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Sallie all my property of every description both
real and personal during her natural life or so long
that she may bear my name.

Item second, that after her death it is will and
desire that all my lands shall be equally dividing
between my two sons George D. and Edward L. according
to valuation and then they are to have and to hold it
with all the appurtenance thereto belonging for ever and
to their only use and behoof.

Item 3. It is my will if any of my daughters remain
unmarried they are to have a home on the said
lands and also their support of the said lands.

Item 4. And after my and my wife deaths all the
personal property that may be on hand shall be
sold by my executor hereinafter named, and divided
equally among my four daughters.

Lastly I hereby appoint my two sons Geo. D. and
Edward L. my Executors to this my last Will and
Testament to carry out the meaning and intent of the same
this 10th day of January 1891.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix
my seal

B. F. Whitener (Seal)

Published and declared to be
my last Will and Testament signed
and sealed in presence of

J. M. Fonger
A. R. Yoder
G. M. Yoder

North Carolina,
Catawba County,

A paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of B. F. Whitener, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open
Court by Geo. D. Whitener and Edward L. Whitener the Executors
therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath
and examination of J. F. Herman that A. R. Yoder one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead, and it is
further proved by the oath and examination of the said
J. F. Herman that he well acquainted with the hand-
writing of the said A. R. Yoder, having often seen him
write and that the name of the said A. R. Yoder sub-
scribed as a witness to the said Will is in the
handwriting of the said A. R. Yoder.

It is therefore considered by the Court that the
said paper writing and every part thereof is the
last Will and Testament of the said B. F. Whitener
and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed
This Dec. 3 - 1900

L. H. Phillips C. P. C.