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I Abraham Smith of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will & Testament in manner & form following
 That is to say
 First that my executor herein after 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 just debts hereafter and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I give & devise to my beloved wife Rhoda all my estate both real & personal to have & to hold to her the said Rhoda Smith for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for & in lieu of her dower & thirds of & in all my estate & after then I give to my beloved wife Rhoda my executor with power to public sale all my estate both real & personal and divide the proceeds as shall be hereinafter named.

Item I give & devise to my son James Henderson fifty dollars

Item I give & devise to my son Robert children of the State of Texas five dollars Item I give & devise to my son Thomas children of the State of Florida five dollars Item I give & devise to my son Benjamin five dollars of the State of Wisconsin.

Item I give & devise to my daughter Emeline Charles Children five dollars

Item I give & devise to my daughter Sally Charles Children five dollars

Item I give & devise to my daughter Medannah Mounds Children as shall be hereafter named

Item I give & devise to my grand Daughter Elizabeth Mounds one hundred Dollars

Item I give and devise to my grand Daughter Ellen Mounds one hundred Dollars

Item I give and devise to my grand Daughter Sarah Jane Mounds one hundred Dollars

Item I give & bequeath to my grandson Robert Mounds one hundred dollars

Item my will & devise is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devises & legacies above mentioned shall be equally divided & paid over to my Daughter Maryann Mounds

four Children to have & to hold forever

and lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my truly friend Dr J. A. Sherrell my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part thereof & cause thereof being & declaring utterly void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Abraham Smith do hereunto set my hand & seal this 5th day of

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Abraham Smith (seal)

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Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Abraham Smith to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
 J. B. Legman
 J. M. Lymbarger
 J. S. Satherill

In the name of God Amen.

I Charles Saurance of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory & considering the uncertainty of this frail life do therefore make ordain publish & declare this to be my last will and Testament first after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the residue of my estate real & personal I give bequeath & dispose of as follows to my beloved wife Ann McSaurance all my land that I have a right title to & interest in the land known as the Saurance Saurance land, Situated lying on the waters of Lake Creek joining lands of John Hawks James James McSaurance & Smith and others and also all my house hold & kitchen furniture all my corn & wheat on hand & growing also twelve head of hogs four head of cattle & all my money bills & accounts on hand and any more six years old one buggy and harness a one horse wagon & harness all my farming utensils and gearings & barn & my part of the growing crop during the term of her natural life and widowhood, and after her death to be divided among my heirs likewise I make constitute and appoint my said wife executor of this my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 21st day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixty two.

Signed Sealed in the

Presence of us

Leamy McSaurance

John Hatten

Charles Saurance (seal)