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I being sick of the County of Calaveras and State of North California being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish 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 just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

Item 2. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Little fifty dollars worth of property which she has received I will that Sarah get thirty dollars more which will make eighty dollars

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my son Nicholas Ford eighty dollars worth of property which he has received

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy Stearns thirty dollars worth of property which she has received I will that Peggy get fifty dollars more which will make eighty dollars

Item 5. I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Ford eighty dollars her proportionable part I also give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah five extra services to me rendered the following property (viz) one of my negroes her choice of some children one bed and furniture and all of the bed clothing that she may want my Buggy & Harness and her choice of my stock of Horses and her Bridle and saddle all this besides an equal portion of the rest of my property with my other children

Item 6. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Ford a third of his share eighty dollars worth of property which he has received

Item 7. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ford thirty dollars worth of property which she has received I will that Mary get fifty dollars more which will make eighty dollars

Item 8. I give and bequeath to my son Cyrus Ford eighty dollars his proportionable part

Item 9. My will and desire is that my said daughters have her share which of my children she will live with and my will and desire is that what remains among my children she choose to live with have the support chosen and what said support say they shall have for the maintenance of said Cyrus his lifetime shall be over and above an equal portion of the rest of my children

Item 10. My will and desire is that my Negroes all with the exception of Quince be Calaveras and equally divided of estimation among all of my children

Item 11. My will and desire is that my land & all my payable property after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned

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shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts and expenses and legacies that said surplus shall be equally divided between all of my children to share and share alike and my son Thomas children representing their father and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Isaac B. Wyckoff 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 hereby Revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments of me herebefore made In witness whereof I the said Cyrus Ford do hereunto set my hand and seal the 23rd day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

I have sealed published & declared
to the said Cyrus Ford 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 witness thereto
Williamson P. Woodward
J. J. Caldwell

Cyrus Ford (Seal)