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160 David J. Ransom of the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina do make this my last will & Testament as follows

I have advanced to my grand daughter Anne Augusta Ransom (Daughter of my son Sarah Ransom) the amount of one thousand four hundred & ninety nine dollars & ninety two cents (\$1499.92) including six hundred & thirty dollars I have in the hands of her uncle C. B. Ransom for her benefit - she is not to have any more of my estate.

The balance of my estate I give to my children Andrew & Ransom Harriet & Ransom A. & B. & Pickney A. Ransom or their children to be equally divided amongst them.

I hereby publish & declare this to be my last will & Testament disavowing & disannulling all other former wills by me made signed sealed published & declared the 27th day of November 1863

In presence of
John C. Catlett
David S. Hoover

David J. Ransom (Seal)

161 I Anson Sigman of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of earthly existence do make & ordain my last will & Testament as follows that is to say.

First I will and bequeath to my wife Barbara all my real and personal property to have and to hold during her widowhood or as long as she goes by my name excepting so much of my personal property as may be requisite to pay my debts the property which is to be sold to satisfy my debts is to consist of such as the family can spare but after her death or second marriage my property real and personal is to be divided equally among all my children.

Secondly I appoint Buschius Hettich as my executor to carry out this my last will & Testament in its full force and effect this 1st day of April A.D. 1863

Signed the presence of
Daniel Deal
H. H. Smith

Anson Sigman (Seal)

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162 State of North Carolina Catawba County
In the name of God Amen, I John Sigman of the County & State aforesaid in a very short time to have to enter the Army and knowing the uncertainty of life & at all times the certainty of death with at this time in perfect health and mind do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

First my will & desire is that my undivided interest in a threshing machine be sold at my death also any other property that my wife Mary & Sigman may think proper to have sold or can conveniently spare & if any debt owing to be paid out of my money belonging to my estate and the remainder of my property I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Sigman all real & personal estate stock crops provisions and every thing else belonging to me in any way and my further will is that the same which I am bound in for the maintenance of my Mother shall be compelled with by my said wife out of the proceeds of my farm.

I further will and it is my desire that at the death of my wife Mary S. my real estate and every other thing that ever shall be sold by my executor and equally divided between my children unless my said wife should marry then it is my will that she draw from my estate one child's part and my executor is to forth with to sell the remainder of my estate real & mixed and the children's part put in the hands of Guardians according to Law. Lastly I constitute and appoint Geo. H. H. H. H. my executor to execute this my last will & Testament according to the true intent and meaning.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of March 1863

L. D. Wellie
J. J. Heltzer

John Sigman