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In the name of God Amen. I Bryant Fish of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore make certain public and declare this to be my last will & testament that is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate I give bequeath & dispose of as follows to wit.

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To my beloved wife Five Hundred dollars during the term of her natural life or until she dies to my son Bradford Six hundred dollars to my son William Six hundred dollars to my son Bysan Six hundred & fifty dollars to my son Milton Five Hundred dollars to my son Thomas Five Hundred dollars to my son James Five hundred dollars to my daughter Vera Five Hundred dollars to my daughter Elizabeth Two Hundred dollars to my daughter Webb Five hundred dollars to my daughter Rebecca Two Hundred dollars to my daughter Nathaniel Two hundred dollars. I give bequeath & devise the amount above mentioned to my children severally or their heirs who may be living at the time of my decease if at my decease there should be not be for each of my children as much as I have written to them they shall each and in proportion to what is written to them and if after receiving the above mentioned legacies there should be residue of funds my will is that each of my living heirs mentioned shall share and share alike my will is that all my property both real & personal be put to public sale after my decease.

Further I make constitute and appoint my said son Bradford and Bysan to be executors of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal the 14th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty Nine

Bryant Fish

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Bryant Fish in our presence & acknowledged by him to each of us & he at the same time published & declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will & testament and we at the testatory request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto & written opposite our names our respective places of residence

Wm. B. Bridges Catawba Co N.C.
James S. Bridges Catawba Co N.C.

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State of North Carolina
Catawba County
In the name of God Amen.

The twenty eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty six J. C. S. Bridges of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina Gentleman being through the blessing of God in a sound state of mind and memory and calling to mind and memory the frail tenure of this life and that it is appointed to all men once to die do make and declare this my last will & testament that is to say.

I give bequeath and dispose of in the manner and proportion following.

First I give and bequeath and devise my house to Sarah Theodore & Alfred P. Bridges which house is to remain with my sister Sarah Bridges which he is to work or use in any way he sees cause most profitably Bible & will & bequeath to Sarah Five silver bibles I will & bequeath to Alfred my watch, clock, Buggy & horse & all other house & personalty including my tools to be sold all my wearing apparel and trunk I will to my Brother Sarah Bridges also my trunk I will to Alfred my quilt is for Sarah & Alfred to have a good English education which is to be paid out of my estate. I bid that the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between Sarah & Alfred & P. Bridges said Sarah & Alfred & P. Bridges heirs of J. C. S. Bridges. I appoint my beloved Brother Alfred Bridges my lawful executor in this my last will & testament and I do hereby utterly disavow revoke & disannul all & every other former testaments wills legacies bequests and executors by me in any way before made written & bequeathed & confirming this and no other to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and the year first above written

Jest M. Morrison
W. C. Latta

J. C. S. Bridges