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State of North Carolina
Catawba County I, Elam A. Sherrill of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of life and desiring to make the services of my County as a soldier do make public and declare this my last will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say.

First that my executor herein after named, shall pay all my just debts however & to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Sherrill all my lands & Negroes & their incomes together with every species of property both real & personal that I now own or may own or possess at my death including five shares in the Western North Carolina Rail Road Company to have & to hold during her natural life and after her death my further Will & desire is that all the aforesaid property both real & personal shall go to my daughter Frances Laura and Gabriel & her heirs to have & to hold the same in fee simple forever, to her & her heirs.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Nancy Sherrill my lawful executrix to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will & 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 by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said Elam A. Sherrill do hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of March A.D. 1868

Elam A. Sherrill (Seal)

Second sealed published & declared by the said Elam A. Sherrill to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Daniel Little
George S. Little

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In the name of God Amen I Joseph H. Rowe make this my last will & Testament & hereby revoking all other wills theretofore made I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Malinda Rowe all my house hold & kitchen furniture with one year provisions also two milk cows and farm and Carriage wag her choice one buggy also one half the flock of Sheep on hand at my death also her to have full personalty of the house & garden during her natural life or widowhood also the unexpected time of the said children if any James & Martha

Second I give & bequeath to my two sons Alanzo H. Rowe & John D. Rowe to have & to hold in common as well all the land known as the old home place on which I now live also one other tract known as the summer place adjoining McBlain poor house land & others said sons to have and to hold said property by being bound to support their mother Malinda Rowe during her life

3^d I appoint J. H. Rowe & J. D. Rowe my lawful executors

4th I want the do to return an inventory of all my property not willed & sell & pay all my just debts & pay other expenses

5th also the Rail Road stock with the balance of land claims which I may have to be equally divided between my four Wroughtons viz Elizabeth, Martha, Rosabella, & Julia Ann also to share share alike of all the proceeds of my property which is to be paid at my death,