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I, J. F. Lowe of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make & declare this my last Will & 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 & friends, & pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, & however he himself may be obliged to pay the same, & what may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item

I give & devise to my beloved wife, all my property, land money & every thing of every description that I own, & have and to take & use the same as her own during her natural life — provided she does not marry again, but should she marry again then and in that case I desire my Executor to sell all my property and the money accruing therefrom & the money on hands or at interest to be divided equally among my children, and should my wife die before my children become of age then at her death I desire my property sold & all my money equally divided among my said children.

And should my wife die before my children become of age, then I desire & will that my Executor be & is hereby constituted & appointed guardian for all my children & to hold in guardianship all of their respective estates until they shall arrive at the full age of twenty one years.

And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my dearly friends W B. Luther & C. P. Plautin my lawful Executors to last intents & purposes, to execute this my last Will & Testament, according to the true intent & meaning of the same, & every part & clause thereof. Truly witnessing & solemnizing with all other bills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness Whereof, I the said J. F. Lowe do hereunto set my hand & seal this the thirtieth day of July A.D. 1861

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said J. F. Lowe to be his last will in our presence.

J. F. Lowe

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State of North Carolina

In the name of God, Amen
I, P. A. Barringer of the County of Catawba and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory but having to enter the service of my Country and considering the uncertainty of life do make Publish and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following:

First My will and desire is that my just debts shall be paid out of my present growing crop & further I will & bequeath that the children which Sarah & Hunt has or may have viz the next two months two being born and named Perry A and John B. and one not born which I claim as my children and shall have all of my estate real & personal to be put into a guardians hands and he to rent or hire my lands and Negroes and the proceeds to go to said children. But my will is that my property shall not be sold at any rate, my lands nor negroes (unless they cannot be managed) until the said two children and one expected shall become of age. My further will is that every thing remain as it is, I have reference to my farms and negroes & for the guardian of my said children to manage as if I was living. I further will and it is my desire that Sarah & Hunt live in my dwelling house and there to remain until the said children become of age unless she shall marry or have any more children after the said two months then and in that case said guardian is to remove the said Sarah & Hunt. My further will is that said children be well educated out of the proceeds of my farms.

My further will and desire is that my Brother Noah Barringer be guardian of the said children or in case of his death some one of my brothers or my father.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of August 1862

Witness
his Sister
Philip Burns

P. A. Barringer