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Miriam Sherill of the County of Calaveras and State of North Carolina being in feeble health, little sound mind and memory do this 25 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine, do make and publish this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have signed my name and seal at my home in Calaveras and in full following: That is to say I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Sherill the use of all my lands and negroes during her lifetime with the exception of one negro boy named Grant. The negro woman named Sophia to dispose of as she may see proper and also the house hold and kitchen furniture with the exception of three beds and one Bureau for her to dispose of as she may see proper my haggons and plowing farming tools buggy and harness for life time I also give and bequeath to my wife Sarah two dark hogs and two kinds of my best hogs, half of my cattle & sheep I also will my wife one hundred pounds of sugar and fifty pounds of coffee I also give my wife Sarah two head of Horses known by the names of Jack and Sule I will here direct that if the negroes that I have left to my wife should become ungovernable that my wife cannot manage them for my executors to hire them out and pay the proceeds of the hire to my wife. I also will and bequeath to my wife Sarah all of my corn and wheat now on hand after my executors shall sell three hundred bushels of corn and seventy five bushels of wheat I also give and bequeath to my wife twenty five dollars to buy hangings that I have not given her, and all of my bed stands.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline Jones the sum of two hundred dollars for her maintenance in her old age and if not used for the above named purpose to be disposed of as she may see proper I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Ruthanna Pitten the sum of three hundred dollars and one Bureau that I bought at Golden Gate I give and bequeath to my grand son Thomas B. Pitten the sum of three hundred dollars I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Caroline Jones the sum of one hundred dollars as soon as she shall become twenty one years of age and if she should die before that age for the same to go to her half brothers and sisters.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Robinson one negro girl by the name of Belle and child named Grant. I will and bequeath to my Grand son Aaron S. Robinson the sum of one hundred dollars and also my Grand son Thomas B. Robinson the like sum of one hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Pethena Pitten the sum of one thousand dollars to be laid out for a tract or parcel of land by my executors who shall hold the same in trust for a home for the life and separate use of the family free from any control by or on account of the present or any future husband subject to the directions of my executors and at the death of my daughter Pethena Pitten and husband

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I will and direct that the lands be sold and equally divided among my daughter Pethena Pitten children by my executors in their successive lives and direct that my executors pay to Mary Jane Gilleland my grand daughter the sum of two hundred dollars as soon as she shall become twenty one years of age I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Emeline Alice Gilleland the like sum of two hundred dollars as soon as she shall become twenty one years of age. And if either of my grand daughters Mary Jane Gilleland or Emeline Alice Gilleland should die before they come to the age of twenty one years the surviving sister shall have her share, and if they should both die before the age of twenty one years then the sum so divided shall be paid by my executors to my heirs equally. I will and bequeath to my son Isaac A. Sherill one negro boy by the name of William and also all of my Rail Road Stock. I give and bequeath to my son William Sherill one thousand dollars one cow and half one sow and pigs one plow and gear and one bed and furniture. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Sherill one negro girl by the name of Hannah also one other negro girl by the name of Hester and her child and one yellow Bureau and as soon as my daughter Mary Ann Sherill shall come into possession of her last negro she shall pay back to my executors the sum of seven hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my son Moses W. Sherill one tract of land known as the Asburne Robinson tract, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Elizabeth Gault one negro girl by the name of Adeline and two hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my son Miles B. Sherill one tract of land lying in the Calaveras River adjoining the lands of Elisha Sherill and the lands of the heirs of Reuben Sherill and also one hundred and thirty acres that I bought from David John Sherill and Ireland Sherill and one negro boy by the name of Elijah and one young horse known by the name of Jack one bed and furniture one cow and half one sow and gear one sow and pigs, and when he shall come in possession of the above named property he shall pay to my executors the sum of seven hundred dollars I give and bequeath to my son James Elliot Sherill my home tract of land and also the Isaac Sherill tract lying on the Calaveras River one negro boy the name of Tom one young horse by the name of Chesler one cow and half one bed and furniture one sow pigs plow and gear one saddle and bridle and when he shall come into possession of the above named property he shall pay to my executors the sum of seven hundred dollars I hereby constitute and appoint my son Isaac A. Sherill my son in law Marian Robinson sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this day and year first above written signed sealed & published by the above named Miriam Sherill as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who on his request were present and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Septina Sherill  
Thomas Gilleland  
Isaac Sherill

Miriam Sherill