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Of the Assurance of the County of Columbia & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & publish this my last will & testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item 1st That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just

Item 2nd I give and devise to my wife Delpha Lawrence all of my land lying on the North side of Bulls Creek and half of the Mill with the building thereon to have and to hold to her the said Delpha for and during her natural life or widowhood in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower & thirds of my real estate and at her death at marriage then in that event the above bequest to my Delpha Lawrence is to go my son William Lawrence.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my said wife Delpha my buggy and harness fifty dollars in cash five head of Cattle her choice half of the hogs all of the Sheep & fowls half of the hand tools & kitchen furniture all of the crops that may be growing or made on the North side of the Creek all of the provisions of every kind now hand at my death - now in this bequest to my wife Delpha in Item 3 that remains unconsumed at the death or marriage of my said wife is to be equally divided between my daughter Harriet Smith & my son William Lawrence. I also give to my wife Ann Place & that candle stand her trunks and books to be at her own disposal.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet Smith at lot of hand held & kitchen furniture consisting of two bedsteads well furnished with Beds & bed clothing one Bureau Table set of Chairs, dishes Pats &c and saw all of which she has received I further will that Harriet get one hundred dollars in Cash, and saw saw.

I give & devise to my daughter Harriet Smith a certain piece of land bounded as follows Beginning at a post Oak runs North 130 poles to a Stake thence west 85 poles to a Stake thence South 133 poles to a Stake thence east 85 poles to the Beginning containing 77 acres be it more or less joining lands with the State of North Carolina, & others to have & to hold to her forever and at her disposal.

Item 5th I give & devise to my son William Lawrence all of my land which the various deeds which I have will show the courses & distances except about seventy acres that I give to my daughter Harriet and the life or widowhood state to my wife Ann in a former item of this my will to have and to hold to him & his heirs in fee simple for ever I also give to the said William Lawrence half of the mill and half of the house hold and kitchen furniture.

Item 6th My will and desire is that the debts owing to me be collected and after the payment of debts and taking the debts and legacies above mentioned then the residue of my estate of whatever nature or kind I will to my son William Lawrence.

I do hereby testify I do hereby constitute & appoint my son William Lawrence my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof hereby brooking & retaining utterly and without any other will & testament by me hereafter made in witness whereof I the said J. M. Lawrence do hereunto set my hand & seal this the 13th day of July A.D. 1866-

Wm. M. Lawrence
Wm. H. Adkins
Thomas L. Adkins

J. M. Lawrence (at)