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In the name of God Amen, I John Fry of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being in perfect health, though of perfect mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, having taken into Consideration this life being so uncertain do this 24 Day of Jan 1856, make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows, viz

My last debts to be forth paid by my executor hereafter named then I will and bequeath to my wife Sally, two beds and then necessary furniture as she may think fit and to have as much of my Kitchen & house furniture as she may think proper for her Comfort and the use and Control of my small dwelling house that stands north of my dwelling house that has a Porch to it to have all the above during her natural life time.

I Will and bequeath to my son Marcus a tract of land joining Eli S. Cantter & others containing about 61 acres and also the upper end of the tract I live on, that is, to start on the river bank and run to a poplar near the middle fence then to the small highway south of the State road which is one of my own Corners, said line starts at the River at a timber barn near the mouth of a ditch.

I Will and bequeath the balance of the Tract of land I live on to my son Jacob. I also Will all the balance of my property to my two sons Marcus & Jacob jointly & they are to pay all my last debts if any. They are to provide my wife Sally a decent support during life and at the death of my wife, the are to have all the property I have Willied to her and my large barn stands on the land I Willied to Jacob. My desire is that Marcus have the use of one half of said barn all the rest of my children I have given their portion as I Willied and bequeath. I constitute and appoint my two sons in laws Eli S. Cantter & Shadrach Probst as my lawful Executors, to this my last Will and Testament as Witness the said John Fry has hereunto set his hand & seal 24 of January 1856,

Signed and sealed in

the Presence of
John H. Robinson
J. W. Bradburn

John Fry Seal

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In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Witherspoon of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and good health and in perfect memory thanks be to God for his mercies, having taken into Consideration this life being uncertain do make and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows to viz

1st I Thomas Witherspoon doth Will and bequeath to my Wife Margaret to keep and to hold the Plantation I now live on and dwelling houses with improvements, all my household and Kitchen furniture, Stock of every kind in hand also to keep and to hold the boy Dick, all during her natural life as widow hold.

2^d I further Will and bequeath to my son James Witherspoon the Tract of land, where he now lives lying on the Catawba river to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple for ever, I Thomas Witherspoon rate said land to James & Witherspoon at two hundred dollars, with a Piece or Parcel of meadow on the Robinson Tract containing one acre & a quarter rated at thirty dollars.

3^d I Will and bequeath to my son Thos Franklin Witherspoon the Tract of land where he now lives known as the Little Tract also twenty acres of a different Tract, rated at two hundred & fifty dollars, also a Piece of meadow land known by the middle meadow, and hundred and twenty Pals, more or less, rated at twenty five dollars.

4th I Will and bequeath to my son Calvin A Witherspoon the Tract of land known as a Part of the Robinson Tract, including a new Piece of meadow at the upper end next to the line between C. A Witherspoon & Franklin my large new meadow, to be reserved to my self during my life time, and at my decease to be his heirs. I Thomas Witherspoon also all Lands of that Tract on the back side of Hagans fork my lifetime rated at three hundred & fifty dollars.

5th I Will and bequeath to my son Phil B Witherspoon a Part of the same tract I now live on containing Eighty Eight acres rated at one hundred and seventy five dollars, also a Piece of meadow land known by the old meadow at the lower end of the Robinson Tract rated at twelve dollars & a half.