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 Last Will & Testament of John Mosteller.

In the name of God, Amen.

I John Mosteller of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of a sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this to be my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

Item first that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all the expenses so incurred from the first money that may come into my hands from the said estate and to pay all my just debts that I may owe at my death & to collect all dues owing to me of any at my death.

Item Second: I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elmina the wife of Hosea Burns the following parcel or piece of land to begining at the Mouth of the Will branch and to run up the main branch up to the Bynum line, which is the upper portion of the home tract joining Jacob Mostellers, which she is to have and to hold with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging in fee simple forever after my death.

Item third. I will give & bequeath unto my son Harry my home tract with all the building and out-houses, & with all its notes measures. To have & to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging in fee simple forever after my death.

Item fourth. I will give & bequeath unto my son Jones the following parcel or piece of land known as the Abernethy land and beginning on Iron Wood on the North bank of Jacob's Fork river a straight line to a Chestnut corner towards the Mountains. Then joining Osborne Abernethy's land all round again to the said River. To have and to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereunto in fee simple forever after my death.

Item fifth. I will give and bequeath unto my daughter Louisa the following parcel and piece of land, lying between the bridge branch and the land with the Jones supposed to be about fifty acres & of less to be taken of the Mountain land until the fifty are reached.

Item sixth. I will give & bequeath unto my son Harry the following articles of personal property, extra for taking care of me and to support me while I live & this is all that he is to have for that service extra out my estate which articles are as follows: A Black snuff a straw Cutter Jack & Grind Stone to have & to hold same after my death.

Item seventh: I further will and bequeath unto my sons Harry & Jones and Louisa the remaining mountain land joining Bynum Calvin Baker and Osborne Abernethy to be equally divided among them in valuation and to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging in fee simple forever after my death.

Item eight. I further will give and bequeath unto my two sons Harry and Jones my half interest in the mill, to have and to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging forever after my death.

Item Ninth. All property not willed and bequeath in this will shall be sold by my executors hereinafter named to pay all expenses so incurred at my death.

And lastly I do hereby appoint my son Jones to be my lawful executor to this my last will & testament to carry out all its purposes and meanings and true intents and every part thereof And I do hereby declare all former wills that I had made null and void.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of October 1887. John Mosteller
 Signed, sealed and published and declared by John Mosteller to be his last will and testament in the presence of
 G. M. Yoder }
 A. H. Yoder }

