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Which I shall possess at my death. I devise to my said son as above stated, and I leave my son-in-law Richard Burt my whole and sole Executor, this my last will and testament, in witness whereof, my hand and that the 8th day of July 1846

Wm. W. Monahan,
Alexander McWhorter

Richard Burt

In the name of God Amen: I Joseph Senhower of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be god, do this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say,

First I give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret, one hundred and ten Acres of Land on the home place with all the buildings thereon. She can have her land laid off where she pleases. I further give and bequeath to her the little and hind gears, still and vessels, and cooking hoods, fifty bushels of corn, thirty bushels of wheat, one cow and her calves, three hogs and one heifer, her choice, the blue sow and pigs, three cut hogs, her choice, four Beds and bed Steads, her choice, Bureau and chests, Scones, and every thing, be longing to it, one still, spinning wheel and the big spinning wheel, one plow, and gearing for one be ast, Spring loom and loom, one wash pot, and tubs, all the kitchen furniture two dressers, and any thing, there on, the bread tray and bread box, three bushels of Salt, thirty pounds of Coffee, and fifteen pounds of Sugar, two Buckets, six chairs, and the looking glass, six milk Crockets, two Sugs, two pitchforks, two bottles, all the wooden bowls, two buckets, all the Bacon and lard on hand, also the fruit, on the home place, enough, to do the next harvest, and fodder and oats, enough to do the next fall, for her mare as much oats as she wishes to sow, one ass and mallow, three hoes, all the potatoes and cabbage, all the cotton and flax, four bags, the flax hocks, twenty gallons of Whiskey, two ewe sheep, one something, Iron, and the little Stylus, as, the above mentioned property, she is to have, and to hold during her life time or widowhood but in case she should marry, all the property except the land shall be sold at public sale, and the money shall be equally divided among the heirs, with whom she shall share equally. After her death, the land also, shall be sold, and the money divided equally among the heirs.

Secondly, I give and bequeath, to my son Abel two hundred acres of land at a valuation of five dollars an acre, to be paid off at the convenience of the bank, by a straight line to be run from William Leguans line to David Hansantons line he shall not, sell the land till after the death of the widow. And should the above valuation be more than what will make this share equal to the others, he shall offer the

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the decrease of the widow, pay the other heirs till all will be equal. — Secondly, My tract of Land in McDowell County, is to be rented, to the highest bidder, for the present year, and the rent to be paid in Corn after which the said tract, shall be sold at public sale, and the money shall equally be divided among the heirs, as soon as collected, all the balance of the land under Cultivation, is to be rented annually, and the rent sold at public sale, and the money loaned on interest, and after the death of the widow, the land is to be sold to the highest bidder, and the money equally divided among the heirs. —

All the balance of the property shall be sold at public sale, and after all my debts are paid the money shall go to those children that are not charged, or never got, any thing from home, until they get any equal share with the rest. The balance is to be equally divided among all the heirs. I wish my executor, to act as agent for my wife, and her family, in renting, and contracting, Scones, and collecting as long as he shall see proper to do so, and if wishes to resign his agency, the Court shall appoint, another in his stead.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend Daniel, — My Executor of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I the said Joseph Senhower, have this my last will and testament set my hand and seal, the day and a true witness. Signed, Sealed, published, and declared by the said Joseph Senhower, as his last will and testament, in the presence of us the undersigned at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

State of North Carolina, Catawba County,
This my last will and testament, in the first place, I commend my soul to god who has given it, I am now weak in body, but sound in mind and memory, I write and bequeath unto my son Andrew, William, my wife Mary and Monahan, and I hereby appoint, David, Bunting, as my Executor to this my last will and testament, I thereunto set my hand and affix my seal, in witness of as this the second day of March, A.D. 1847.

Legimus Bunting
George Buffman

Richard Burt