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14th Know all men by these presents that I Philip Sigmars of the County of Galatia & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament as to my worldly estate and all the property Real and Personal of which I may die seized and possessed of I devise Bequeath and dispose of in manner following to wit:

Item 1st my will is that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid by my Executors hereinafter named to be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall be by the decemur Committed

Item 2nd I give & bequeath to my beloved wife all my Negroes Miles Frana James & Mary Barbara & Jane my will is that Frana and Jane shall attend to my wife Elizabeth Sigmars as house or body servants the above named Miles to be sold if diseased or another bought with the proceeds

Item 3rd I will at my Stock provisions Grain Farming Tools House hold & Kitchen Furniture Wiggins Carriages Book and beds Cots Stalls & Fences and every thing to remain on the Plantation at my decease also the Plantation I now live upon and all the proceeds thereof during her life or so long as she remains the Widow Elizabeth Sigmars and after her decease my whole estate to be and equally divided among my four Children Benjamin Joshua Marcus and Frances

And Lastly I do nominate and appoint my said sons Beza min & Joshua to be my Executors in this my Will and Testament

In testimony whereof I the said Philip Sigmars have to this my last will and Testament and affixed my seal this 26th Feb^y 1863

Witness in the presence of
 H W Connor
 George P. Sigmars (Seal)

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14th In the Name of God Amen. I Mahala Sherrill of the County of Galatia and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore make Ordain publish & declare this to be my last Will & Testament that is to say First after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the Residue of my estate Real and Personal I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit:

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto Logan Wilson as trustee for the use of my beloved niece Elizabeth M Wilson and Negro man named Jackson Negro man named Dick also one Negro girl named Jane to her use during her natural life and after her decease to the use of the lawful begetters heirs of her body each child to share & share alike

Item 2nd I also give & bequeath unto Logan Wilson as trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson one thousand dollars

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto Logan Wilson as trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson her two daughters Florida and Alice Wilson one bed & furniture to each daughter

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto Logan Wilson as trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson one bed & furniture, also one half of my house hold & kitchen furniture

Item 5th I give & bequeath unto Logan Wilson as trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson all my land lying above what is called the High Shoals on Balls Creek the line to run North & South from the High Shoals to her use during her natural life and after her death to the lawful begetters heirs of her body

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto Logan Wilson as trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson five shares in the Western N. C. R Road to her use during her life after her decease to the lawful begetters heirs of her body

Item 7th I give & bequeath unto Middleton & Wells as trustee for the use of Belfa Andrew James one Negro man named Allen and one girl named Catherine one Negro girl named Mary Jane and one Negro girl named Kate Katharine during her natural life & after her decease to the use of the lawful begetters heirs of her body each child share & share alike

Item 8th I give and bequeath unto Middleton & Wells as trustee for the use of Belfa & James all my Lands lying below the line running from the High Shoals on Balls Creek on which my house stands to her use during her natural life after her decease to the use of the lawful begetters heirs of her body each one to share & share alike

Item 9th I give and bequeath unto Mahala Elvira James and Bess and furniture

Item 10th I give & bequeath unto Middleton & Wells as trustee for the use of Belfa & James the rest of my lands not disposed of, also one half of my house hold & kitchen furniture

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- Item 11th I give & bequeath unto Susan Wilson & Middleton & Wells as trustees for the use of Elizabeth M. Wilson & Delia I James my best Shovelling Machine each one one half of it. In case of the death of Delia I James and all her children all the property settled to her revert to my nephew Middleton & Wells.
- Item 12th My will & desire is that Susan Wilson and Middleton & Wells as trustees for the use of Elizabeth M. Wilson & Delia I James so that my back Mariate is well taken care of during life and Mariate to have her support from Elizabeth M. Wilson & Delia I James & live with either of them.
- Item 13th My will and desire is that my wife have her support from Elizabeth M. Wilson & Delia I James & have her choice to live with either of them.
- Item 14th I give and bequeath unto my nephew Middleton & Wells Elizabeth Pasture Seven hundred Dollars.
- Item 15th I give & bequeath unto my nephew Middleton & Wells one hundred Dollars.
- Item 16th I give & bequeath unto my niece Rosannah Brown one hundred Dollars.
- Item 17th My will and desire is that with the rest of my property not having disposed of be sold and all my debts paid and the balance of the moneys arising after my debts are paid to be equally divided between Elizabeth M. Wilson & Delia I James in trust as aforesaid.
- I make and constitute and appoint my friend A. McSwain executor of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred sixty three.

Nicholas Sherit Seal

The foregoing written instrument was subscribed by the said Nicholas Sherit in our presence and acknowledged by her to each of us to be her last will & Testament and we at the testator's request & in her presence have signed our names as witnesses thereto.

W. R. F. Norwood
Daniel Moore

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- 14th In the name of God, Amen. I William Little of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being of perfect sound mind & Memory blessed be God do this 29th day of September A.D. 1863 Make Publish & Declare this my last will & Testament in the form & manner following. Viz.
- First I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Eliza the use of all my land during her natural life. I also give unto her two mares named Susan & Eliza also one wagon & buggy and one carriage all of my farming tools of every description all of my wheat and oats and all of my corn that is growing in the fields all of my house hold & kitchen furniture all of my cattle all of my cattle hogs & sheep I will my duty to be sold to pay my debts either by private or public sale and if she does not bring money enough to pay my debts my executor is directed to sell enough of other property such as my wife can best spare to pay the balance. I give & bequeath unto each and every one of my girls their beds & furniture belonging to them I give unto Elias Sheritt a walnut tree. I will that my wife shall raise my son Alexander a least by the time that he is twenty one years old. I give my son Alexander one hundred & fifty acres of land at my wife's death to include my house and other buildings and a part of the Matthew Edwards place so as to get timber and the balance to be divided amongst all my daughters after my wife's death. I hereby constitute and appoint my worth friend Elias Sheritt my executor of this my last will & Testament. Given under my hand and seal in presence of
- Gray Hamilton
Thomas Littleland
- William Little Seal