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In the name of God Amen I Silena Barnes of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being frail in body but of sound mind & memory do make & Publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

That is to say  
First I give and bequeath unto my sister Eliza Barnes all of my part of Padd, Horses, Cows, Hogs, Sheep & Poultry also my House & Hall and Kitchen furniture with my wagon and farming tools and all other appurtenances belonging to my farm also my corn wheat oats & fodder and meat, my will is that Eliza Barnes takes good care of Ole Jack while he lives.

I hereby appoint William Sherrill my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me in writing whereof I have heretofore set my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine  
Silena Barnes

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by Silena Barnes the testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by her to be her last Will and Testament and we at her request do sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses

William Sherrill  
Elus Woodford Sherrill

Silena Barnes  
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In the name of God Amen!  
I Margaret Sullivan of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being weak of Body but of perfect mind sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God;  
Calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make & publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner & form following. First of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God, to bless me in this life I give and dispose of in the following manner.

First that my executor hereinafter mentioned shall pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of any money that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

First I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Cynthia A. Kerner daughter of David Kerner and good bed set necessary furniture and choice of my trunks also my corner cupboard and

Secondly I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha V. C. Kerner daughter of David Kerner my Bureau & Scissors Silver Chair also one half my silver spoons also one bed & furniture

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Ann Kerner daughter of David Kerner one bed & furniture also one trunk and clothing box table and room

Fourthly my further will is that all my property not mentioned in the foregoing part of this will shall by my executor be put up at public sale also my house & lot in Newton and my stock in the Lincoln and Newton Rail Roads to be disposed of publicly or privately as my executor may think best and the money arising from the sale of all my property with the money I now have at present after paying all my just debts may be placed in the hands of Guardians and be paid over equally between my daughter Mariah & Kerner's children as they may become of age. And finally I do hereby constitute and appoint Wm. W. Kerner my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament and every part & clause thereof according to the true intent & meaning of the same in writing whereof I the said Margaret Sullivan have heretofore set my hand & affixed my seal this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1862

Signed in the presence of E. J. Kerner  
Margaret Sullivan

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