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- 36 In the name of our Saviour, I Michael Noble of the County of Calaveras & State of California, being sick & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory, having been given to good, calling to mind the frailty of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and declare this my last will & Testament that is to say, sincerely and just of all, I give & bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the direction of my Executive, nothing, but at the general congregation I shall make the same again by the mighty Power of God, I do as bequeath such worldly estate whomever it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give & dispose of in the following manner & form:
- 1st I give to my dear Miss M. Noble whom I at times have called mother and cousin, Mabel & my wife Catharine the sole executor of this my last will & Testament, I do give to my son William a negro boy by the name of Abel & one lot of black Smith tools when he works with and one horse for Chas.
 - 2nd I give to my daughter Sophronia a negro girl named Sarah also a negro child named Mary in the name of love, sundry dollars, Sophronia can have her choice to take the child Mary or two hundred dollars, but if Sophronia takes the money she is not to receive it until after the death of her mother, also one horse valued at twenty five dollars & one saddle & bridle.
 - 3rd I give to my son William B. a negro boy named Morris and also one hundred dollars which he has already received.
 - 4th I give to my son Mariah B. one negro girl Susan & one harness, Morris also one horse when he becomes of age.
 - 5th I give to my son Stephen B. one hundred dollars which he has already received.
 - 6th I also give to my daughter Jane M. Daily one negro girl Ann and one horse saddle & bridle house hold & kitchen furniture which she has already received.
 - 7th I also give to my dearly beloved wife Catharine two negroes Susan & Beck during her life time, also I will to give my plantation when it now live on and all my lands, chimney, the barn, stables, barn, and all of the house hold and kitchen utensils, farming tools, stock of every description, grain & every thing belonging to the plantation which she is to hold during her lifetime, and after her death if my son Miles B. stays with his mother until her death, he is to have the plantation with all the appurtenances, lands, belonging to my estate.
 - 8th After the death of my wife Catharine Susan & Beck & then increase if there should be any they are to be sold

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By my executor Miles B. and also all the balance of the property belonging to my wife at her death has to be sold & equally divided between my son & daughter, Stephen & Jane M. Daily, Sophronia & William B. Mariah B. Nobles & also want my Executor to keep the negroes that I have herebefore mentioned on the plantation and raise them until they may be sold for by them that they are willing to.

On witness, whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirty first day of March 1847. Signed sealed Published and delivered by the said Michael Noble to be as his last will and Testament in the presence of each of us hereunto subscribed and named

J. B. Simpson
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Michael Noble Seal

Calaveras County, North California. I am J. B. Simpson of the County of Calaveras & State of California, being of sound body & mind but knowing the uncertainty of life, make this my last will and Testament

- 1st I will and wish that my executor furnish my body with a decent burial.
 - 2nd I wish my executor to sell property enough to pay my debts.
 - 3rd For the consideration of the love and attention I do form my beloved wife Susan I will unto her all my estate both real & personal as in any wise pertaining, with me during her widowhood.
 - 4th After her death it is equally to be divided amongst my children those that are now born to me, that may be born of me in future, unless she see fit to reserve of any and appropriate it to the benefit of the children, always allowing more than an equal share between the children.
 - 5th It is my will that in case she again marries that only one third of all my property belongs to my widow the remainder to be disposed of by my executor to the best interest to my children.
 - 6th The third that I will my wife J. B. in case she marries I will it as her exclusive property and at her death if she has no heirs by her second husband my wife is that the property fall back wholly to my children, and in case she has children of second marriage it is my will at her death that my children shall only have equal share with her of second marriage, of the time I will her during life.
 - 7th I will and again my Father Philip Rudisill & my Mother Ann Scott William my lawful executor when I have set my hand & affix my seal the year above written
- Mariah B. Rudisill Seal