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14<sup>o</sup> In the name of God I Am:

I Miles of Greenville being in sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that all men must die & leave the world in view of which I make and ordain the following Stans & directions to be my last will & Testament Viz

1st My will and desire is that at my death my mortal remains be decently and in a Christian like burial if practicable to have my grave marked decent somethins the expenses to be paid out of my estate

2<sup>o</sup> I will and direct that all my just debts be paid out of my estate

3<sup>o</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife Catharine Elizabeth all of my property both real & personal to her sole use & benefit during her natural life or widowhood. Should my said wife Catharine & choose again to marry then it is my will & desire that she have her lawful dower in my lands and her lawful distribution share of the proceeds of my personally property.

4<sup>o</sup> My will and desire is that my wife give my children as much education as she may be able to do consistent with her own and family comfort & convenience

5<sup>o</sup> My will and desire is and I hereby direct that my executors sell so much of my property and of such as my wife Catharine & may designate as may be needed in addition to the cash and cash found on hand to pay off my debts and other expenses in closing up my business

6<sup>o</sup> I further will and direct that should my wife Catharine & again marry my executors sell all the property which may remain on hand at that time and divide the proceeds equally between my wife & all my children as contemplated in article third.

I hereby nominate & appoint my friend & neighbour my executors to fulfil and carry out this my last will & Testament hereby amending all former wills & executions by me made

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty three

Signed sealed acknowledge &

declared in presence of

Zekiel <sup>his</sup> Beams  
mark

Louisa Stramberg

A. McRavenburg *(seal)*

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14<sup>o</sup> In the name of God I Am I John Barger of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory and in good health but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1854 make publish and declare this my last will & testament in manner and forme following what is to say First that my executors herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends & relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts out of the money that may first come to his hands as part of my estate

I also give and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Barger all my property both real & personal that is to say my lands wheresoever now lie together with all the appertaining thereunto belonging also my stock all kind farming implements & house furniture of all kinds to have and to hold the said property to her own use during her life time provided however that my executors shall sell so much of my personal property such as my said wife Elizabeth sees fit to dispose of sufficient to pay all my just & charges that may be brought against my estate

It is further my will that all my property willed to my said wife Elizabeth as such of the property as she may have at her decease shall fall to Sarah Jane Elizabeth Lyles to be her absolute property that is after my said wife funeral expenses and debts are paid if there should be any debt fully I nominate ordain and appoint my beloved brother George Barger & my nephew Ned Barger my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same

In witness whereof I the said John Barger have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year above written  
Signed sealed sealed published and declared  
in the presence of

E. Jaunt  
Philip H. Baring

John Barger M. C. *(seal)*

Copied for B. W.  
Oct 7/1878  
M. C.