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 I William J. Brendel of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following, that is to say
 First, that my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial such as the wishes of my friends & relations may desire and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts hereinafter to be named & owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate
 2^d I Give Devise & bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my Estate Real & personal during the term of her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage then it is all to belong to my daughter Frances E. Brendel notwithstanding if my wife Elizabeth marries she is to have as much stock as she brought with her at our marriage & half the house hold & kitchen furniture & as long as she (Elizabeth) remains my widow she is to have full possession of all my Estate as here but not to waste or destroy any part of it but in case she may need any thing to live upon then in that case she is at liberty to sell such things of my personal property that she may have to spare in order to support the family and in case my daughter Frances E. Brendel dies before her mother then my wife Elizabeth is to do as she pleases with the whole of my Estate.
 And Lastly, I do hereby constitute & appoint my trusty friend David E. Warlick my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same & every part & Clause thereof, lawfully revoking & declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made
 In witness whereof I the said Wm. J. Brendel have set my hand & seal this 3rd day of October AD 1863

Wm. J. Brendel

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Wm. J. Brendel to be his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Ngatt Gault
 Ann V Gault

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 I now all men by these presents that I Elkanah Grant of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina do will & bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Elkanah Grant my plantations for life & have & hold forever and forever as the Dower & dower tract lying on Wall Creek adjoining E. E. Seal & Elias Longmire & Nedra Elizabeth Seaman Seaman James Seaman & Miles Seaman containing two hundred & seven by five acres more or less the other adjoining said tract Elizabeth Seaman & James Seaman containing eighty one acres more or less & further will & bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Elkanah Grant all my many notes cattle & sheep & hogs & all my household goods & things and all my property including one Negro woman by name Lovina & her child James for her to have and to hold as long as she lives or lives a widow and after her marrying or dying said negro lands and all other property are to go to my children for them to have & to hold for ever in testimony whereof I have set my hand & seal this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixty four

Sealed signed & delivered in the presence of the witnesses
 at S. C. Grant
 att. C. H. Smith
 Elkanah Grant

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In the name of God Amen. I Polly Seaman of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do hereby bequeath to make this my last will and testament, that is to say
 I will & bequeath unto my two daughters namely Lovina and Harriet after all my just debts are paid the balance of my property & money shall be equally divided between them & also half the dower to my daughter Harriet.
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 9th day of April 1864

Henry Little
 David Seaman

Polly Seaman