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In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Brown of the County of Catawba, and State of North Carolina being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catharine Brown one cupboard and furniture, one clock and table, one Bureau the one she bought with her three beds and furniture. I also will that my wife Catharine Brown divide out a bed each, to my two eldest sons, Francis and Thompson when they shall call for them. I give, with to my wife Catharine Brown one Sewing and lastline, and my daughter, also to have the use of the same while they shall live together. I also will that my wife Catharine Brown have one side table, one wash pot, and Kitchen furniture, one white Cornish chair, six head of sheep, one Horse, one Negro girl named Sarah to belong to my wife Catharine Brown, during her life, but the increase of the Negro girl Sarah if any she should have to be sold, and divided amongst the three when my youngest son, Andrew Elbert Brown, shall become of age, I also will that the Negro girl Sarah belong to the use of the family until my youngest son, Andrew Elbert Brown, shall become of age, then to belong to my wife Catharine Brown, but her increase, to be sold if any she should have (as stated above, and equally divided amongst my heirs, my wife and with the rest. Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Jones, one side saddle, and one Bureau, thirdly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elender Brown one wheel and cards, one Biddle and saddle, one Bureau and Bedstead, bed and furniture her own bedstead and saddle blanket, one cow and calf, when she should need it, and fifty dollars in money, as soon as Executor can make sale and collect.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Brown, one wheel and cards and Biddle, saddle, and blanket, one Bureau to be bought for Mary, one bedstead, bed, and furniture the bed had her own, one cow and calf, when needed, and fifty dollars in money, as soon as my Executor can make sale and collect.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son William B. Brown, the sum of twenty five dollars in money as soon as my Executor can make sale and collect. Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my son Thompson Brown one horse, saddle and bridle at a good valuation and the balance in money to make him out one hundred dollars as soon as my Executor can make sale and collect. Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my sons Simeon, Conrad Brown, James Morris Brown, and Andrew Elbert Brown that after the payment of my lawful debts, the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of my property to be equally divided amongst my three youngest sons. I also will one Negro boy named Calvin, as left to make for the support of my family, so long as the may stay together, or until my youngest child shall become of age, and under the entire control of my

Brother Gabriel Brown until my youngest child shall become of age, then to be sold with the Negro girl Sarah increase of any she should have, the proceeds of the sale of the Negro boy, Calvin to be equally divided amongst my heirs. My wife and with the rest. I also will that my executor sell a tract of land of mine lying on the Route road in the County and State above named, containing one hundred acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Michael Litter, David Fisher and others. I also will that my executor, sell the above mentioned land, public or private, as he may think best.

I also will that the proceeds of the sale of the land go to the payment of my lawful debts and the balance of any to be divided amongst my heirs Elender, Brown, Mary Brown, William Brown, Thompson Brown and my three youngest sons, equally. I also, will give head of Cows to the use of my family. I neglected to mention in the proper place that I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catharine Brown, one Biddle and blanket, wheel and cards.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Catharine Brown, and my brother Gabriel Brown, sole executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 6th day of April in the year of our Lord A.D. 1847. Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Joseph Brown to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of us.

John C. Bonnum
Thomas G. Hillam
William S. Litter

Joseph Brown (Seal)

In the name of God Amen, I Silkeannah Sherrell of the County of Catawba, and State of North Carolina being advanced in age but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that I have to do, do publish this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows, viz. to say, I do give and bequeath to my son Gabriel A. Sherrell, all my money to account consisting of notes, bonds, or other papers or debts, of any description due me, all my stock of any description, all my house hold and Kitchen furniture including cards and all other things except about a house, all meat, all crops gathered or growing, including the rent of my land, also, the use or hire of a certain Negro Man named Charles divided for my life time or widowhood by my husband Alexander Sherrell, late of the County of Lincoln and State aforesaid, which my son Gabriel A. Sherrell sold some time since to Rhinbin Whitt which I claim the services of, and will and bequeath the hire, use and service, of said Negro to my son Gabriel A. Sherrell with all other legal and technical matters and things as a above mentioned. Just in as full a manner as if repeated again and all other things mentioned or not mentioned belonging to me.

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Which I shall possess at my death. I devise to my said son as above stated, and I leave my said son Richard Burt my whole and sole Executor, this my last will and testament, in witness whereof, my hand and that the 8th day of July 1846

Wm. W. Monahan,
Alexander McWhorter

Richard Burt

In the name of God Amen: I Joseph Senhower of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be god, do this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say,

First I give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret, one hundred and ten Acres of Land on the home place with all the buildings thereon. She can have her land laid off where she pleases. I further give and bequeath to her the little and hind gears, still and vessels, and cooking hoods, fifty bushels of corn, thirty bushels of wheat, one cow and her calves, three hogs and one heifer, her choice, the blue sow and pigs, three cut hogs, her choice, four Beds and bed Steads, her choice, Bureau and chests, Scones, and every thing, be longing to it, one still, spinning wheel and the big spinning wheel, one plow, and gearing for one be ast, Spring loze and blades, one wash pot, and tubs, all the kitchen furniture two dressers, and any thing, there on, the bread tray and bread box, three bushels of Salt, thirty pounds of Coffee, and fifteen pounds of Sugar, two Buckets, six chairs, and the looking glass, six milk Crockets, two Sugs, two pitchforks, two bottles, all the wooden bowls, two buckets, all the Bacon and lard on hand, also the fruit, on the home place, enough, to do all next, harvest, and fodder and eat, enough to last, well, fall, for her more as much Cuts as she wishes to sow, one ass one mallow, three hoes, all the potatoes and cabbage, all the cotton and flax, four bags, the flax hocks, twenty gallons of Whiskey, two ewe sheep, one something, Iron, and the little Stylus, as, the above mentioned property, she is to have, and to hold during her life time or widowhood but in case she should marry, all the property except the land shall be sold at public sale, and the money shall be equally divided among the heirs, with whom she shall share equally. After her death, the land also, shall be sold, and the money divided equally among the heirs.

Secondly, I give and bequeath, to my son Abel two hundred acres of land at a valuation of five dollars an acre, to be paid off at the convenience of the bank, by a straight line to be run from William Leguans line to Sarah Hansantons line he shall not, see the land till after the death of the widow. And should the above valuation be more than what will make this share equal to the others, he shall after the

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the decease of the widow, pay the other heirs till all will be equal. — For my tract of land in McDowell County, is to be rented, to the highest bidder, for the present year, and the rent to be paid in Corn after which the said tract, shall be sold at public sale, and the money shall equally be divided among the heirs, as soon as collected, all the balance of the land under Cultivation, is to be rented annually, and the rent sold at public sale, and the money loaned on interest, and after the death of the widow, the land is to be sold to the highest bidder, and the money equally divided among the heirs. —

All the balance of my property shall be sold at public sale, and after all my debts are paid the money shall go to those children that are not charged, or never got, any thing from home, until they get any equal share with the rest. The balance is to be equally divided among all the heirs. I wish my executor, to act as agent for my wife, and her family, in renting, and contracting, Scones, and collecting as long as he shall see proper to do so, and if wishes to resign his agency, the Court shall appoint, another in his stead.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend Daniel, — Miller Executor of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof, I the said Joseph Senhower, have this my last will and testament set my hand and seal, the day and a true witness. Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Joseph Senhower, as his last will and testament, in the presence of us the undersigned at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

State of North Carolina, Catawba County,
This my last will and testament, in the first place, I commend my soul to god who has given it, I am now weak in body, but sound in mind and memory, I write and bequeath unto my son Andrew, William, my wife Mary and Hannah, and I hereby appoint, Leguans, Bellingger, as my Executor to this my last will and testament, I thereunto set my hand and affix my seal, in witness of as this the second day of March, A.D. 1847.

Leguans Bellingger
George Buffman

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Legion Bettinger
George Buffman

Richard Burt