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State of N. Carolina County of Catawba May fifteenth 1867 I Susanah Cline of the County of Catawba and State of N. Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz; That my Executor Franklin A. Gount shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my children and friends and pay all burial expenses together with my just debts, wherein and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my said daughter Susanah Barbara Galt my one mare now 24 or 25 years old and one pair of horse gear, my buggy and harnesses, also one cupboard and water cupboard and all the kitchen furniture pots, dishes, plates knives and forks, one wash pot, one looking glass one clock, one bed & furniture her choice, three hogs, all the poultry, all the wheat on hand and growing, all the corn on hand and my proportion part growing on the farm, two kitchen tables, two vinegar kegs, spinning wheel & cards, wash bowl, and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death, to her and her personal representatives to have and to hold forever.

I also will and bequeath to my daughter Gemina Gount one bed for her to have and hold forever. The remainder of my property shall be sold and after paying my burial expenses the remainder if any shall be equally divided among all my children. In witness whereof, I the said Susanah Cline do hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven. Seal signed and delivered in the presence of

Attest I Mc Gount
Abel Balch
Estney Balch

Susanah Cline Dead
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Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and sensible of a hastening approach to the grave and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

1st I give and bequeath to my brothers Alexander M. Houston and Robert B. Houston an equal share of all my interest, rights & titles in the old Firms of Houston & Brothers and J. M. M. Houston & Co to be divided equally between them.

2nd I give and bequeath to my brother Algernon M. B. Houston all my wearing apparel.

3rd The land deeded to me by John F. Payne the Bill of Sale I have for as Mare from John F. Payne and a wagon received from said were collected by me on a note due the estate of my brother Algernon M. B. Houston and are justly his.

4th I devise, give and bequeath to my kind loving and attentive wife Mary A. Houston one third part of all my estate both personal and real not devised or bequeathed above or her legal dower.

5th All the balance of my estate both real & personal I devise, give and bequeath to my sister N. L. Houston to her and her heirs forever.

6th Revoking all former wills by me made I hereby appoint my friend Franklin Caldwell and my Brother Robert B. Houston my lawful executors of this my last will and testament. Done this the 11th day of June A.D. 1867.

7th I give and bequeath to my wife Mary A. Houston one hundred dollars in addition to what I have devised given and bequeathed to her above to be paid by my executors immediately or as soon as possible.

O W Asbury
J. L. Hill

J. M. M. Houston Dead