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In the name of God Amen, I John Fry of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being in perfect health, though of perfect mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, having taken into Consideration this life being so uncertain do this 24 Day of Jan 1856, make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows, viz

My last debts to be forth paid by my executor hereafter named then I will and bequeath to my wife Sally, two beds and then necessary furniture as she may think fit and to have as much of my Kitchen & house furniture as she may think proper for her Comfort and the use and Comfort of my small dwelling house that stands north of my dwelling house that has a Porch to it to have all the above during her natural life time.

I Will and bequeath to my son Marcus a tract of land containing Eli S. Cantter & others containing about 61 acres and also the upper end of the tract I live on, that is, to start on the river bank and run to a poplar near the middle fence then to the small highway south of the State road which is one of my own Corners, said line starts at the River at a timber barn near the mouth of a ditch.

I Will and bequeath the balance of the Tract of land I live on to my son Jacob. I also Will all the balance of my property to my two sons Marcus & Jacob jointly & they are to pay all my last debts if any. They are to provide my wife Sally a decent support during life and at the death of my wife, the are to have all the property I have Willied to her and my large barn stands on the land I Willied to Jacob. My desire is that Marcus have the use of one half of said barn all the rest of my children I have given their portion as I Willied and bequeath. I constitute and appoint my two sons in laws Eli S. Cantter & Shadrach Probst as my lawful Executors, to this my last Will and Testament as Witness the said John Fry has hereunto set his hand & seal 24 of January 1856,

Signed and sealed in

the Presence of
John H. Robinson
J. W. Bradburn

John Fry Seal

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In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Witherspoon of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and good health and in perfect memory thanks be to God for his mercies, having taken into Consideration this life being uncertain do make and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows to viz

1st I Thomas Witherspoon doth Will and bequeath to my Wife Margaret to keep and to hold the Plantation I now live on and dwelling houses with improvements, all my household and Kitchen furniture, Stock of every kind on hand also to keep and to hold the boy Dick, all during her natural life as widow hood.

2^d I further Will and bequeath to my son James Witherspoon the Tract of land, where he now lives lying on the Catawba river to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple for ever, I Thomas Witherspoon rate said land to James & Witherspoon at two hundred dollars, with a Piece or Parcel of meadow on the Robinson Tract containing one acre & a quarter rated at thirty dollars.

3^d I Will and bequeath to my son Thos Franklin Witherspoon the Tract of land where he now lives known as the Little Tract also twenty acres of a different Tract, rated at two hundred & fifty dollars, also a Piece of meadow land known by the middle meadow, and hundred and twenty Pals, more or less, rated at twenty five dollars.

4th I Will and bequeath to my son Calvin A Witherspoon the Tract of land known as a Part of the Robinson Tract, including a new Piece of meadow at the upper end next to the line between C. A Witherspoon & Franklin my large new meadow, to be reserved to my self during my life time, and at my decease to be his heirs. I Thomas Witherspoon also all Lands of that Tract on the back side of Hagans fork my lifetime rated at three hundred & fifty dollars.

5th I Will and bequeath to my son Phil B Witherspoon a Part of the same tract I now live on containing Eighty Eight acres rated at one hundred and seventy five dollars, also a Piece of meadow land known by the old meadow at the lower end of the Robinson Tract rated at twelve dollars & a half.

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6 B. C. Will and bequeath to my son Melas R Witherspoon the first side being a part of the same tract containing eighty eight acres rated at two hundred and fifty dollars also a Piece of Meadow known as a Part of the old meadow rated at twelve dollars & fifty cents,
7 I Will and bequeath unto my daughter Emeline & Anna to my daughter Emeline two hundred dollars out of my boy Dick at our decease the boy to be put to sale also I will and bequeath to my daughter Anna & two hundred dollars out of the Part of the boy Dick if he brings more than the above amount the balance to be equally divided among my Children, James E. Witherspoon, Thos & Witherspoon, Calvin & Witherspoon, Heile B Witherspoon, Melas R Witherspoon, Emeline & Anna & further I should the boy Dick die before our decease, then shall be paid over to the said Emeline & Anna & in Proportion to my sons valuation of Land, further at our deaths my Property on hand to be put to sale & Equally divided among my Children with the exception of ten dollars to Anna & extra; and lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved son Franklin Witherspoon & Heile B Witherspoon my lawful Executors to this my last Will and Testament, given under my hand & seal this 1 day of May A.D. 1856.

Signed sealed and Published

in Presence of
Geo Sefer
Joseph Wilson

Thomas Witherspoon (Seal)

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105 The last Will and Testament of George Howard.
I George Howard considering the uncertainty of this life and being of sound mind and memory. do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. That into day, first I will and bequeath my body to be buried decent and in a Christian like manner, and that the expenses be paid out of my estate. Second I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Howard, during her natural life or Widowhood, the following named property, to wit, first all my Real Estate also all my Negroes as follows, namely Bob, Harriet & Nancy Adeline & Barbara & also such a part of all my Stock and crop in hand as she may wish to keep also all my house hold and Kitchen furniture, also my family baggage, Wagon and Carriage, Smith & do farming, utensils of every kind, Third it is my wish and desire that all my Just debts be paid out of my money due my Estate, by my Executors
Fourth it is my desire wish and desire if my Executors think best for my Negro boy Bob to work out the Balance of my Stock I hold in the Western Rail Road West of Salisbury or as much as he can and the balance of my subscription to be paid out of my Estate by my Executors.
Fifth it is my wish and desire that my son John Franklin have all my Interest in the Western M.C. Rail Road, which consists of Ten Shares, Sixth it is my Will and desire that all my Children namely seven in number, all their share and their alike, in the balance of my Estate after the decease of my wife Sarah Howard, and it is further my Will that in case my wife Sarah Howard cannot manage my Estate advantageously, that she be at liberty to have such property sold at public or private sale as the Executors may think best and the proceeds of the sale or sales if any to go to the benefit of my wife Sarah and seven Children, equally. It is further my Will, that I hereby appoint my wife Sarah Howard and my Sons, provide when early my Executors of this my last Will & Testament
Signed sealed and acknowledged this 14 day of Nov 40 1856
In presence of us
A. J. Shufeldt
Freeman Howard
George Howard