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In the name of God Amen. I Archibald C. Barkley of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina Being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the name and words following viz: And principally I commend my soul to God through the Grace that is in Christ Jesus and my body to the grave to be buried at the direction of my Executors herein after named.

Item 1st I will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth during the term of her natural life all my lands with the improvements thereon which I now live.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth all my stock of horses, hogs, cows & sheep, also my wagon and gear all of my household and kitchen furniture and farming tools.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth all of my negroes and their increase named Ruth, Frank, Jane, Mary Rebecca & Katherine.

Item 4th It is my will that my wife Elizabeth shall settle all my just debts.

Item 5th It is my will at the death of my wife Elizabeth that all of my property to be equally divided between my children hereafter named.

Item 6th It is my will that the heirs of Sarah Shimmings body who is now dead shall have her part.

Item 7th Mary C. Lockman and heirs.

Item 8th Rachel Sherrill during her natural life and at her death to go to the heirs of her body Elizabeth Odlinger and her heirs Rebecca Symum during her natural life and if she have no heirs living from her body her part is to go back to the rest of the heirs at her death Henry Barkley, Robert Barkley, James A. Barkley during her natural life unless he have ~~an~~ heir or heirs from his body and if not his part is to go back to John Barkley and heirs.

Item 9th I constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth and my son Robert Barkley my Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal. This 14th day of June 1865.

L. A. J. Potts

R. A. McVeeble

A. C. Barkley *Seal*

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State of North Carolina Catawba County.
I W. P. Sherrill of said County & State, having volunteered in defence of my County and being in perfect mind and memory do hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in the following manner and form.

First, my Will is that my just debts be paid.

Secondly, I will and bequeath unto James Gashion one hundred and forty dollars. I also will and bequeath unto J. W. C. Lang Thomas W. Lang Avery J. Lang sons of Thomas Lang one hundred dollars each. I will and bequeath unto infant child of Mary Pierce which is an illegitimate child & was charged to me the remainder of my property after paying off the first named above.

Lastly I appoint my friend Thomas Lang my lawful Executor to execute this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 29th day of April 1866

Attest

Geo. Kitzger
Charles C. Harwell

W. P. Sherrill *Seal*