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In the name of God Amen, I Lucy
Armistead of Chatham County in the State
of North Carolina being of sound and
disposing memory be to God as this first day
of February in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty five
make and declare this my last will and
testament in manner and form as follows

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Item 1st I commend my spirit to the
Lord who is and desire that my remains
be decently buried

Item 2nd I bequeath to my grand daughter
Mary the daughter of Dickson and
William my one fourth part of all my
estate

Item 3rd I gave and bequeath to my
grand daughter Emory Williams the daughter
of Robbin & Ellen Williams one fourth
part of all my estate

Item 4th I gave and bequeath to my
grand daughter Mary Barber daughter
of Bevel & Elizabeth Barber one fourth
of all my estate

Item 5th I gave and bequeath to my daughter
Nancy Barber one fourth of all
my estate

Item 6th My desire is that my friend
R. J. Fowkes be appointed my executor to
my last will and testament whomever I set
my hand and seal have unto in the presence
of

Lucy Armistead
Mark

John C. Stone
William C. Collins

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County of Platte and Quarter Session
May Term 1855

The execution of the foregoing last will and testament of Lucy Starnes was duly proven in open court by the oath of John C. Stone a subscribing witness thereto whom I & the court the executor there in named appeared in court and qualified as such
Jas W Taylor Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Henry Brady Sr of the County of Chatham & State of North Carolina do hereby make & ordain this to be my last will & testament hereby revoking & annulling all former wills by me at any other time made and first of all I commend my soul unto the Holy Keeping of the Being who created it & my body to be buried in a decent Christian-like manner & as to my worldly estate I give & dispose of it as follows.
First - To my beloved wife I give & bequeath three several negro slaves namely Nancy Martha & Daniel & their increase from the date of this my will also one gray horse about seven years old also one bed & furniture her choice also fifty dollars cash to be paid by my executor out of my estate & years support to be laid off by five freeholders to her & at her disposal absolutely forever

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Second I loan unto my said wife during her natural life or widowhood one negro girl by the name of Betty and with the exception of their feather beds & their furniture & my old metal clock I loan her all my household & kitchen furniture one horse her chair & two pair gear & two plough one轡m with all the slay & horns six head of cattle her choice all my sheep & thirty head of hogs Third I give & devise unto my said wife & unto my Grandson Ira Scott all my lands share & share alike during the natural life or widowhood of my said wife & at her death or marriage it is my will & desire that my said Grandson Ira Scott shall have the whole of the lands to him & his heirs in fee simple absolute power provided he the said Ira Scott shall pay unto my Executors seven hundred dollars within two years after my death. But - provided the said Ira Scott shall refuse or fail to pay my Executors as aforesaid then & in that case it is my will & desire that my said wife shall have & hold the one half of the said lands aforesaid for & during the term of her natural life or widowhood & that the other half to go with the reversion devised to my said wife be sold by my Executors to the highest-bidder amongst my heirs & the grand-children according to the limitations mentioned in fourth clause of this my will for the division of my negro