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I Daniel Carpenter ~~son~~ of the County of Gaston and State of
North 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 That is to
Say That my Executors herein after Named shall provide for my Body
a decent Burial Suitable to the wishes and desires of my Relations
and friends and pay all Funeral Expenses Together with all my Just
debts, Taxes and to whosoever owing out of the money that may
not come into as a part or parcel of my Estate
Item 2^d I Give and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Carpenter
Twenty four acres of Land which has been laid out by meter and bound
including Mansion House is bounded and runs as follows Beginning at
a Hickory near Beaver dam Creek & thence N 40 W 1 1/4 poles to a Hickory Thence
N 11 W 8 1/2 poles to a Stake in a field Thence S 88 W 30 poles to a Small Hickory
Thence S 16 W 35 poles to a small P.O. Thence S 78 1/2 East 18 poles to a Stake near
the Spring House Thence S 64 E 4 poles through the Spring House and over the
side of the Spring to passion house down, Thence S 40 E 8 poles to a Stake
Thence S 66 1/2 E 26 poles through the middle of Barn floor to a Stake Thence
S 55 E 12 poles to a passion in the edge of the meadow Thence S 26 E 50
poles to a black oak on the bank of the creek then up the said creek as
it runs to the Beginning all out Houses and other Improvements on
The said Tract 2 Stills and vessels 1 Thrashing machine 1 Set of blacksmith
tools 1 Bedstead of her choice 1 Cupboard and

of man and to the beginning all out houses and out-buildings
The said tract 2 Mills, and 1 threshing machine 1 set of blacksmith
tools 2 Wagons 1 Carriage 4 beds & bedsteads of his choice 1 Cupboard and
the ware I own 6 sheep 15 head of Cattle all the hogs 1 mare named
all the crops of every description which is now in my ^{plantation} ~~possession~~
and all the domestic fowls and poultry and all the provisions on
hand at the time of my death to have and to hold to her the said
Elizabeth Carpenter for and during the term of her natural life
in satisfaction and in full of her dower and thirds of and
in all my Real & personal Estate

Item 3rd I give and devise to Eldred Son Joel Carpenter two dollars
to hold to him as his share in fee simple for ever I give and devise
to my son Joshua Carpenter all that tract of Land on which he
now lives to have and to hold to him and his heirs for ever
I give and devise to my son Daniel Carpenter all that tract of land
on the South side of Beaverdam Creek joining Lands of Jonas Center
Daniel Stines Emanuel Carpenter and The High Shoals Co Except
a piece of creek Bottom now used Land which I give off that tract
to be divided between my two sons Abel and Manasses Carpenter
The Piece of Land not to exceed twenty acres nor less than fifteen
to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple for ever
I give and ^{bequeath} ~~bequeath~~ to my daughter Anna Morris all that tract or
parcel of Land well known as The Mountain Branch Tract
Containing 41 acres bounded by Lands of L.D. Childs and High Shoals Co

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and Also a small piece of Meadow Land containing 5 acres and Runs as follows beginning at a Birch on the bank of the creek and Run S 20 E 20 poles to a post oak Thence S 50 W 21 poles to a oak Thence N 40 W 28 poles to an Iron oak on the creek Thence down the creek as it Runs to the Beginning to have and to hold to my heirs in fee simple for ever—

I do give and devise to my two sons Abel and Mafey Carpenter all the Lands belonging to me which I have not willed in this my Last will and Testament to be Equally divided between my said two sons to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple for ever— The Lands here willed is a Tract on the north side of Beaverdam Creek and the 20 or 15 acres of Bottom taken off of the Tract on the South side of the creek which is mentioned in a former Item in this my Last will & Testament—

My will and desire is that all the Residue of my Estate if any, after taking out the Debts and Legacies heretofore mentioned in this my Last Will shall be sold and the debts owing to me all collected and if there should be and surplus over and above the payment of debts and Expenses that such surplus be Equally divided among my wife and all my children to each of them their assigns for ever—

I do hereby appoint Samuel Paysour my Trusty friend and my Lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my Last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and

if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts
and Expenses that such surplus be Equally divided among my
wife and all my children to each of them their assigns for ever
I do hereby appoint Samuel Paysour my Trusty friend my Lawful
Executor to all Intents and purposes to Execute this my Last will and
Testament according to the true Intent and meaning of the same and
Every part and Clause thereof hereby Revoking and declaring
utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made
in witness whereof I the said Daniel Carpenter do hereunto set
my hand and Seal this the 12th day of September 1853—

his
Daniel X Carpenter 
mark

Signed Sealed Published and
Declared by The said Daniel
Carpenter to be his Last will
and Testament in presence
of us who at his Request in his
presence and in the presence
of each other do Subscribe our
names as Witnesses Thereto

Geo Baker. Jurat
John Baker. Jurat