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I Drury Arrowood of The County of Gaston & 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 First That my Executory herein
after named I shall provide for my Body a decent burial
suitable to the wishes of my friends & relatives & pay all funeral
expences together with any Just debts however ^{to} whomsoever
owing out of the monies that may first come into their hands
as a part or parcel of my Estate. Item I Give and bequeath
to my beloved wife Margaret Arrowood one Negro man
named George: also one Negro woman named Harriet to
her the said Margaret Arrowood for and during the term
of her Natural life and at the decease of my wife ~~the~~
said Negro is to be the property of my son Benjⁿ. Arrowood
said Negro to be valued the ^{best} advantage of valuation of said
Negro to be Equally divided among all my heirs Also to my
wife three beds and furniture her choice all the Household &
Kitchen Furniture not otherwise disposed of in this my will
also ten head of cattle her choice fifteen head of sheep her choice
one mare named Ball about six years old one saddle and Bridle
Twenty head of hogs her choice all the domestic fowl and poultry
five hundred bushels of corn out of the present growing crop
one hundred bushels wheat all the provisions on hand at

One Mare Horned Bull about six years old one saddle and bridle
Twenty head of dogs his choice all the domestic fowl and poultry
Five hundred bushels of corn out of the present growing crop
One hundred bushels wheat all the provisions on hand at
the time of my death and my Wheat Provisions & poultry to be
applied to the use & support of the family. Item I Give &
Bequeath to my eldest son William Arrowood one Negro man
named Anderson in addition to former advance moneys I give
and bequeath to my youngest son Benjamin F. Arrowood The Blackwa-
ter or Saw mill Tract of Land also one other Tract called The
Heavy Tract with their Improvements. He is to be simple for ever
and the home Tract or home tract on which I now now living with
their Improvements at the decease of my wife to belong to said
Franklin in fee simple for ever. I also give and Bequeath to
my son Benjamin F. Arrowood one Negro man named Lewis
and one Negro Girl named Jane - I Give and bequeath to
my son William one Negro Girl named Mary in addition
to a former sum. Item I Give and bequeath to my eldest
Daughter Sarah McHair one Negro Woman named Ruth
and her child ~~named~~ ^{named} ~~Charly~~ ^{Charly} in addition to former advance
moneys. Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret
one Negro woman named Ann also one Negro boy named
Jake two beds and furniture one Bureau & one Gray mare
saddle & Bridle & Two cows and calves and five head sheep.

I Give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin F. Arrowood
in addition to former Items one bay mare named Beck about
eight years old one bed and furniture one cow & calf Item I Give and
bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Haffstutter one Negro woman
named Ellen & one Negro boy named Bob in addition to former
advancements I Give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin
my interest in my patent Threshing Machine for this season
in addition to former Items Item I Give and bequeath to my
three Daughters Sarah McPhair Margaret Arrowood & Elizabeth
Haffstutter all the balance of my real Estate not heretofore
mentioned in this my will in addition to former Items my
will and desire is that all the residue of my personal prop-
erty not mentioned in this my will I allow to be sold at
Public Sale & the proceeds to be Equally divided among my
Daughters and further my will is that all the property remain-
ing on the premises until the crops are gathered again my wish
and desire is that my Executor pay out of my Estate to
my Step Son John W. Hill and to my Step Daughter Mary
Morney each one Hundred and fifty Dollars provided they
Relinquish their Claims or Interest in the home stead
Tract of Land And lastly I do hereby constitute and
appoint my two Sons William and Benjamin F. Arrowood
my Lawful Executors to all intents & purposes to Execute
this my last will & Testament according to the true intent

tract of land and lastly I do hereby
appoint my two sons William and Benjamin H. Arrowood
my Lawful Executors to all intents & purposes to execute
this my last will & Testament according to the true intent
and meaning of the same & every part & clause thereof
hereby Revoking & Declaring utterly void all other wills &
Testaments by me heretofore made

I the said Henry
Arrowood do hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day
of June AD 1853 signed sealed published and
declared by the said Henry
Arrowood to be his last will
& Testament in the presence
of us who at his Request and
in his presence do subscribe
our names as witnesses thereto

Henry Arrowood

M. Whitesides
Allest J. Ferguson
Jacob H. Ramsour

State of N Carolina Gaston County

August Term 1853 the above or foregoing will was proven in open
Court by the oath of Major Whitesides, and is Recorded before J. H. Hand
Clerk of said Court at office the 3rd Monday in August 1853 J. H. Hand Clerk