In the name of God Amen I John Neely of the County of Gaston State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as following

Item 1st I give to Daughter Margaret Craig my Negro woman Jane which she has now in her possession also her two children named Vince & Frances.

Item 2nd I give to my Son Thomas Neely my Negro Boy Andy also the Bed and Featherbed and Bedstead and all of the necessary clothing.

Item 3rd I give to my Son John S Neely my negro Girl Martha.

Item 4th I give to my two Grand Children of my daughter Martha Jane Price Dec'd Isaac & William

My Negro Boy Scipio my will is that this Boy Scipio shall go into the hands of John D Martean as Trustee for Isaac N & William Price

Also my will is that the Trustee Shall hire the boy Scipio out privately annually until Isaac N & William Price becomes of 21 years of age and then be equally divided between them also the proceeds of the hire between them Also my will is that if William or Isaac should die before they become 21 years of age his interest in the boy Scipio shall go to the Surviving Brother

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Item 6th I give to my Daughter Sarah L Neely my negro Boy Bill, Moriah Anson Nancy & her children Mary and three Feather Beds and furniture with all the necessary clothing - also my land which I now live on - also my cupboard and ware and My Bureau and Cloth press and Table She may have a chair one Room and Kitchen furniture one horse her choice her choice of two head of Cattle - 6 Head of Hogs her choice all of my Kitchen ware also a sufficiency of grain for twelve months also her choice of Sick Chairs -

also my will is that my Son Thomas Neely & Son John shall pay to my daughter Sarah L Neely three hundred dollars a piece - my Son in law David Hart four hundred dollars

7th I give to my daughter Dorcas P Caroline Hart my negro Boy Jesse which She has now in her posses-sion

8th I give to my grand daughter Margaret Price daughter of my daughter Nancy Amanda Price my negro girl Margaret.

9th my will is that all of my unwilled property

Sold at public sale and all the proceeds arising from said Sale shall go the payment my just debts - If not money enough arising from said sale my will is that all of my legatees shall pay equally until my debts are all paid

10th I do hereby appoint my Son in law George W Mellon my Sole executor to settle my estate

11th My will is that if any of my legatees should become dissatisfied with my will and bring suit against my executor above named shall forfeit any claims to my property which I have willed to him and his part of property shall be equally divided amongst the rest of my legatees

John Neely (Seal)

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of us - 1865 March 25th

Att

R M Wilson Jurat

E Walton Berry Jurat

W M Noland