Know all by these presents that I Joseph M. Carson of the County of Gaston & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory & considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life, do therefore make ordain publish and declared this to be my last will and Testament, that is to say; 1st after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, then residue of my Estate real and personal, I give bequeath & dispose of as follows; to wit to my Sisters, M, M, A.J. & M.E. Carsons and my nephew R.W. Carson all my personal property of whatever kind; I will and bequeath to Rufus M. Carson now living with us all my real Estate to him to have & to hold to him and to his heirs forever not interfering with my Sisters above named living on the place as before provided for in my deed; I likewise make constitute and appoint my brother Ja's M. Carson to be Executor of this my last will & Testament; In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 5th day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Sixty Seven,

In presence of Ja's M. Carson — Joseph M. Carson (Seal)

J.B. Carson

E.M. Carson

North Carolina } In Probate Court for said County Dec 31, 1869.
Gaston County } This day the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph M. Carson dec'd, was offered in said Court for Probate by Ja's M. Carson Executor therein named;

with us all my real Estate to him to have & to hold to him and to his heirs forever not interfering with my Sisters above named living on the place as before provided for in my deed, & likewise make Constitute and appoint my brother Jas. M. Carson to be Executor of this my Last Will & Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 5th day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Sixty Seven,

In presence of Jas M. Carson — Joseph M. Carson (Seal)

J.B. Carson

E.M. Carson

North Carolina } In Probate Court for said County, Dec 31, 1869,
Lasley County } This day the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Joseph M. Carson decd, was offered in said Court for Probate by Jas M Carson Executor therein named, and by Examination & by the oaths of J.B. Carson & E.M. Carson the subscribing witnesses thereto, the said paper writing was proved to be the Last Will and Testament of the Late said deceased, for the said subscribing witnesses on their oaths said and declared that they did see the Late said Joseph M. Carson decd sign seal publish and declare the same said paper writing to be his Last Will and Testament, and at the time thereof he said deceased, was of sound and disposing mind & memory and that he did it voluntarily freely without compulsion,

E. Hyatt Probate Judge of Lasley County, N.C.