

In the Name of Amen  
I Samuel Gingles of the County of Gaston & State of  
North Carolina being in common Health and sound  
mind and memory but calling to mind That it is  
appointed unto all men to die and wishing to settle  
my Worldly Business for the better convenience of those I  
leave behind me Do by these presents constitute and  
make this & this only my Last Will & Testament First  
of all I Recommend my Soul To God who gave it and  
my body To the Earth from whence it came to be buried  
in a decent form or manner at the discretion of my  
Executors hereafter named appointed Secondly I will  
that all my Lawful debts and General Expenses be paid  
out of my Estate by my Executors and Thirdly I will  
and Bequeath that after all my lawful debts are paid  
that all of the Rest of my property of Estate both Real  
and personal shall go To my Beloved Wife Ruth at her  
Sole disposal as her property To have and to hold for ever  
and I further nominate and appoint my Wife Ruth Ezra Nelson and  
Samy W. Reed my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament and I  
do hereby Declare and Set aside all former Wills making this and this  
Only my Last Will and Testament in Witness Whereof I do hereunto set  
my name and affix my seal This the sixteenth day of November in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one (1851)

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and I further nominate and appoint my wife Ruth Ezra Nelson and  
Samuel McKee my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament and I  
do hereby Decern and set aside all former Wills making this and this  
only my Last Will and Testament in Retrip Whereof I do hereunto set  
my name and affix my seal this the sixteenth day of November in the  
year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fifty one (1851)  
Said signed published & acknowledged in the presence of

J. H. Holland

H. H. Reed Jurat

Saml Engle Seal

The above Will Recorded 31 July 1857 in this  
Book

I Saml Engle of the county of G & State of above named  
being Sound and mind do this day further will that there  
be furnished for my self and Beloved wife Ruth appropriate  
tombstones to be placed at our Graves and that the Expenses <sup>of said graves</sup> be  
be paid out of my Estate in Retrip Whereof I do hereby set my  
name and affix my seal this the Twentieth day of Oct one thousand  
Eight hundred and fifty six 1856 Said signed and ack'd  
in presence of  
Mary Ann McKee  
A. P. Know Jurat

Sam Engle Seal