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Crowders Creek - Gaston County - North Carolina.

September 12th 1862 I William M Ferguson do by this my last will and Testament give and bequeath and do dispose of all of my property real and personal as follows -

1st I give unto the Congregation of New Pisgah Church the one tenth of the nett proceeds of my entire estate to be placed in the hands of a committee appointed by said Congregation to be loaned or otherwise permanently invested the interest or increase of said fund to be used annually for the payment of Pastors Services or for the support of a common or publick school to be kept at said Church as the Congregation may from time to time decide to use or apply the said increase

2nd I hereby give to Aunt Elisabeth Wright the annual interest of one thousand dollars during her life the principle to be held by my executors for this County and loaned and the interest to be paid to her annually the principle of said fund to go in equal proportions at her death to my brothers and Sisters or the heirs of their bodies in case of their death - The one tenth as before specified to the Congregation of New Pisgah Church.

3rd I give to Robert Bell my Book case and to Mrs Ann Bell my Marble top Beavers

4th I give to Solomon & Loy my six mules

5th I hereby give all the remainder of my property to my Brothers and Sisters or the heirs of their bodies in case of their death I

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5th I hereby give all the remainder of my property to my Brothers and Sisters or to the heirs of their bodies in case of their death I consider Amanda M. Arthur as my sister and hereby give to her an equal portion of my estate

6th I hereby appoint Ezra B. Wilson John R. Falls and Mrs. Wilson as my executors for Gaston County and for the disposal of my property east of the Mississippi River or in any portion or in any portion of Louisiana or Ark where it may not be convenient or possible for my executors for Ark to take charge or dispose of any of my property so found

7th I hereby appoint Thomas D. Ferguson and James D. Ferguson of Pope County Ark as my executors for Pope and Yell County Ark or any other portions of the west where they may be able to find any property belonging to me

8th I hereby empower any and all the above named executors to sell publicly or privately any personal property found belonging to me except in Gaston County Ark and in Pope and Yell Co Ark in these Counties I direct that sales be made publicly

9th I give to my executors ten per cent of all property sold and money's collected This given under my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Wm. M. Ferguson.