

In the name of God Amen I Mariah C. Alexander
 being sick of body but of sound and disposing
 memory and understanding considering the certainty
 of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof to the end
 that I may be better prepared to leave this world when it
 shall please my God to call me hence have now
 determined to direct what disposition shall be made of
 my property, both real and personal, after my decease
 and after maturely considering the circumstances and condi-
 tion of all those among whom as my heirs and law
 is the object of my gratitude or affection in my judgment
 in my judgment my estate shall be distributed
 I do make publish and declare this to be my last will and
 testament, hereby revoking any will that I may have
 here before made, and my will is first that after my
 decease, my body shall be decently buried, without
 oblation or unnecessary expenses, and that of my funeral
 charges and all my just debts shall be paid by my
 executor herein after named, and as to the remainder
 of my estate and property, with which God has
 blessed me and shall not be required for the payment
 of my debts, and funeral charges and expenses in and about
 the execution of this my will, and the administration
 of my estate I give and dispose thereof to my daughter
 Susan C. Alexander and Mariah Alexander the same place or tract
 of land supposed to contain about three hundred acres
 and one tract adjoining the place before William Featherstone
 now here known as the Mill place containing about
 thirty acres, also one tract adjoining Joseph Holbert
 and A Shipman, containing about seventy five
 acres, to have and to hold to possess and enjoy during
 their natural life and then to their children forever
 Item I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Mary
Harriet C. Clyde one tract of land adjoining lands of
 T. J. Vermil and the heirs of P. Calbreath containing
 about one hundred and twenty five acres to have and
 to hold to possess and enjoy then in the heirs of
 her body forever saving and reserving the life estate of
 H. C. Clyde, which I will and bequeath to her during
 her natural life and my will and desire is that the
 residue of my estate consisting of debt or claims
 of my kind be collected and if there should be any
 surplus over and above the payment of my debts, expenses

and legacies, that such surplus shall be equally divided
and paid over to my three daughters in equal proportions
share and share alike to them, and each of them their executors
administrators and assigns respectively forever
And when my two daughters Susan B Alexander and Cora J
Alexander are minors, the said Susan B Alexander is of the age of
about seven or ten years and Cora J Alexander is of the age of about
fourteen, now therefore my will and desire is that Joseph B
Cyre is hereby constituted and appointed Guardian of the said
two children to have and to hold the custody and Guardianship
both of their respective persons and estates, until the said S B
Alexander and Cora J Alexander shall arrive at the full age of
twenty one years.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty
friend Isaac Stradby my lawful executor to all intents
and purposes hereof this my last will and testament
according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and
every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring
utterly void all other wills and testaments by me
heretofore made.

In witness whereof the said Mariah C Alexander do hereunto
set my hand and seal this 20th day of May A D 1870
M. C. Alexander

Signed sealed published and
declared by the said Mariah C
Alexander to be her last will and
testament in the presence of us who
at her request and in our presence
do subscribe our names as witnesses
thereof
J. B. Johnson
J. P. Johnson

State of North Carolina
Anderson County In the Probate Court
A paper writing purporting to
be the last will and testament of Mariah C Alexander deceased
is if exhibited before me the undersigned judge of Probate
in and for said County by Isaac Stradby the executor therein
named, and the due execution thereof by the said
Mariah C Alexander by the oath and affirmation of
J. B. Johnson and J. P. Johnson the subscribing witnesses
thereof, who being duly sworn doth swear and say

and each for himself deposed and said that
 he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing
 now shown him purporting to be the said will
 and testament of Mariah C. Alexander. That the said
 Mariah C. Alexander, in the presence of the deponent
 subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing
 which is now shown as aforesaid, and which
 was done on the 20th day of May A.D. 1870
 And the deponent further said that the said Mariah
 C. Alexander the testatrix aforesaid did at the time of
 subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said
 paper writing so subscribed by her and of public fame
 the said will and testament, and the deponent did
 thereupon subscribe his name at the end of the said
 will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request
 and in the presence of the testatrix, and the deponent
 further said that at the said time when the testatrix
 subscribed her name to the said will as aforesaid
 and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his
 name as an attesting witness thereunto as aforesaid
 the said Mariah C. Alexander was of sound mind and
 memory of full age to execute a will and was not
 under any restraint or knowledge, information or
 belief of this deponent, and further these deponents
 say not

S. B. Johnson
 J. P. Johnson pr
 S. B. Johnson
 C. M. Pace
 Probate Judge

Whereupon it is considered by the Court that
 the said will and testament of Mariah C.
 Alexander be recorded and filed according
 to law
 The said Emily Bradley was duly sworn
 as a country and letters Testamentary issued
 C. M. Pace
 Judge of Probate