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In the name of God, Amen
I Mevinon Featherston of the
State of North Carolina and
County of Henderson being of
sound and certain mind and
memory (blessed be God) do this
fifteenth day of March in the year
of our Lord One thousand Eight
hundred and forty four, make
and publish this my last
will and Testament in manner
following: that is to say:-
First I give and bequeath to my
wife Milly Featherston One hundred
acres of Land, including the
house orchard and grist mill
with all the household and Kitchen
furniture during her natural life
I also give unto my wife Milly
Featherston two negro women viz
Cassina Mary and their Children
to wait on her during her natural
life & at her death the above named
negroes ^{with} their Children I allow to be
equally divided between my sons Wm
Featherston and Seaborn Featherston
and my two Daughters Mariah Featherston
and Ann Hawkins, I give my
son Jesse a negro boy named
Sam. I also allow my son Seaborn
to have the notes that he gave Jesse
for the land that the boy Alfred
was sold to pay, I allow my son
Seaborn to keep the land he
lives on, I also give to Seaborn
a tract of Land adjoining Edward
Shipmon & Jas McMillin. I give to
my son Ambrose all my horses
Cattle, hogs, Sheep Corn oats Hay &c
with all the farming utensils of
every description As far as the

plantation I now live on and
all the other property not
named in this will, I allow
it all to stand as heretofore
disposed of. And I hereby
make and ordain my two
sons William and Ambrose
Featherston Executors of this my
last will and Testament.

In witness Whereof I the
said Merimon Featherston
to this my last will and
Testament set my hand &
Seal the day & year above
written - Signed & Sealed in
presence of

Bay D Gullett
Jas H Ballard Jr

M Featherston *Seal*

Henderson County } Superior Court
North Carolina } Before the Clerk

A paper writing purporting to be
the last will and Testament of
Merimon Featherston deceased
is exhibited before me the
undersigned Clerk of the
Superior Court of said
County, by S. T. Featherston, one
of the devisees mentioned
in said will, after due
notice to the Executor William
Featherston (who is the only
surviving Executor of said
will) that said will would
be offered for probate & -
And it is thereupon proved

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by the oath and examination
of Jas H Ballou a subscribing
witness thereto, who being
duly sworn deposes and
says: That he is a subscribing
witness to the paper writing
now shown him purporting
to be the last will and
testament of M Featherston.
That the said Featherston
in the presence of this
deponent subscribed his
name at the end of said
paper writing - which is now
shown as aforesaid, and which
bears date of the 15th day
of March 1884⁴⁴ -

And the deponent further
says: That the said M. Featherston
the testator aforesaid did at
the time of subscribing his
name as aforesaid declare
the paper writing so subscribed
by him & exhibited to be his
last will and testament
and this deponent did
thereupon subscribe his
name at the end of said
will as an attesting
witness thereto, and at the
request and in the presence
of the said testator

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And at the same time Benj.
Guellick, who is now dead
witnessed the execution of
said will - And this deponent
further says; that at the said
time when the said testator
subscribed his name to the
said last will as aforesaid
and at the time of the
deponent subscribing his
name as an attesting witness
thereto as aforesaid, the said
M. Featherston was of sound
mind and memory; of
full age to execute a
will and was not under
any restraint to the knowledge
or information or belief of
deponent. And it is further
proved by the oath and
affirmation of B. Guellick
that the said Guellick is
a son of Benj. Guellick one
of the subscribing witnesses
to the aforesaid will; that
the said Benj. Guellick
is dead; that the deponent
has often seen the said
Benj. Guellick write his
name and is well ac-
quainted with his handwriting

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and that his signature
as an attesting witness
to said will, is in his own
proper and genuine
handwriting - And it is
further proven by the oath
and examination of S. T.
Featherston that he is
well acquainted with the
hand writing of M.
Featherston (now dead)
the maker of said
will having often seen
him write & his signature
to the paper writing purporting
to be his last will & Testament
now exhibited to him the
said S. T. Featherston
and which bears date of
the 16th day of March 1884
is in his own proper handwriting

It is then upon consideration
that the said paper writing
and every part thereof is the
last will & Testament of the
said M. Featherston & the same as
such is duly proven, probated & recorded
July 18th 1884.

E. M. Pace
Clerk Superior Court
Minneapolis Co.