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In the name of God Amen I Nathan
Lawson of the ^{State} of North Carolina Iredell County being of Sound
mind & memory (Blessed be God) but weak & low in heal-
th and calling to mind that it is appointed unto all men
once to ^{die} ~~do~~ make the disposing of such part of this world's goods
as which it hath pleased God to give me, this fifth day of
March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eleven
make I ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & to the
following that is to say.

1st I will that all my ~~last~~ debts & personal charges be paid
out of Estate, & to provide sufficient funds for the same I hereby
authorize & require of my executor as soon as may be after my decease
they cause to be sold my negro Woman Minna I her youngest
child my waggan & two horses & my Steel Horse at the expira-
tion of ~~my~~ ~~expirations~~ the Season & such other part of my estate
either real or personal (negatives excepted) as to them may appear most
advantageously disposed from the use of my family or otherwise most
proper to be sold.

2nd I give & bequeath unto my beloved Wife Nancy on token of Love
which I have & bear to her my negro Girl Mabel & her child of one
bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

3rd I will that all my estate real & personal not herein before
bequeathed should be conveyed & is hereby conveyed unto my said
Wife Nancy during her widowhood or life time or the minority
of my eldest Son.

4th I will that at the time of my Wifes marriage or death
if either should happen before my eldest Son comes of

At the age of age, or at the time of his so coming of the age of
Twentyone years all my estate not herein before divided (with
the exception of my negroes & their increase) be sold & that the
whole be thus divided: the negroes into five lots if there be
many or more & if not into as many lots as there are neg-
roes & that each lot be appraised by three good lawful free holden
& by them designated which lot shall belong to which of the
Legatees hereafter named my will then is that the remainders
of my estate be so added to each of the 5 Lots as to make the parts
all equal & of alike value & that one of each of said lots do belong
to each of the following persons & their heirs forever, that is to say
to my beloved wife Nancy one to my son William Sedney one
to my son Henry Shelton one to my son Stekeloy Jefferson one
to my son Charles Wesley one.

3rd I Will that all my sons have a good English Education
that so much of my estate as may be needed for that purpose be
subject to the disposal of my executor & that at the age of
Seventeen years they should severally be put to learn such trades
as they then choose.

4th I do hereby reserve half an acre of Ground including the
Grave of Samuel Asling to my own use which I wish to be reserved
to be reserved in any Sale or transfer of my lands hereby Selling
all the rest for such as choose to bury there Dead there.

5th And in token of the Sense I have of the attention & benevolence
of my friend Samuel Blankenship I will that my Executors be
given a full discharge for any accounts that may be given against
him in my life or in death & that he be entitled to one hundred

8th I Last. And I do hereby appoint & nominate my beloved
Wife Nancy Executrix & my trusty friends William W. Messers
& Richard Ford Executors of this my last will & testament
hereby annulling revoking & disavowing all other wills & testaments
Signed Sealed acknowledged & Declared to be the last
Will & Testament of the testator Anthony Larson during the
Life time of Said Testator in the presence of us the Subscri-
bers who were present at the time of Signing & Sealing
thereof.

Samuel Blankenship ^{Read} Rural

James Campbell

John Kloverson

Anthony Larson

John

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