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I Thomas Samson of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & memory Calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die do by these presents make this & this only my last will & Testament. First I recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in decent form at the discretion of my executor hereafter appointed.

I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah all my property Except such part as must be sold to pay my lawful ^{debts} & funeral expenses. Such property as may be sold, to be selected by my wife & family to pay the debts, the remainder to be in possession of my wife Sarah, during her life or widowhood & then to be sold & equally divided between my Children

I hereby appoint  son Aaron Samson my Executor to this my last Will & Testament Shaled signed & published this 16th day of May in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred & thirty Signed Shaled & acknowledged Thomas Samson (L.S.) in the presence of

Isaac Holland & Son

Ex. Exors.