I Mark May being of advanced age but of sound mind deem it right to provide a disposition of the little property with which a kind providence has blessed me.

I therefore do make this my last Will and Testament this 18th day of February A.D. 1881.

At my decease I will that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner suited to my circumstances in life and that all my just debts be paid

I will to my beloved wife Cecilia May my home unit all my unpraised lands to have and control unit I see decease to any timber that may be needed on the farm during her natural life or so long as she remains my widow at her death or marriage then to go to Son Samuel J May. I will to my son Samuel J May all the tract of land whereon I now live with the above incumbrance on it.

I will to my wife Cecilia May one horse, three head of cattle, six head of hogs, six head of sheep all by herself to be selected out of all my stock also one family bible One bee hive, all the provisions on hand also such household furniture as she may need for house keeping purposes

I will the rest of my personal property to be equally divided between my three daughters Sarah M Baily, Lidia M. Barnes and Lucinda C Dunsby

I appoint my son M. P. May my executor to execute this will

Mark May

State of North Carolina
Macon County

Personally appeared before me this day M P May and of fair a paper writing to probate purporting

I will to my beloved wife Cecilia May my home
with all my improved lands to have and control
with free access to any timber that may be needed
on the same during her natural life or so long as
she remains my Widow at her death or marriage
then to go to Son Samuel J May. I will to my son
Samuel J May all the tract of land wherein I
now live with the above incumbrance on it.

I will to my wife Cecilia May one horse, three
head of cattle, six head of hogs, six head of sheep all
by herself to be selected out of all my Stock also
one family bible One bee hive, all the provisions on hand
also such household furniture as she may need for
house keeping purposes

I will the rest of my personally property to be
equally divided between my three daughters Sarah
M Baily, Lidia M Barnes and Lucinda C Dunlap

I appoint my son M P May my executor to
execute this will

Mark May

State of North Carolina }
Macon County }

Personally appeared before me this day M P May
and offering a paper writing to probate purporting
to be the last will and testament of Mark May Dec'd
Dated Feby 18th A.D. 1881. the same having no subscrib-
ing witnesses the following proof is offered
to wit:

Cecilia May appeared before me this day and
being duly sworn deposes and says that her husband
Mark May whose genuine signature appears to the paper
writing presented to the court — filed with her for
safe keeping the said paper writing and acknowledg-

at the same time the said writing to be his last Will and Testament that she is well acquainted with his handwriting that the same and every part thereof she believes to be his own Dec 17th 1885

attest Sam'l Rogers C.S.C. Cecilia her x mark May

Also J M Dalrimple appeared in court and after being duly sworn deposes and says that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of Mark May Dec'd that the paper writing presented to the court has signed to the same the name of Mark May that the same and every part thereof is in the genuine handwriting of said Mark May

Dec 17th A.D. 1885 J M Dalrimple

attest Sam'l Rogers C.S.C.

Also James Gillespie being duly sworn says he is well acquainted with the handwriting of Mark May that the paper writing purporting to be his last Will and Testament contains his genuine signature, that he believes every part of said paper writing to be in the own proper hand of said Mark May Dec 17th A.D. 1885

attest Sam'l Rogers C.S.C. James Gillespie

State of North Carolina }
Macon County }

After the hearing of the ~~proof~~ presentation of the paper writing it is adjudged and hereby declared that the said paper writing contains the will of the late Mark May and the same is hereby admitted to probate as such

This Dec 17th A.D. 1885

Sam'l Rogers

C.S.C.