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In the name of God amen I Allen Moore of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being sick and weak 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 the better prepared to leave this world, where it shall please my God to call me hence have now determined to declare what disposition shall be made of my property, after my decease and after maturely considering the circumstances and condition of all those among whom as my heirs at Law, as the subjects of my gratitude and affection in my Dispositions, my Estate should be distributed, I do make publick and declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void and annulling all former last wills and Testaments and writings in the nature of last wills and Testaments by me heretofore made And my will is first that after my decease my body shall be buried without ostentation or unnecessary expence and that my funeral charges and last debts shall be paid by my executors, kinship, friends and as to the residue of my Estate and property with which God has blessed me, and shall be required for the payment of my debts, funeral charges and the expenses in and about the execution of this my will, and the administration of my Estate, I give 1. I leave unto my beloved wife Nelly Moore the house and lot upon which I now live to hold as long as she shall continue unmarried and at her marriage or death it is my will that they shall go to my sister Margaret Selley's son Samuel to hold to him and his heirs forever.

Item 2- I leave unto my wife Nelly Moore the house and lot upon which Redding Whitaker formerly lived, and upon which Jacob Whitaker his wife now resides to hold as long as she shall continue unmarried and after her death or marriage I desire that they shall go to my sister Margaret Selley's son Samuel to hold to him and his heirs forever.

Item third I give unto my beloved wife Nelly Moore all my house hold & kitchen furniture and also all my chain in possession and chain in action that is Bonds notes accounts to be had to her and her heirs forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Trusty friends Amos L. Williams and John L. Lamb to be my lawful executors, to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and any power and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I the said Allen Moore do hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of March. A.D. 1858
Signed, sealed, published and declared by The said Allen Moore

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more to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Amos L. Williams (Seal)
J. M. Smith (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Sessions for the
Martin County } April Term 1858 The annexed paper
purporting to be the last will and Testament of Allen Moore
deceased being offered for probate in open court, by the Executors
whereupon Amos L. Williams and John M. Smith the subscribers
whereof thereto appeared and proved the execution thereof by the
said Testator in due form of Law And that the same with the
probate thereon be recorded. The Executors John L. Lamb appeared
in open Court and declared according to Law. J. C. Williams
the other executor therein named, having renounced in open Court
his right to execute
L. Johnson Clerk

I Henry Brown of the County of Martin State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence as well as and declare this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following. That is to say
First that my Executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my last debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may just come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.
Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Betty Brown all the property which I now own during her natural life which at her death is to be divided equally between my surviving children
Item I give and devise to my beloved son Samuel one bed, to Betty Anne one bed, to Ann one bed, Mary Temperance also one bed. I do hereby constitute and appoint my Trusty friend Henry Brown my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and any part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I the said Henry Brown do hereunto set my hand & seal this November 21. 1849. A.D.
Signed sealed, published and declared by the said Henry Brown to be his last will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.
H. L. Williams.
J. C. Williams.