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In the name of God Amen! I Thomas Fice of the State of North Carolina and county of Martin being of sound perfect mind and memory. blessed be God. do this day make this my last will and testament in way and manner following that is to say first I bequeath my soul to God the give it which I shall receive at the general resurrection and as touching such worldly things as it has been pleased God to bless me with I dispose of the same in the way and manner following that is to say first I give to my son Alfred F. Fice my house and plantation whereon I now live and rail timber on my adjoining lands to keep up said plantation also it is my will and desire that all the balance of my lands should be equally divided between my son John B. Fice, Mrs. Fice Catharine Fice and Jason Fice also I give to each of my children except John B. Fice one bedstead and furnitures also I give to each of my children one cow and calf also I give to my son Alfred F. Fice geese and lambs also I give to all the balance of my children one cow and lamb a pair also I give to each of my children two stacks of bees also I give to my son Alfred F. one year sow and pigs also I give to my son Alfred F. one table, one chest of drawers, one paraffier and also one pair flat iron, also one ax, one grubbing bar and one axding hoe also one can of knives and forks also it is my will and desire that all the balance of my property should be equally divided between all my children. Also I appoint and ordain my son Jason Fice Executor to this my last will and testament as witness I set my hand and seal this the 13th day of June in the year of our Lord 1853.

Thomas Fice Seal

Witness
Jason Fice son
Edmund Manning

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Now was the foregoing paper reading purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Fice exhibited in open court and the due execution thereof as the last will and testament of the said Thomas Fice proved by Jason Fice and Edmund Manning the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Jason Fice for Executor therein named appeared in open court and qualified as executor according to law.

J. Johnson. Clk

I Simon B. Barnett of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say first that my executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, houseworn and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands, as a part or parcel of my estate. I then I lend unto my beloved wife Jane one negro woman by the name of Charlotte during her life and then to my children. I further give unto my beloved wife all of my household and kitchen furnitures of every description I also give unto my beloved wife all my beds and furnitures all of my poultry two sows and pigs, two cows and calves one horse of her choice fifteen hundred pounds of pork fifty Bushels of corn and two hundred dollars in money from stacks of fodder of her choice to have and to hold forever also one pair of cart wheels of her choice and cart.

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we saw one grubbing bar, two seedling bars, all the wheat on hand, all the wool on hand, all the potatoes, all of which she is to have and to hold forever, also four plows of her choice and four gear to have and to hold forever. I lend unto my beloved wife one half of my land to be set out by miles and bounds so as to include my dwelling house, all out houses, and other improvements to have and to hold during her life and after her death to my children. I leave my will and desire is that all the residue of my estate together with the half of my land not otherwise disposed of after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the money arising from such sale together with the money now due me to be equally divided between my children. I leave it to my wish that the Guardian of my children should pay particular attention to the education of my children as it is my desire that they should have a good education and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly friend Benjamin F. Mayo 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 every part and clause thereof hereby making and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in writing whensoever I the said Simon B. Burnett do hereunto set my hand and seal

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This the 8th day of August A.D. 1854

Agreed sealed published
and declared by the said
Simon B. Burnett to be
his last will and testament
in the presence of us who
at his request and in his
presence do subscribe our
name a witness thereto

(Witness)

Wm D. Burnett

J. J. Burnett

Simon B. Burnett
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There was the foregoing paper reading purporting to be the last will and testament of Simon B. Burnett exhibited in open court and the due execution thereof according to law proved by the oath of J. J. Burnett one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon Benjamin C. Mayo the executor therein named was qualified according to law

J. Johnson Clk