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State of North Carolina
 Nash County

I Francis Rackley of Nash County 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 herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suit able to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts hereunto and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item, I give and devise to my beloved wife my home tract of land including my mansion house all out houses and other improvements, thought to contain about two hundred (200) acres to have and to hold to her the said Ann Eliza Rackley for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate.

Item: I give and devise to my eldest son John Galleney Rackley, one hundred acres of land adjoining the lands of W.B. Batchelor on the Road from C.H. Lockville to Elum Grove Church to have & to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item, I give and devise to my son Wm. Ward Rackley, seventy five (75) acres of land the tract wherein he now lives bounded by the Mill Branch & Rufus Smiths lands to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item, I give and devise to my son Davis Lawrence Rackley seventy five (75) acres of land the tract wherein he now lives adjoining the lands of W.B. Batchelor and a piece I give Bettie Evans to have and to hold

to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item: I give and devise to my son Elisha Robert Rackley one hundred (100) acres of land adjoining the home tract. the first above given to my beloved wife, and also adjoin the tracts given Mr Ward and Davis Larner and the old tract, to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and devise to my youngest son Jesse B Rackley my home tract of land including my Madison house and all out houses and other improvements &c. which I have before given my beloved wife during her natural life: this estate to commence in the home at the death of my beloved wife he to remain on said land during the estate of my wife to have and to hold to her and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Eliza Rackley all my horse hold and kit then furnished all my stock of hogs all my stock of sheep: one cow and calf: all the domestic fowl and poultry on cart & one buggy and harness to both: Twenty five barrels of corn twenty five (25) bushels of wheat all the fodder that is made and all the potatoes that are made.

Item: I give and bequeath to my two sons Jesse B. Rackley and Elisha R. Rackley two horses known as Thiers and claimed by them.

Item: I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Evans the advancements already made and the further sum of five dollars in money to be paid by my Executor.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Francis Barnes the advancements already made and the further sum of five dollars in money to be paid by my Executor.

Item: My will and choice is that all the

monies of my estate both of land & personal property after paying out the debts and legal in some mentioned. shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and of the surplus he my surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my three daughters: Susan Francis Frymer, Mary C. Frymer and Margaret C. Rackley in equal portions them and share alike to them and each and every of them their Executors administrators and assigns absolutely for ever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend W. J. Griffin 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 moving and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Francis Rackley do hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of August A.D. 1883.

Signed sealed & published & declared by the said Francis Rackley in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
E. S. Fisher
W. J. Griffin

Francis Rackley

State of North Carolina,
Wash. County, ss. the probate court.

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Francis Rackley, deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of probate for said County by Th. J. Griffin the executor therein mentioned who has filed this day filed his nomination and taken execution thereof by the said Francis Rackley.