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I, John Gray, of the County of Nash, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament, in manner and form, as follows. I give to my wife Amanda Gray, to my Sister Martha Gray and to my niece Martha Ann Gray, during their natural lives, all of my landed estate, lying and being in the Counties of Nash and Edgecombe to them, to have an equal interest, and in the event of the death of any one of them, the land is to be held in common, for the benefit of the other two, and in the event of the death of my Sister Martha and my niece Martha Ann, before mentioned, then my land shall be to my wife and my heirs and at the death of my wife my Sister Martha and my niece Martha Ann, then my land to go to my heirs. I give my household and kitchen furniture to my wife. I wish all of my other personal property of every description sold, and after all of my just debts are paid I give all the money that I may be possessed of at the time of my death and also arising from the sale of my personal property, before mentioned, to my wife. I hereby appoint my friend Thomas M. Arrington as my executor to this my last will and Testament, and I desire him to carry out the provisions hereinbefore named as near as possible. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three

Signed in the presence of John Gray (Seal)
A. L. Deane
B. F. Proctor

State of North Carolina } In the probate Court
Nash County }
A paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Gray deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of probate for said County by Thomas M. Arrington the executor therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John Gray by the oath and examination

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of A. L. Deane B. F. Proctor the Subscribing Witnesses thereof who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and saith that he is a Subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Gray John Gray in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 15th day of August 1883.

And the deponent further saith that the said John Gray the Testator aforesaid did at the time of Subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and Testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said Testator And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said Testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said John Gray was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any mistake or to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

A. L. Deane (Seal)
B. F. Proctor (Seal)

Reverally Sworn and Subscribed
this 1st day of Oct 1883 before me
Jm. D. Morgan
Probate Judge