In the name of God, Amen

I Armand John DeRosset, of the town of Wilmington, in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous whilst I have strength and capacity to settle and arrange my worldly affairs, do make, publish and declare the following as and for my last Will and Testament- That is to say-

I give and devise to my son Armand John the lot of land with all and singular the improvements thereon, situate on the East side of Third Street, between Market Street and Princess Street in the Town of Wilmington aforesaid, being the same which formerly belonged to James N. Walker and wife, and which was conveyed to me by Gabriel Holmes as Sheriff of the County of New Hanover.

I give and devise to my said Son Armand John, the parcel of land situate on the Sound at Wrightsville and known as Castle Rudy, being the same which was conveyed to me by William Watts Jones.

I give and bequeath to my said Son Armand John the gold watch now usually worn by me, being the same which formerly belonged to, and was used by my lamented son Thomas Owen; my Silver seal on which the family arms are engraved; my portable mahogany writing desk, and all my Professional books, instruments of Surgery and shop furniture with such of my medicines as he may wish for use in his family or otherwise.

It is my will and I so direct, that until all of my debts shall have been paid, and my estate or the residue thereof shall be divided as is hereinafter provided, such portion of the rents profits and income of the residue of my estate whether real, personal or mixed as may be necessary for the comfortable support and general maintenance of my daughters be appropriated to their use for those purposes, and that the balance or residue of such rents profits and income, together with such debts as may be due me be applied to the payment and satisfaction of all my just debts, which I wish paid and discharged as soon after my decease as can be effected, without interfering with the provision herein made for my daughters.

It is my Will and I hereby direct, that within a reasonable time after my debts shall have been paid as herein before provided the Executors of this my last Will or such of them as may qualify to execute the same, shall from the rents profits and income of my estate not herein before specifically devised or bequeathed, purchase a female slave between the ages of fourteen and twenty years, and convey such slave so to be purchased, to Catharine M. Kennedy daughter of the late Rev. William M. Kennedy.

I give, devise and bequeath one fourth part of the rest, residue

and remainder of my estate whether real, personal or mixed, and wh
soever the same may be, unto my son Armand John D'Rosat.

I give devise and bequeath, all the rest, residue and re-
mainder of my estate of every nature, kind, and description
being the three fourth parts of my estate, remaining after the
devise and bequest to my son Armand John in the last precee
ing clause has been allotted, set apart and appropriated to him
unto the Executors of this my last Will and Testament to be
hereinafter named, or to such of them as may qualify to
execute the same, and to the survivors and survivor of them
and the Executors of such survivor, to be held by them upon the
trusts and to and for the uses, intents and purposes following
that is to say — the one third part of said residue of my es
tate to be held for the sole, seperate and exclusive use and
benefit of my daughter Catharine G. Kennedy during her life
the one third part thereof for the sole seperate and exclusive
use of my daughter Elizabeth Ann D'Rosat, during her life;
and the remaining third part thereof for the sole, seperate and
exclusive use of my daughter Mary Jane Curtis during her
life; which said seperal parts of said residue of my estate are
not in any way whatever to be under the control or liable for
the debts, contracts or incumbrances of any husband with whom
any one of my said daughters may have intermarried, or with
whom any one of them may hereafter intermarry: and upon the
death of any one of my said daughters leaving a child or chil
dren surviving her, then and in that event, that the one
third part of my estate held as aforesaid for the use and ben
efit of my daughter so dying, shall be conveyed in fee simp
to the child or children of such daughter, but should any one
or more of my said daughters die without leaving a child sur-
viving her, then and in that event the one third part of my estate
held as aforesaid for the use and benefit of such daughter so dying
shall be held for the use and benefit of such person and persons as
may then be my heirs at Law and distributees, in such shares and
proportions as though I had died intestate; provided however that
the shares or portions thereof held for the use and benefit of such
of my daughters as may then be living, shall be held upon the same
trusts, and subject to the same uses and limitations as are herein
before expressed and declared in reference to the residue and remain
der of my estate in the first part of this clause of my Will de-
vised and bequeathed to my Executors.

It is however my will and I so direct, that any one of my
daughters aforesaid who may die without leaving a child surviving
her may by her last Will devise and bequeath the whole or any
part or portion of the property or estate held as aforesaid, for her use
and benefit unto such of my children, or their descendants, and
in such shares, proportions or otherwise, as she may think proper
or fit.

Hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my Son Armand John D'Rosset, my nephew John D. Toomer and my friend John Worster, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony of all I the said Armand John D'Rosset, have hereunto subscribed my name this the thirteenth day of February, A.D. 1852. and in the eighty fifth year of my age

A. J. D'Rosset.

Signed, published and declared by the said Armand J. D'Rosset to and for his last Will and Testament, in our presence who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

Henry R. Savage
Wm A Wright

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter
County of New Hanover } Sessions — June Term. 1859.

The within paper writing was exhibited in open Court and propounded for probate as the last Will and Testament of Armand J. D'Rosset by his Son Armand J. D'Rosset one of the Executors named therein: whereupon Henry R. Savage and William A. Wright the subscribing to said paper writing being duly sworn proved the due execution of the same by the testator Armand J. D'Rosset, Senr. as and for his last Will and Testament; and it is thereupon considered by the Court that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said Armand J. D'Rosset, Senr. and that the same be admitted to probate as such and filed and recorded as required by law. Whereupon Armand J. D'Rosset, Junr. Son of said testator duly qualified as one of the executors of said last Will and Testament and it is ordered that letters testamentary issue to him as such.

Test.

Saml. R. Buntin, Clk.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Rachel [illegible] James, being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty thereof. To the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world, when it may please my God to call me hence have now determined to direct 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, or the objects of my gratitude or affection, in my judgment how my Estate should be distributed. I do make, publish and declare this to be my