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New Hanover County } This paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Matthew Mounce is exhibited in open Court and offered for probate and is duly proven by the oath of P R Stringfield one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such sufficient to convey the bequests therein made at the same time James Kerr the Executor therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified according to law.

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I Nathan Green of the town of Wilmington state of North Carolina being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form following

First I demise that my Executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts however due out of such money as may first come into his hands as part & parcel of my estate

Secondly I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Mary all my real and personal estate and all my property of every and description whatsoever and wheresoever situate to her her heirs & executors administrators & assigns forever

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Joshua Wright my Executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I the said Nathan Green have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 22^d day of June A.D. 1855

Nathan Green (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Nathan Green to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto

Daniel Ferguson

W C Ferguson

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 the last Will & Testament of Nathan Green is Exhibited in Open
 Court & offered for probate and is duly proven by the oath of
 Paul Ingers one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such
 considered by the Court to be and contain the last will &
 Testament of said Nathan and sufficient to convey the property
 therein bequeathed & ordered to be recorded & filed at the same
 time L G Wright the Executor therein named appeared in
 Open Court & was duly qualified according to law

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I Melvain Herring of the County of New Hanover and
 State of North Carolina Being of Sound Mind & Memory
 but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do
 make and do publish this my last will & Testament in manner
 and form following that is to say that is to say that my
 Executors hereinafter 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
 however and to whom soever owing out of the moneys that
 may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my
 estate Item I give and devise to my daughter Margaret
 Montague all of my land and all of my Negroes and all
 of my stock of Cattle & hogs & sheep & horses except one Cow
 and Calf all of my house hold & kitchen furniture except one
 Bed & furniture or the remainder after paying my Just
 debts also my Paroach & wagon & Saddle Item 2. I give to
 my Cousin Susan Herring one Cow & Calf as good as in my
 stock & one good bed & furniture to have & to hold to her the
 said Margaret Montague land & Negroes stock & furniture
 for and during the term of her natural and at her death
 it is my will that my Land and Negroes be equally divided
 between my daughter Margaret Montagues children it is
 my will that my executors have full power to prevent any
 person from carrying any of my Negroes out of the State
 of North Carolina and it my wish that they prevent it
 And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my trusty friends
 James Harrison and Samuel S. Herring my lawful Executors
 to intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament
 according to the true intent and meaning of the same