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I William E Norwood of the County of Union 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,

1st That my executor (herein after 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 howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan the whole of my lands including my interest in the mill tract, the home tract and the same Wilson tract or Wilson Store tract, but I except the land that I now own in Lincoln County N. C. to have and to hold until the youngest child is of age. Then to be divided among my bodily heirs equally except that my wife shall still hold her one third if living but if dead, then the one third to be divided with the rest of the lands and she must keep my estate in common and with the consent and concurrence of my executor or of Guardians if my children which may hereafter be appointed. I will and desire that my children shall be educated out of the common fund and all the expenses of the family to be paid in common.

3rd I will and bequeath to my mother the tract of land I now own in Lincoln County N. C. containing about two hundred acres

hereafter be appointed. I will and desire that my children shall be educated out of the Common Fund and all the expences of the Family to be paid in Common.

3rd I will and bequeath to my mother the tract of land I now own in Lincoln County N. C. containing about two hundred acres to have and to hold during her natural life and at her death to be sold and the proceeds of sale divided equally among my heirs.

4th I will and desire that my negroes and loose property if necessary shall be sold or so much as is necessary thereof to pay my best debts and expence of administration &c.

5th I will and desire that above all other things that my interest in the mill tract of land and in the mill shall be reserved for the use and benefit of the Family in Common, and to remain in Common until the youngest child comes of age then to be sold or divided equally amongst all my heirs.

6th I will and desire that all my children shall have equally share & share alike and as they arrive of age (or marry and settle to themselves) to have their part of my estate divided off to them.

7th I will and desire that in the event of my wife marrying she shall have her one third of my estate divided of to her if she wishes it (except the mill and mill tract) and the other two thirds to remain in Common until each, or any one of my children becomes of age then the child so marrying or becoming of

age to have its share divided off and so divided until all shall receive their shares, share and share alike to them and each and every of them. Their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forgiven And the Guardian or Guardians which may hereafter be appointed shall of these my children both of their person and property hold and manage their interests for them to the best advantage for my said children and in accordance with the general laws of North Carolina on such subjects.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend James S. Williams 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 revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said William E. Norwood do hereunto set my hand and seal This 21st day of October AD 1864.

Signed sealed published & declared by the said William E. Norwood to be his last will & testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

H. S. Wolfe
J. C. May } witnesses

William E. Norwood *(Signature)*

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions
Union County } November 4 1864

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H. S. Wolfe }
J. E. Hays } witnesses

William E. Norwood (seal)

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Then the foregoing instrument was admitted to probate in due form of law & ordered to be recorded as the last will & testament of W. E. Norwood ad.
Wide the minutes page

J. E. Hays (seal)