Last Will and Testament of G. W. Ritch

I G W Ritch in sound & good mind make and publish this my last will and Testament in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Seventy Six May the 23.

1st I will my body to the grave and my Soul to God who gave it

2 I will and bequeath to my son Edmon Ritch thirty acres of land off the lower part of my plantation where Sam Rich now lives to be laid off in as good shape as it can be.

3 I will that all my just debts to be paid & funeral expenses.

4 I will and bequeath to my wife Martha Ritch the balance of my plantation her lifetime then to be divided equally between three of my sons namely Eli C. Rich G. W. Rich A. J. Rich said Land after is divided I allow it to be valued by a committee of three men and those that gets the greater valuation to pay back to the others the sum

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5 I will James T. Rich 5 Dollars

6 I will and bequeath all my House hold and
kitchen furniture be equally divided between
my two Girls Minney Caroline and Martha
Ann.

7 I will and do hereby appoint Eli C. Rich my
lawful Executor I allow him to see to all
the affairs of the family after my death I
want all my family to have a share in the
fruit.

I hereby set my hand and fix my Seal

G. W. Rich (Seal)

Signed in the presence of those that are present
Attest John Foard
Attest John H. Howard

State of North Carolina
Union County } January 10th 1877.

In Probate Court a paper writing purporting

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to be the Last Will and Testament of G. W Nitch deceased was exhibited in open Court for Probate by E. C. Nitch the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof is proven by the oaths of John Foard and John F. Howard the two subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Probate Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of G. W. Nitch and the said paper writing is ordered to be recorded and filed and the said E. C. Nitch Executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. This 10th Jany 1877

G. W. Flaw C. J.

Last Will and Testament of John Thomas Simms

In the Name of God.

I John Thomas Simms of the County of Union and State of North Carolina