John Beasley's last will and testament

In the name of God Amen I John Beasley of the County of Macon and State of North Carolina being of Sound mind and Knowledge Knowing the uncertainty of life do therefore make publish ordain and declare This to be my last will and testament that is to say after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged

1st I will and bequeath to my beloved wife all my tract of land where I now live on at this time Except the portion that I have heretofore given off to Samuel Crook and wife Drucilla during her natural life also all my house hold and Kitchen furniture Consisting of every thing in the house of mine also my Stock of Horses & Cattle & hogs and all of the produce of Corn and wheat and meat on hand and all of the poultry on hand at my death Consisting of every thing on hand at my death to make use of at her disposal

2d I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Drucilla Crook wife of Samuel Crook Five acres of land adjoining the lands I have heretofore have given them off the tract where I now live on and all the property that I have heretofore given them

3d I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ella Pierce one fourth part of this tract of land where I now live on or at the death of my wife and myself it being a part of the South and west adjoining of the lands of Wm H Simpson and the beg survey taken the place or improvements where Hickory Crook lines Supposed to be about Twenty seven acres and one fourth of an acre.

4th I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Lucinda Silas Mary Harrison and Anna Sharp the balance of my tract of land to be

myself it being a part of the South and west adjoining of the lands of Wm H Simpson and the beg during taken the place or improvements where Peeler Brooks lives supposed to be about Twenty Seven acres and one fourth of an acre.

4th I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Lucinda Silvey Mary Harrison and Anna Sharp the balance of my tract of land to be equally divided between them the place I now live on at the death of my wife or widow

5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rezeah Kelly all of the property I have heretofore have given her and no more except the tract of land which she has only a life time right to of 88 acres adjoining the lands of Thomas A Griffin & Daniel Smith & others

6th I direct that the tract of land above mentioned to be sold the tract adjoining the lands of Thos A Griffin & D Smith & others & the proceeds arising from it to be applied to paying debts & the balance if any to be divided between my four Daughters Lucinda Silvey Mary Harrison Anna Sharp & Ala Pearce in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal this March the 14th day 1861

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John + Bearley (Seal)
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A. H. Secrest
G W Hedrick

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