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WILL OF
ROBERT SIMONTON

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Simonton of the County of Iredell and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory bleisèd be God. do for the disposing of such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to blefs me with on this 7th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four Make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. -

First - I will that all my Just debts and funeral Charges shall be paid out of my estate.

Secondly. - I will to Margaret Simonton the Widow of my deceased brother William Simonton the Use of the house wherein we now live during her Natural life and I give and bequeath unto her two negroes her choice of all the Negroes that shall belong to me at the time of my death and one third part of all the household furniture and also the sum of one thousand Dollars to be paid to her out of my estate by my Executors to be her own in fee Simple and to her heirs and Afsigns forever.

Thirdly- I have formerly given to my Niece Zelpha now the wife of the Rev. Daniel Gould and her Children by her former Husband Hugh Torrence by Deed under my hand and seal a house and lot in the Town of Statesville and certain Negroes and other property therein described, which I hereby confirm and do further will and bequeath unto the said Daniel Gould and his wife Zelpha the sum of one thousand dollars to them and their heirs forever and to each of her Children now with her Elizabeth & Margaret one thousand Dollars.

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Fifthly - I give and bequeath unto my brother James Simonton and his heirs the sum of one thousand Dollars, To my brother in law

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William Falls and his wife Mary my Sister and their heirs one thousand dollars. To my brother in Law Benjamin Bravard and his wife Jane my Sister the sum of one thousand dollars to them and their heirs. To my brother John Simonton and his heirs the sum of one thousand dollars. To my brother in Law Samuel Houston and his wife Sarah the sum of one thousand dollars to them and their heirs, to my brother Smith Simonton and his heirs the sum of one thousand dollars. To my sister Nancy Simonton & her heirs the sum of one thousand dollars. To my brother Rofs Simonton and his heirs one thousand dollars. And to the Children of my deceased Sister Margaret the wife of the Reverend M M. Culloch of Chester district South Carolina in equal Shares to them and their heirs the sum of one thousand Dollar. And to the Children of my deceased brother Theophilus Simonton in equal Shares to them and their heirs the sum of one thousand dollar. Sixthly - I will and bequeath unto Robert Simonton Worke son of my friend Robert Worke the sum of one thousand dollars. To Robert T Campbell son of my friend James Campbell the sum of five hundred dollars. To Robert Simonton M. Clelland son of my friend William Rofs M. Clelland the sum of two hundred dollars. And to Robert Simonton Laurence Son of my friend Wilson Laurence the sum of one hundred dollars. the aforesaid Several devises unto the ^{Several} ~~several~~ devises and their heirs forever.

Seventhly - And for the especial trust and purposes herein Mentioned I Authorize and require my Executors herein After Named to take into possession the Colored girl named Mary Ann the Colored girl named Harriett the two colored boys Named Ford and Aleck. My will and desire is that the said Mary Ann should live with my Sister in Law Margaret Simonton, so long as they both shall live and that she be Allowed as much Liberty as is consistent with her Situation in life and that the said Margaret shall be allowed to draw from my executors the sum of fifty Dollars per year for every year the said

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And with respect to Harriett my will and desire is that she ^{should} continue to live with my Niece Zelpha Gould as long as they both shall live in trust that the said Zelpha Gould will allow her as much liberty as is consistant with her situation in life and the said Zelpha Gould shall receive from My executors the sum of five hundred dollars she on her part coming under such obligations as shall be satisfactory to my executors for the faithful Application of the said sum of Money to the Use and benefit of the said Harriet; And in case she shall not comply with my desire in this respect my will is that my executors provide for the said Harriet otherwise and thus they Apply the sum of three hundred dollars out of my estate to the use and benefit of the said Harriet - And with respect to Ford and Aleck my Will and-desire is that my executors Apply to the General Afsembly of the State of North Carolina for their emancipation And in case the same is granted that they have them educated a good English Education, and bound to learn some suitable trade or trades. And furthermore if Any Security is required for the good behavior of such boys my executors are to provide the same & my estate or so much thereof as is Necessary for that purpose is to be held liable for the same. But in case the emancipation of such Boys cannot be obtained, then my will and desire is that the said Ford should live with my my brother James Simonton, And said Aleck with my brother Rofs Sámonton who are requested severally to allow the said Boys as much Liberty as is consistant with their situation in life to teach the honesty and Industry and to receive each from my executors the sum of five hundred dollars upon their severally executing such obligations as shall be Satisfactory to my executors for the faithful Application of such sums to the entire use and benefit of the said Ford and Aleck res-

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Eighthly - For the purpose of enabling my executors to meet the several devises herein contained it is my will and desire, that none of the devises except those contained in the clause immediately proceeding this shall be demandable under three years from the time of my death, But my executors are requested to pay them not withstanding this restriction as fast as they can After discharg-

ing my debts. And to enable them to pay my debts and to discharge the said debts. I hereby give the whole of my estate real and personal Not herein particulaly divided, with full power to dispose of the same at publick or at private Sale or partly in the one and partly in the other as to them shall Appear Most proper and expedient.

Ninthly. I give and bequeath unto the Reverend William Mofs and Reverend Thomas Browden the sum of fifty Dollars each believing them to be faithful Ministers of the Gospel. I also give one hundred Acres of Land on the west side of the South Fork for a church to be Vested by my executors in trustees for that purpose together with fifty Dollars in money for the Use of the preachers and to be Applied at the discretion of said Trustees. I will also that the wardens Executors pay to the wardens of the poor of Ire-delle County the sum of one hundred Dollars for the Use of the poor of said County : -

Tenthly - I will and devise that the whole remainder of my estate be divided equally share and share alike among the Whole of my Nephews & Nieces that shall be alive at the time of my death: Each Nephew and Niece without regard to the Number that spring from the same parent to be counted equal in the division.

Lastly - I do nominate and Appoint my trusty friends George Lee Davidson, Theophilus Falls and James Campbell of this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and disallowing all other Wills and Testaments by me at Any time Made and Ratifying and confirming this and no other as my last Will and Testament.

Signed, Sealed published and
declared by Robert Simonton
the Testator as his last Will
and Testament in the presence

R. Simonton (SEAL)

of

R.H. CANON