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I David Mace of the County of Macon, State of North Carolina, being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in the manner of form following that is to say,

First, That my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the first money coming into his hands as a part of my estate,

Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary C. Mace one tract of land bounded as follows. Beginning at a small white Oak, nearly North East from my dwelling, which is also a corner of Cynthia Mace, J. D. Moore & Athan Mace, runs S. 63° W. 23 poles to a white Oak; thence N. 48° W. 28 poles to a stake on the East bank of Ellyay Creek; thence down the Creek with its meandering 39 poles to a willow; thence South 32° E. 30 poles to a white Oak near the bank of the road; thence with the road to the shaft branch; thence with the branch to the shaft; thence S 15° E to H. P. Carpenter's line; thence with Carpenter's line to a sugar tree a corner of said line; thence with W. A. Mace line to a Walnut; thence with said line to a Poplar corner; thence with said line to the beginning; The condition of the above bequest is such that my executor hereinafter named shall rent this land during the life of my wife Juliet Mace, and annually make the return of all rents to my wife for her use,

Third, I give and bequeath to my son Marcus Mace the following tracts of land. First, Beginning at a Hickory stump on the North side of the road and on H. P. Carpenter's line and near the saw mill, thence South 40 poles to a stake; thence with said Carpenter's line to the point where the condition line of M. C. Mace intersects it; thence with said Mace line to the road; thence with the road to the beginning. Secondly, A tract I bought of Phaulo Watson for

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which I have a deed containing 60 acres more or less. Third. One tract joining the same containing 100 acres, the state has been paid for this and I desire that my executor procure the title for the same for the said Marcus Masen. Fourth. One twenty five acre tract joining J.D. Masen with title in the same condition as that last described, I give the same direction about procuring title as in that case. All rents this year accruing this year on these lands to be turned over to my wife Juliet Masen. The condition of the above bequest is such that my executor shall visit and manage the land to the best possible advantage and to apply all proceeds to the wants and necessities of said Marcus Masen.

Fifth.

I have sold 4 tracts of land to my son Hiram Masen lying on the waters of Walnut Creek, containing 197 acres. The land formerly bought of Riley Henry, for which I acknowledge payment in full. I desire my executor to make title to the same.

Sixth

I give and bequeath to my son W.A. Masen one tract of land containing 1 1/2 acres joining W.P. Carpenter & the said W.A. Masen, on the North side of Ellijay creek. I desire that my Executor to make title to this tract.

Sixth

I give and bequeath one mule to my wife Juliet Masen, to be managed by my executor for her benefit.

And lastly, I do appoint and constitute my son N.P. Masen 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 in every part and clause. In witness whereof I the said David Masen, do hereunto set my hand and seal. This 2nd day of July 1879.

David Masen

Signed, sealed, published and deliberated by the said David Masen, to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.
N.P. Masen
O.K. Peck