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In the name of God Amen. I Archelaus Kent of the County of Caldwell

In the name of God amen. I Archelaus Kent of the County of Caldwell in the State of North Carolina knowing the Uncertainty of this Mortal life and that it is appointed to all persons once to Die; yet being of disposing mind and memory do make Ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all and every former Will and Deed of Gift by me heretofore made First I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to be Interred in a decent burial manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Ann E. Kent one third part of the place on which I now live known as the Bradford place so as to include the mansion house & all the out buildings on said place and at the death of my Wife Ann E. Kent then the land hereby given and bequeathed to her is to descend to my two Sons Abraham S. Kent and John Kent to share equal and alike in the same and to their lawful Heirs I further give to my Wife Ann E. Kent my Negro Woman Ann her three children that she now has and their increase and at the death of my Wife Ann E. Kent the said Negro Woman Ann and her three children and their increase to belong to my two Sons Abraham and John and to their Heirs at Law

Next I give & bequeath to my son Abraham S. Kent all the land that I purchased of John Sudderth on the North West side of Lower Creek say seven hundred & thirty acres more or less known as the late residence of Abraham Sudderth and the Spec place together with the following Negroes namely Miles, Manner, Jacob, Tomah & Carter Bob & Scott and out of the Lands & Negroes, given to my son Abraham he is to pay all the Just Debts that I may owe at my decease Next I give to my son John Kent my tract of land on Abington fork known as the Staple place supposed to contain about two

hundred and fifty aery, more or less  
together with the following Negroes, namely Adeline, Rose, Fleming  
and Dabney and their increase And I further will & direct that  
my Executors shall have a Guardian appointed by Court who shall  
have the care of my son John and all the lands and Negroes hereby  
willed to him who shall clothe support & Educate him my son  
John out of the profits arising from the Estate hereby given  
him (my son John) and that the said Guardian when so appointed  
shall have the entire care of my son John and his property & the said  
Negroes Lands money & every thing hereby given to be placed in  
the hands of said Guardian & not under his the said Johns control  
or management and his death the same to be delivered up to  
his next of Kin

As regards the Balance of my Estate not herein bequeathed I direct  
that my Executors collect all the Debts due to me, sell what property  
I may have both Real & personal and out of the proceeds thereof  
give to my Wife Ann E. Kent one third of the whole amount in  
money which is to belong to her for ever to maintain & support  
her and the other two thirds of the money to be equally divided  
between my sons Abraham S. Kent & John Kent my

Executors paying strict attention to that clause of the Will  
which requires all my Just Debts to be paid out of the  
Estate hereby given to my son Abraham S. Kent

Last & finally I hereby appoint my Trusty Friends Joseph Cooper  
of Caldwell & John Suddeth of Burke my Executors to this  
my Last Will & Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this  
the seventh day of March 1851

Signed, sealed published and  
declared by the above Archelus Kent  
to be his last Will & Testament  
in presence of us who has hereunto  
Subscribed our names in presence of  
the Testator & in presence of each  
other a Witness to the same

Wm. Suggs  
Jp. Chester Jurat

Archelus Kent Test

State of North Carolina  
Caldwell County. I, S. J. Dula Clerk  
of the Court of Pleas  
& Quarter Sessions for said County do hereby  
Certify that the foregoing is a perfect  
Copy of the will of Archelus Kent  
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which requires all my Just Debts to be paid out of the  
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Last & finally I hereby appoint my Trusty Friends Joseph Carpenter  
of Caldwell & John Suddeth of Burke my Executors in this  
my last Will & Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this  
the seventh day of March 1851

In the name of God Amen I Archelus Kent of the County of Burke

Signed, sealed, published and  
declared by the above Archelus Kent  
to be his last Will & Testament  
in presence of us who has hereunto  
subscribed our names in presence of  
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J. Suddeth  
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Jest - J. P. Dula

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In the name of God Amen. I Archelous Kent of the County of Caldwell in the State of North Carolina, knowing the Uncertainty of this Mortal Life, and that it is appointed, to all persons Once to Die. Yet being of disposing mind and Memory, do make ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following, hereby Revoking all and every former will and Deed of Gift by me heretofore made.

First I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it, and my body to be Intred in a decent-burial Manner at the discretion of my Executors herein After named

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Ann E. Kent One Third part of the place on which I now live, known as the Bradford place, so as to include the Mansion house and all the out-buildings on said place, and at the death of my Wife Ann E. Kent, then the land hereby Given and bequeathed to her, is to devide to my two sons Abraham S. Kent and John Kent to share Equal and alike in the same, and to their Lawful heirs. I further give to my wife Ann E. Kent my Negro Woman Ann, her three Children, that she now has and their increase, and at the death of my wife Ann E. Kent, the said Negro Woman Ann, and her three Children and their Increase to belong to my two sons Abraham & John and to their heirs at Law

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Together with the following Negroes, namely Adeline, Rose, Fleming, and Dabney, and their increase. And I further Will and direct that my Executors shall have a Guardian Appointed by Court who shall have the Care of my son John and all the lands and Negroes hereby Willed to him, who shall Clothe Support and Educate him, my son John out of the profits Arising from the Estate hereby Given



him (my son John) and that the said Guardian whom so appointed shall have the entire Care of my son John, and his property, and the said Negroes Land, money, and Every thing hereby Given, to be placed in the hands of said Guardian, and not under his the said John's controul or Management and at his death, the same to be delivered up to his next of Kinred

As regards the balance of my Estate, not herein bequeathed I direct that my Executors collect all the debts due to me, sell what property I may have both Real and personal, and out of the proceeds thereof give to my wife Ann E Kent one third of the Whole Amount in money, which is to belong to her forever, to maintain & support her, and the other two thirds of the money to be equally divided between my sons Abraham S. Kent and John Kent. My Executors paying strict Attention to that Clause of this will which requires all my just debts to be paid out of the Estate hereby Given to my son Abraham S. Kent.

Last and finally I hereby appoint my Trusty friends Joseph <sup>Coopers</sup> of Caldwell, and John Sudderth of Burke my Executors, to this my last will & Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the seventeenth day of March 1851.

Signed, dated, published and declared by the above named Archilous Kent, to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who has hereunto subscribed our names in presence of the Testator, and in presence of each other as Witnesses to the same.

J. A. Sudderth  
Jesse Chester Jurat

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In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the seventeenth day of March 1851.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Archelous Kent, to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us who has hereunto subscribed Our names in presence of the Testator, and in presence of each other as Witnesses to the same.

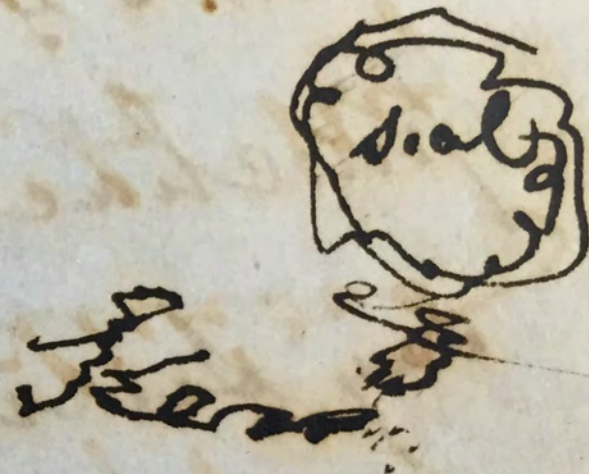
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