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"Piedmont"
P.O. Box 370,
Hendersonville, N. C.

I, Henry I. Middleton, being of sound mind and body, do hereby make my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Because of the fire which destroyed my ^{summer} home and nearly all its contents, in 1948, with resultant cost of rebuilding and refurnishing, it has become necessary for me to eliminate many bequests I had formally desired to make.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved nephew, Beverly Mercer Middleton, together with my beloved niece-in-law, Evelyn Howe Middleton, as Executor and Executrix, without bond, of this my Will. In the event of the death of either my nephew, Beverly Mercer Middleton, or my niece-in-law, Evelyn Howe Middleton, I direct that the surviving one serve as sole Executor or Executrix, as the case may be.

After the payment of my just debts I direct that my Executor, and or Executrix pay out of my estate \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) tax free, to each of the following, as mementos:-

Mrs. William Porcher Miles, Sr.
Mr. William Porcher Miles, my nephew-in-law
Mr. Oliver Birne Chisolm
Mrs. May Chisolm Conner
Mrs. Nancy Miles White, my god-daughter..

In the event that any of the foregoing beneficiaries predecease me, I direct that their bequests revert to my estate.

After the foregoing bequests have been made, I will, give, devise and bequeath to my beloved nephew, Beverly Mercer Middleton, and to my beloved niece-in-law, Evelyn Howe Middleton, all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, real and personal property of whatsoever the same may consist and wheresoever situate, to be divided

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equally between them.

In the event that either my nephew, Beverly Mercer Middleton, or my niece-in-law, Evelyn Howe Middleton, should predecease me, I direct that the surviving one become my sole heir after the payment of my just debts and the above listed five specific bequests of \$500.00 each have been made, as directed.

This concludes my Last Will and Testament: IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Henry I. Middleton
(Signed) Henry I. Middleton
Henry I Middleton, Testator

Hendersonville,
Henderson County,
North Carolina.
April 17th, 1951

H. I. M.
Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the
within-named Testator, Henry I. Middleton
in our presence, as and for his Last Will
and Testament: and we, at his request and
in his presence, and in the presence of each
other, have hereunto signed our names as witnesses
thereto:-

Lawrence O. Kendall - Hendersonville, N.C.

Howard L. Jones - Waynesville, N.C.

Reed Williams - East Flat Rock, N.C.

J.C. Williams - East Flat Rock, N.C.