

In the name of God, Amen
 I Isidiah Dawson of Dalton in the county
 of Orange & State of North Carolina of the age of
 twenty two years and being of sound mind
 and memory do make public and declare this
 my last will and testament in manner following
 that is to say, I give, devise and bequeath to
 my beloved wife Ruth H. Dawson the use
 and occupancy of all my estate both real
 and personal at which I may hereinafter be
 with full power to sell and dispose of the
 same in any part thereof at such times or times
 and upon such terms and in such manner as
 to her shall seem most in case she shall
 survive me. And after the decease of my said
 wife Ruth H. Dawson if she shall survive
 me and if she do not survive me then
 after my decease I hereby give and bequest
 to the Executive for the time being of the
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign
 Missions residing and now residing for the
 purposes of the said society and for which the
 receipt of the said Executive shall be a
 sufficient discharge all that shall remain
 after the decease of my said wife Ruth H. Dawson
 and also after my decease in case I shall
 survive her of my real and personal estate
 of what nature or kind soever.

I hereby appoint my said wife Ruth H.
Executive and John E. Dalton of Dalton
 of said Executive of this my last will and
 testament hereby revoking all former wills by
 me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal the eighth day of June in the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 fifty three.

Isidiah Dawson (L.S.)

The above instrument consisting of one sheet
 one of the date hereof signed, sealed, published or
 declared by the said Isidiah Dawson as and for
 his last will and testament in presence of us
 who at his request and in his presence and in
 presence of each other have subscribed our
 names as witnesses thereto.
Anna G. Cook residing at Dalton, Orange County, N.C.
William C. Langston residing at Dalton, Orange County, N.C.