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I, John Rose of County in the County
of Oswego and State of New York aged
fifty six years and being of sound mind
and memory for which I am devoutly
thankful to Almighty God do make publish
and declare that my last will and Testament
in manner following that is to say
First I hereby nominate and appoint my
friend Robert Blair Executor of this my last
will and Testament
Second I give grant and devise unto my
adopted son John R. Gordon my farm in
the town of Granby consisting of about forty
four acres and all of my real estate of every
name and description whatever subject to
the following conditions in case the said John
R. Gordon should die before he arrives at the
age of twenty one year without leaving lawful
children I then give and devise the real
estate aforesaid to my said Executor Robert
Blair in Trust for the benefit of such an
Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church
as in the judgment of my said Executor shall
seem to be most in need of pecuniary assistance
Third Whereas there are debts due to my said
Executor said Robert Blair amounting to about
five hundred dollars from me, I do therefore in
case there should not be sufficient personal
property belonging to my estate sufficient to
pay said debts or any others against my said
estate, it in case it should be deemed best
by my said Executor to sell my real estate
or any part thereof I hereby authorize and
empower my said Executor at his discretion
to bargain sell release convey and confirm
said real estate or any part thereof and
invest the proceeds for the benefit of my
said adopted son John R. Gordon and

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in case he should die before the age of twenty one
year and without lawful issue as aforesaid then
the proceeds to be disposed of as herein before
directed
Fourth I give and bequeath all my personal
property after paying my just debts and the
just charges of my Executor to my brother William
Rose and I hereby revoke all former wills
by me made
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the 4th day of March A.D.
1857

John Rose

The above instrument consisting of one
sheet was at the date thereof signed
sealed, published and declared by the
said John Rose as and for his last
will and Testament in presence of us who
at his request and his presence and in the
presence of each other have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto
J. B. Harrington residing at Granby in Oswego County
E. C. Depostle residing at Granby in Oswego County