

## RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God "Amen"  
 I William Henry Beatty of Pleasant Retreat in  
 the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina  
 being of sound and disposing mind memory  
 and understanding thorough of somewhat infir-  
 ious health of body knowing the certainty of  
 death and the uncertainty of time thereof and  
 being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I  
 have strength and capacity so to do do make and  
 publish this my last Will and Testament hereby re-  
 voking and making void all former wills by me at  
 any time heretofore made, that is to say -

I give and devise to my grand children William  
 H. Beatty and Douglas Beatty, children of my deceased  
 son William the following pieces or parcels of land  
 situated and lying in the County of Bladen aforesaid  
 namely -

One piece containing six hundred and forty acres  
 lying on both sides of Lake Creek granted to me  
 by Letters Patent dated January 5<sup>th</sup> 1805. Also all  
 that part or portion of a piece of three hundred  
 and twenty acres granted to George Moore in  
 1753, which lies on the upper side of said  
 Lake Creek. Also all that part or portion of an  
 other piece of three hundred and twenty acres  
 which was granted to George Moore in 1753, which  
 lies on the upper side of said Lake Creek, and on  
 the north side of a drain which is called the "Taste  
 Way" and leads from the mill pond to the head of the  
 Lumber Landing River, also a piece of two hundred  
 and twenty five acres which I purchased from James  
 B. White as will more fully appear upon his deed to me  
 being referred to. Also eighty four acres granted to  
 me by Letters Patent dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December  
 1828, also six hundred and forty acres granted to  
 me by Letters Patent dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1826.  
 Also three pieces together containing four hundred  
 and fifty acres being the same which was granted  
 to me by John Sikes as will particularly appear  
 in the deed of said Sikes to me as

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by Letters patent dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1805. Con-  
 taining three hundred and twenty acres which lies above  
 the Long Bay and Big Branch also one hundred acres lying  
 on the west side of Colly Swamp granted to me by Letters  
 patent dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, also one hun-  
 dred and twenty eight acres conveyed to me by William  
 Johnson as will more fully appear upon reference to his  
 deed to me dated in August 1829, also six hundred and  
 forty acres lying at the head of John Swamp and on  
 the head of Black Creek Bay granted to me by Letters  
 Patent, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1816, also one hundred  
 acres granted to me by Letters Patent dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
 December 1818.

The foregoing devise is supposed to contain three thousand  
 five hundred and twenty seven acres which are valued  
 by me at three thousand five hundred and twenty  
 seven dollars should either of my grand children die  
 before me, the lands herein before referred to are to  
 go and rest in the Survivor upon my death and  
 should neither of my said grand children be living at  
 the time of my death I desire the tract of land above  
 referred to to such child or children as my aforesaid  
 grand children may have left surviving them, and if they  
 should leave no child or children surviving them at the  
 time of my death then and in that event I desire the  
 lands hereinbefore referred to to my heirs at law, excepting  
 the children of my late daughter Margaret Ann Holmes.

I estimate and value my lands lying in the County  
 of Columbus including three lots in the village of White-  
 ville at \$4 thousand dollars and I authorize and  
 empower my Executors or such one or more of them as may  
 qualify upon such terms as to them may seem most  
 advantageous to sell and convey to such person or persons  
 as may become purchasers all my lands of every kind  
 and description whatsoever lying in the County of Col-  
 bus, and upon the collection of the proceeds of  
 sale, that they distribute the same among such per-  
 sons as would under the Laws of the State, regulate  
 descent of Real Estate, be considered and regis-  
 tered as such as per a record of the

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Proceeds of said Sales to be distributed in the same Share and Proportions among the heirs at Law, of my deceased daughter, as she would be entitled to receive upon a division of Real Estate which they then inherit from my deceased daughter.

I give and devise to my daughter in Law Jane A. D. Beatty, Widow of my late son John, D. Beatty and to the Children of my said Son John, D. Beatty the following pieces of land, lying in the County of Bladen aforesaid and on the West side of South River and on both sides of Lake Creek. viz =

One hundred acres which I purchased from David Sikes for Six hundred dollars. Three hundred and fifty two acres which I purchased from said David Sikes for Six hundred and nineteen dollars, also six hundred and seventy acres which I purchased from <sup>Evan</sup> Evan and Samuel Steders, for Seven hundred and fifty dollars, also six acres granted me by them just lying between the Brandy Still land and William Buttens land lying on the River. Also Six hundred and fifty acres which I purchased from Richard Ashe, also One hundred acres which I purchased from James D. White, also nineteen acres which I purchased from said James D. White, also three hundred and twenty acres granted to me by Letter patent dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1814. Also one hundred and forty six acres granted to me by Letter patent dated the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1829. also a piece containing one hundred and forty acres which I purchased from Alexander Kilso. Sen<sup>r</sup>. Also One hundred acres which I purchased from Alexander Kilso. Jun<sup>r</sup>.

My late Son John, D. Beatty and myself were tenants in common of the most described parcels of land, viz - one tract containing Eleven hundred acres and seventy acres lying between South River and Cally Swamp the beginning corner of which according to the Survey which is registered in the Registers Office of the County of Bladen in Book "G" Page 166, is at a block in the road leading from Hamlet to Princeton in Edward S. Horner's world line about 25 Chain

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South of Buttens house. The second tract containing One hundred and thirty four acres on the east side of Cally Swamp and on the West side of Black Creek including McHills Branch beginning at a large pine in the edge of Cally Swamp a corner of Bailey Buttens land and of now Mrs. Meridiths land part of the Survey registered in the Registers office in Bladen County in Book "G" page 433, said two tracts of land having been conveyed to said John D. Beatty and myself by William C. Blount. Our son John, D. Beatty died seized of the foregoing described parcels of land viz Two tracts or parcels of land purchased by him from Bailey Buttens and Thomas Lee, on the south West side of South River containing together four hundred acres which were granted to Edward Spearman. Also another tract or parcel of land purchased by my said Son John from William Sutton, lying on the south West side of South River and joining lands which belonged to my said Son John on the lower side, and lands of said William Sutton on the upper side and containing four hundred acres.

It is my intention to purchase the interest of the heirs at Law of my said Son in the two tracts of land above referred to as being held by my late Son John and myself as tenants in common and also to purchase the tracts above referred to which my said Son did die seized of, should a sale of said lands be made by the representative of my said Son for the payment of debt due by my said Son and in the event I should make said purchases or any of them I give and devise the said parcels or any of them to my said daughter in law Jane, A. D. Beatty, and the children of my said Son John, D. Beatty during the life of said Jane, A. D. Beatty, and upon the death of my said daughter in law Jane, A. D. Beatty, I give and devise all the tracts or parcels of land herein before devised to my said daughter in law Jane, and the children of my late son John, during the life of said Jane, A. D. Beatty, to the persons then living the heirs at Law of my late son John, D. Beatty to be divided among them in such shares and proportions as they shall be entitled to.

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at Law of my said Son had he then did signs and possessed of said lands.

At being my will that said land shall be held and enjoyed by the widow and children of my said Son John during the life of my said daughter in law Jane & H. Beatty, for their joint maintenance and support and upon her death that the same be divided as above set forth.

I give and bequeath to Margaret Holmes and Lucie Holmes. Children of my deceased daughter Margaret Ann Holmes. the following Negro slaves viz Edward, a Blacksmith; Bob a Carpenter, Turkey and Mierra together with all the children of the said Turkey and Mierra now born, or which may be born after the publication of this my will to be equally divided between the said Margaret and Lucie whom and share alike. I also give and bequeath to each of my said grand children Margaret and Lucie. The sum of Five hundred dollars to be paid to them by my executors within two years after the probate of this my last will and testament and should either of my said grand children Margaret or Lucie die without leaving issue before my death then and in that event the whole of the foregoing legacies as well the negro slaves as the money bequest shall rest in the survivor I give to my said daughter Margaret Ann Holmes soon after her marriage in 1878 a bed and its furniture a Bedstead a small desk and a candle stand. my said grand children Margaret and Lucie Holmes are not to have any other or further portion of my estate of any kind whatsoever either Real or Personal.

I give and devise to my grand son Harry son of my deceased son Henry Beatty during his life the following pieces or parcels of land lying and being in the County of New Haven N.Y. one piece containing One hundred acres which I purchased from John Devane Junr at three hundred and fifty dollars together with the Toll Bridge on said land known as Beatty's Bridge. also a piece containing One hundred and fifty acres adjoining the

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piece last referred to. the same which I purchased from Peyton R. Stringfield also three hundred acres which I purchased from Richard Parish for three hundred dollars. also three hundred acres which I purchased from John Collier for two hundred dollars. also three hundred acres granted me by letters patent dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1811. also five hundred acres granted me by Letters Patent dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1805. also twenty five acres granted me by Peters Patent dated October 2d<sup>nd</sup> 1805. also eighty five acres which I bought from James Sikes in 1816. also thirty five acres granted me by Letters Patent dated November 8<sup>th</sup> 1816. also one hundred and forty six acres granted me by Letters Patent dated September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1814. also one hundred and fifty acres granted me by Peters Patent dated April 1st 1805. also three hundred and thirty acres granted me by Letters Patent dated January 5<sup>th</sup> 1805. also six hundred and forty acres granted me by Letters Patent dated January 5<sup>th</sup> 1805. also three hundred granted me by Letters Patent dated December 29<sup>th</sup> 1827. also three hundred and thirty acres granted me by Letters Patent dated in 1832. also two hundred and fifty acres granted me by Peters Patent dated January 24<sup>th</sup> 1846. also four hundred and twenty acres granted me by Letters Patent dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 1849. also a piece of land lying in the County of Old Dutch containing fifty acres granted me by Peters Patent being the parcel of land on which the "Foot of the Toll Bridge" rests, as aforesaid in the County of Old Dutch. and at the death of any said grandson Harry I give and devise the several pieces or parcels of land herein before devised to him for life to such child or children as he may leave surviving him at the time of his death if more than one to be equally divided between them share and share alike. To him his or their heirs and assigns forever, and should any said grandson son Harry die without leaving a child surviving him at the time of his death then I devise said lands herein devised to him for life to my heirs at law excepting the children of my late daughter Margaret Ann Holmes.

I give and devise to my grand children William John, Oliver and Angelina. Children of my daughter Anna Maria Pease the following

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Parcels of land viz - The Four Pieces of land con-  
veyed to me by Joseph R. Kemp, by deed dated the  
17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1837 and registered in the Register  
Office of Madison County in Book 2, Page 205 also  
one hundred acres granted to me by Letters Patent dated  
the — day of — 18 — North West of and  
adjoining a Tract containing One Hundred and  
fifty acres which was granted to William Stouden  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 1842 and is one of the parcels of  
land included in said deed from Joseph R. Kemp  
to me. also twenty three acres adjoining on the east  
of the tract above referred to as having been granted  
to William Stouden. said twenty three acres having  
been granted to me by Letters Patent dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1840. also Six hundred and forty acres  
granted to me by letters patent dated the — day of  
— 18 — adjoining on the east the tract of  
land described in the Deed of Joseph R. Kemp to  
me above referred to as containing one hundred and  
fifty five acres and patented by said Kemp.  
December the 24<sup>th</sup> 1837 also one hundred acres  
lying South of the aforesaid tract and granted  
to Joseph R. Kemp December the 24<sup>th</sup> 1837 which  
was conveyed to me by Evan <sup>Bevan</sup> by Deed dated  
the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1838. also Four hundred  
acres Conveyed to me by William Johnson by deed  
dated April 1836 and is Registered in the office of the  
Register of Madison County, in Book 2, Page 399. also  
fifty acres Conveyed by William J. Johnson to me  
by Deed dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1836 and Registered  
in the records aforesaid. in Book 2, Page 363. also  
one hundred acres Conveyed by Evan <sup>Bevan</sup> to me  
by deed dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1838, herein  
before referred to. being the same tract of land  
which was Conveyed by William Johnson to said  
Evan <sup>Bevan</sup>. the other tract of one hundred acres  
contained in said deed being before described in  
this clause.

Also Thirty acres Conveyed to me by King <sup>Bevan</sup>  
by Deed dated the 1<sup>st</sup> of Januay 1838. and  
registered in the Records aforesaid in Book

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2, Page 284. the several parcels of land contained in the  
same are supposed to contain Three thousand six hundred  
and Seven ~~Acres~~ acres and are valued by me with the  
improvements thereon at Six thousand Two hundred  
and fifty dollars.

I give and devise the plantation on which I now  
reside known as "Pleasant Retreat," to my son George  
White Peatly together with the following pieces of  
parcels of land viz - Ninety acres granted by Letters  
Patent dated 20<sup>th</sup> of November 17<sup>th</sup> to James White.  
also all that portion of the tract of land be-  
tween and South acres granted George Morse by Letters  
Patent dated June 13<sup>th</sup> which is not known before  
described. to the Children of my late son. William G.  
Peatly also one hundred acres granted me by  
Letters Patent dated the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1805.  
also one hundred and twenty acres granted me by Letters  
Patent dated December 6<sup>th</sup> 1828.  
also Six hundred and forty acres granted me by Letters  
Patent dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1805.  
also three hundred and twenty acres granted to Dunbar  
Day. by Letters Patent dated May 6<sup>th</sup> 1769.  
Also One hundred and Ninety three acres which I  
purchase from James B. Hasty. as will more fully appear  
upon reference to his Deed to me.  
also Thirty seven acres granted me by Letters Patent dated  
December the 6<sup>th</sup> 1828.  
Also nineteen acres granted me by Letters Patent  
dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1828.  
Also two hundred acres granted me by Letters Patent  
dated December 27<sup>th</sup> 1815.  
Also one hundred acres granted me by Letters Patent  
dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1815.  
Also three hundred and twenty acres granted to me by  
Letters Patent Oct 3000. and dated January 5<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
Also one hundred and fifty five acres which I purchased  
from Peter Bridgewater.  
Also Twenty five acres granted me in 1839.  
Also two hundred and thirty three acres which I  
purchased from Josiah Sikes. <sup>The property</sup> is supposed to contain three thousand three hundred

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Closing acres of land which I estimate at Six thousand five hundred dollars.

It is my will and I wish it so understood that the lands including in this devise, to my son Hayes to be held and enjoyed by him during his life and upon his death I desire said land to stand and all or children as my son Hayes may have surviving him at the time of his death if there be more than one said lands to be equally divided among them. Share and share alike to him and them their heirs and assigns forever.

But it is my will that the children of my son Hayes White Beatty, who may be living at the time of his death, shall take the lands herein given to my son Hayes for life by purchase from me under this my will and not by descent from this testator.

But should my son Hayes die without leaving a child or a grandchild surviving him, then and in that event, it is my will and I desire the lands herein before devised to him for life to my Grand son William H. Beatty, son of my deceased son William G. Beatty, to live and his heirs forever.

It is my will and I so direct that the three following parcels of land in the County of Lancaster viz a piece of One hundred acres granted to Ruberry Day, lying on the west side of Black Run and adjoining the lands of John Howard Joseph Howard and Uncle Strong. The second tract containing Ninety acres adjoining the first, being the same bounded by Ruberry Day, from Sarah Strong and embracing the Shaw Old Field, and the third piece containing Sixty acres granted me by letters patent dated November the 5<sup>th</sup> 1805, shall not be included with the residue of my Real Estate, but said parcels of land shall remain and be held by my executors to whom the same is hereby devised until after the death of my slaves Juliet Sally and Billy, children of ole Mrs. Coste Sabina. Will and Louisa daughters of said Miss Sally, and until the death of said slaves my executors are expressly enjoined and directed to

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suffer and permit said slaves Juliet, Sally, Billy, Sabina, Will and Louisa to reside in said lands and continue the same under the care and management of one executor who are requested to see that said slaves when able so to do, shall be kept usefully employed or that they may if practicable maintain themselves and not become a charge to my estate or a nuisance to society.

But should said slaves from old age or any infirmity be unable decently to maintain themselves my executors are further directed and required to pay out to said slaves or each of them as may require it respectively the sum of Twenty five dollars per year in such amounts and at such periods of the year as my executors may or shall deem necessary.

It is further my will and I so direct that my man Tom be permitted to reside at Pleasant Retreat, as long as he may live, under the care and management of my executors, and employed in such way as may be most agreeable to him.

I do not design by the foregoing provisions to attempt to emancipate the aforesaid slaves Juliet, Sally, Billy, Sabina, Will, Louisa, or Tom. Nor do I intend to make such a disposition of them as may be equivalent to emancipation for their long and meritorious services it has been my intention to direct their emancipation, but I am advised that such a testamentary disposition of them being deemed contrary to the policy of our Civil institutions would be adjudged void.

Should the foregoing disposition of them contrain to my expectations be deemed void I then bequeath said slaves to my son Hayes and my grandson William H. Beatty, son of my son William.

This bequest is made in the confident expectation that my son Hayes and my grandson William, knowing my feelings towards said slaves, and my wishes in regard to them, will treat them with all the humanity and kindness which may be compatible with the condition of slavery.

In making the division of slaves and other real property which may not be specifically bequeathed the aforesaid slaves Juliet, Sally, Billy, and

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Will. Louisa, and Tom. are not to be estimated as of any value.

I give and devise all the rest and residue of my Real Estate of every kind and description whereof the same may be situate to my son Hayes White Beatty, the children of my late son William G. Beatty, the children of my late daughter Sophie J. Mallett, and the children of my late daughter Amelieanna Pearson, who may be living at the time of my death, to be valued and equally divided among them share and share alike, to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

It is my Will and I also expressly declare that the children of my late son William the children of my daughter Sophie, and the children of my daughter Amelieanna, are not to take "Per Capita" but Pro Rata, as respectively representing their deceased parents and said children are entitled to three shares of the residue of my Real Estate, being considered as three devisees and in dividing said residue equal must be had to the land as herein stated which is specifically devised to each devisee, so as to make the portion of my Real Estate received by each devisee as nearly equal as can be estimated and I produce that equality which is so desirable any one or more of said devisees may be excluded from taking any portion of the residue of my Real Estate, regard being had to the value of each share as I have hereinafter estimated it.

I give to my son William G. Beatty deceased in the year 1819 or 1820, the following slaves viz: Peter Mealy grown, Anthony nearly grown, and two young women, Harriet and Betty.

And in the year 1813, I gave him a girl Lavinia about ten years old. And about 1819 I gave him some cattle two Beds and furniture. These gifts I now confirm.

Sometime after the marriage of my daughter Sophie J. Mallett, I advanced to her the following slave - viz - a girl named Linda, nearly grown - a girl nearly grown - named Nancy, 1 very small slave about one

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years old and a boy named Moses about six years old. I also gave her a few cattle and Bed. Bedstead and furniture a small desk and a Candelabrum.

The negro slaves above named, as having been advanced to my said daughter Sophie, to gether with their present and future income I give and bequeath to each of the children of my said daughter Sophie, as may be living at the time of my death.

I give to my son Hayes H. Beatty, the following slaves viz: David, aged 3d years, Joshua, aged 20 years, Tatira aged 15 years, and Shadrack, aged 18 years.

I placed in the possession of my son John G. Beatty deceased about the year 1821 the following slaves viz: Philander, Jim, Fredericka Milly, and in 1831 I placed in his hands a woman named Judy, and in the children Sarah and Hannah, said slave Judy have been subsequently sold by my son John, with my consent.

I hereby give and bequeath to the children of my son John G. Beatty, who may be living at the time of my death, the aforesaid slaves, Philander, Fredericka Milly, Sarah and Hannah, together with the increase of said female slaves, now living of which may be born before my death, and the increase of the aforesaid slave Judy which may have been born before she was sold.

I placed in the possession of my late son Henry G. Beatty the following slaves viz: Abraham aged about 20 years, Sam aged about 19 years, Diana aged about 14 years and her Child, about 2 years old, and Charcy about 16 years old.

I give and bequeath the slaves so placed in the possession of my son Henry, to gether with the present and future increase of said female slaves, to my grandson Henry, son of my late son Henry G. Beatty, during his life and upon the death of my said grandson Henry, I give and bequeath said slaves with their increase to such child or children as my said grandson Henry may leave surviving him and if none he die without leaving a child surviving him, I give and bequeath said slaves and their increase to my legal representatives or distributees.

And it is my will and I declare that both the Real and Personal property herein described, and the

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to my grand son Henry, son of my son Henry, shall be under the management and control of my executors until my grand son attains the age of 21 years, the rents, issues and profits of the Real Estate, and the hire of the slaves are to be appropriated by my executors to the education of, and support of my said grand son during his minority.

I placed in the possession of my daughter Anna Maria Pearson the following slaves viz. Mary aged 11 years, Robbie aged 90 years, Maggie aged 70 years, and his daughter Charlotte 84 months old. Maria's daughter of July 10 years old and Caroline daughter of Little girl slaves named Robbie and Maria have been sold by my late son in law John S. Pearson, with my consent and two slaves named Edmund and M'Intosh substituted in the place of, their stead by him one of whom Edmund has since died.

I hereby give and bequeath the aforesaid slaves Mary, Maggie and her daughter Caroline and Martha, together with their present and any future increase, which may be born before my death, to the children of my said daughter Anna Maria Pearson. I give and bequeath to my son Hayes H. Beatty such portion of my cattle and hog, household and kitchen furniture, silver plate and farming tools and vehicles as he may select, provided the value of all the different articles, of property so chosen by him shall not exceed in value four hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to my grandson Peter M'Intosh, my best slute, being the one having extra raps.

I give and bequeath to my grandson William son of my deceased son William, my gold sleeve buttons, my gold snuff box breast pin and my silver treasures.

I give and bequeath to Hugh G. Maddal one of the late Hugh Maddal, my widow the same having two the property of Hugh Maddal dec'd, and give to me by the late Hugh Maddal.

I give and bequeath to my son Hayes White Beatty to the children of my late son William H. Beatty living at the time of my death, the children of my

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late daughter Sophia S. M'Intosh, who may be living at the time of my death and to the children of my late daughter Anna Maria Pearson, living at my death, all the rest and residue of my personal estate of every nature kind and description including my slaves to be valued and equally divided among them share and share alike; but in making said division of the residue of my personal property it is my will and it is so expressly declared that the children of my late son William the children of my late daughter Sophia and the children of my late daughter Anna Maria, shall take per stirpes and not per capita, said children respectively representing their deceased parents, and each class of children are to take but one share of the residue of my personal property and not more. To be regarded as one legatee, and in dividing said residue of my personal property so aforesaid regard must be had to the value of the slaves before mentioned, by me to each of said legatees, or their parents so as to make the fortune of my personal property received by said legatees, as nearly equal as practicable. The slaves mentioned by me as previously stated with the personal property so mentioned is to be brought into the general valuation and be estimated according to the value thereof when received by each legatee or their parents.

It is my will and I do direct that the Real and personal property hereinbefore devised to the children of my late daughter Anna Maria Pearson, as well that portion which is herein before specifically devised or bequeathed as also that portion as may be allotted, to them out of the residue of my Real and personal estate shall be held by my executors and the survivors, of them until the marriage or arrival at the age of thirty one years of said children respectively, when they shall respectively be entitled to the possession of their several shares or proportions of said property, thirteen thousand, any of said children die before her or she is entitled to receive his or her portion share or proportion, of said property without leaving a child surviving said property shall be divided among the survivors among said children, but if any one of said children should die as aforesaid and leave a child,

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Children surviving him or her. said property is to be divided among the said surviving children and such child, as the one so dying shall leave surviving his or her. such children of any of my said grandchildren to take for Stirps and not for Capita.  
 And until said property shall be divided as aforesaid the rents and profits of the Real Estate, and the hire and profits of the Negroes, and other personal property, shall be appropriated to the educating and general maintenance of my said grand children.  
 I wish the money legacies herein given to be paid out of the money in hand at the time of my death and debt as may be due me and any article fit for Market, which may be in hand at my death and should these resources unexpectedly fail, then from the state of any part of my personal property not herein specifically bequeathed, except my slaves and slaves that still exist a deficiency, the my slaves must be hired out to pay the same.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son Dray White Beatty, my Grand Son William H. Beatty, Son of my deceased Son William G. Beatty, and my Grand Son Chas. D. Mallett Son of my deceased daughter Sophia, & Mallett Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I William H. Beatty have to this my last Will and Testament written on five sheets of paper on this the eighteenth page of said sheet, subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this the sixteenth day of May AD 1844 and in the eighty first year of my age.

Signed sealed published  
and declared by the  
above named H. H. Beatty  
as and for his last Will and  
Testament in my presence  
who have at his request and in his  
presence and in the manner of each other  
subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

(Signed) J. D. Dickson  
G. W. Barron and  
W. C. Wright

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North Carolina, Bladen County, Court of Probate Quarter Sessions August Term 1853

Days of Beatty, Charles D. Mallett and William H. Beatty came into Court and exhibited a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William H. Beatty deceased and proponed the same for Probate as such.

Whereupon the due examination and publication of said paper writing by the said William H. Beatty deceased as and for his last Will and Testament was duly proved by the oaths of George W. Barron, Callic J. Dickson and William C. Wright, the Subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing and it is therefore considered by the Court and it is so adjudged, that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of William H. Beatty deceased, and that the same be recorded and filed in the office of this Court as required by Law.

William H. Beatty, Charles D. Mallett and William H. Beatty, named and appointed Executors of said last Will and Testament of William H. Beatty, deceased were duly qualified as such Executors.

Attest D. J. M. Rue Clerk

Jno D. Herren Clinton NC