

Samuel Valentine's Will.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Samuel Valentine of Hertford County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows, that is to say.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved son Harrison Valentine three negro Slaves, viz: Laurance, Jerry and Ellen (called Sam) and their increase & one bed and furniture. the said negroes and bed he has already received, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved son Daniel Valentine two negro Slaves, viz: Antony and Nelson and one bed and furniture, the said negroes and bed he has already received to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved son James A Valentine three negro Slaves viz: Charles, Margaret & Isaac and increase and one bed and furniture, the said negroes and bed he has already received, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Albert Valentine three negro Slaves, viz: Laurance jr, Cherry and Peter and their increase and one bed and furniture, the said negroes and bed he has already received, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my beloved son George W Valentine three negro Slaves, viz: Moses, Alick and Blake, one bay mare one bed and furniture and two mule colts, the said negroes, bay mare and mules he has already received, to him and his heirs forever.

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Item 5th I give and bequeath to my beloved son George W Valentine three negro Slaves, to wit. Moses, Slick and Blake, one bay mare one bed and furniture and two mule colts, The said negroes, bed mare and mules he has already received. to him and his heirs forever.

Item 6th I lend unto my beloved daughter Temperance Elizabeth wife of Robert B. Coit during her natural life only, negro woman Sarah and her increase and on the death of the said Temperance & I give and bequeath the said negro and her increase to her children and their heirs forever - but should the said Temperance & at her death leave no child or children (heirs) then my will is that said negro and increase to her and her children shall return to and be equally divided among all my children herein after named in the eighth (8th) item of this will to have the part of the property share which such be due in this contingency to them and their heirs forever.

Item 7th I lend unto my beloved son in law Joseph W Beasley for his own use and benefit until the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and sixty six (1866) the following negro Slaves, to wit. Sarah, Leah, and Lelia with their children & their future increase and at the expiration of the said time (January 1st 1866.) I then give and bequeath the said negroes and increase to be equally divided between my grand children Missouri, Clara and Joseph Thomas children of the said Joseph W Beasley and my daughter Julia Ann and in case of the death of either of my said grand children before

they arrive at the age of twenty one years or have lawful children then the said negroes to go to the surviving brother or sisters to them and their heirs forever.

Item 8th The balance of my estate consisting of three tracts of land viz. the Baker tract containing forty or fifty acres. The Fairlop tract containing one hundred acres and the old plantation where I formerly lived containing about two hundred acres two negroes Slave Wright & Bob together with all the balance of my property of every kind and description. Money. Notes. Bonds &c not otherwise disposed of in this will I leave to be equally divided between my children Harrison Valentine, Daniel Valentine, James A Valentine George B Valentine, Temperance Cook and my beloved grand children Misses, Alira, & Joseph & Beasley children of my deceased daughter Julia Ann Beasley They receiving the part to which their mother would have been entitled were she living and the same rule to be applied in the distribution in case of the death of any of my other children named above. I leave it to the power and discretion however of my executor hereinafter mentioned to divide the land named in this item or to sell the same and divide the proceeds thereof and all said the two negroes Wright and Bob at private or public sale as he may deem best and divide the proceeds among my heirs named in this item, in manner and form ^{named} after paying my just debts should I owe any at the time of my death.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son Daniel Valentine my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute then my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same hereby revoking and declaring

over of my estate, and I have named in this item to sell the same and divide the proceeds thereof and all sell the two negroes Wright and Bob, at private or public sale as he may deem best, and divide the proceeds among my heirs named in this item, in manner and form ^{named} after paying my just debts should I owe any at the time of my death.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son David Valentine my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute then my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made and declaring this to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I the said Samuel Valentine do hereunto by my hand and seal this the fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine, 1859.

Signed, sealed and published & declared
by the said Samuel Valentine to be his
last will & testament in the presence of
us who at his request and in his
presence and in the presence of
each other do subscribe our names
as Witness thereto.

M. L. Daniel

R. H. Shield

Samuel Valentine (Seal)

North Carolina }
Hertford County }

February Court of Pleas &c
A.D. 1861

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Lemuel Valentine deceased is exhibited in open Court for probate by Daniel Valentine the executor therein named and the due execution of the same is proved by the oath and examination of W.D. Daniel and R.H. Shuler the subscribing witnesses therein. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and Testament of the said Lemuel Valentine and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed and thereupon the said Daniel Valentine, executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Test J. S. Marshall

In the name of God, I, David Pierce of Hertford County and State of North Carolina, being in sound mind and health and of good & lawful memory doth make and publish my last will and Testament in manner and form following, here I give and bequeath my beloved Daughter Lucy Pierce Two Beds and furniture, also stool, Chair, one Bedstool and all therein contained as well as the bed before or at the time we were married, also I give her my tract or parcel of land which is about eighteen acres and a half, and also the balance of my estate to do with as she sees