

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court September Term 1854

This paper writing is exhibited to the Court and is duly proven by the oath of M. A. Wright one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such considered by the Court to be the last will and testament of C. L. Bradley & sufficient to convey the bequeaths therein made. Let the same with this certificate be recorded & filed.

Teste

Sam^l R. Brantley Clerk

In the Name of God Amen

Be it remembered that I Elizabeth H. Ashe the Widow of Col Samuel Ashe being possessed of a sound and disposing and fully realizing the great uncertainty of life do publish and declare the following paper writing as my last will and Testament

I leave and bequeath to my beloved grand daughter Betty and Mary Moore two Negro girls named Leah and Hannah the Children of my Woman Penny. To my grand sons Gray H. Moore and John Ashe Moore I give my Man called Abram the son of Easter

I give and bequeath to my grand son William H. Ashe the eldest son of John A. Ashe & my daughter Dennis to Samuel Ashe his 2^d son a boy called Robert To Gaston his third son a boy called Henry To my

Daughter Betty I give a girl called Mary the above mentioned Negroes Dennis Robert Henry & Mary being the Children of my Woman Easter

I give and bequeath to my son William H. Ashe my man Will and a woman called Nancy the wife of Tom I also give and bequeath to him in fee all my right and title to the Catfish place being that situated purchased by me from the said William and my daughter Susan H. Grove the said purchase being properly evidenced by regular deeds of conveyance from each of them. I give and bequeath to my

son Thomas H. Ashe my man Jack son of Old Jack and Sam and do release to him all the claim of indebtedness held by me against him I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan H. Grove my Negro Woman called Penny and her children with the exception of Leah and Hannah previously disposed of by this will.

I give and bequeath to my son Dr Richard Porter Ashe my man Richard the son of Virtue and man Prince now lived out in Georgia but with the condition that my son Richard is to allow and permit my daughter Sarah Grove shall to purchase the said man Prince by paying for him the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars

I give and bequeath to Dr Ezekiel Hall of Knoxville Georgia the following Negroes Old Jack and his wife Jan and their daughter Ann with her Children now or here after born heretofore on the express trust that he is to hold the said Negroes for the sole and exclusive use of my

Daughter Sarah Snow Hall and her Children or such as she may have at her death. It is my desire that my son William should purchase my man Samm at a fair valuation and with four hundred Dollars of the purchase money he must buy a Negro girl who is to be given to my daughter in law Rosa Ashe. It is my desire that the various Executions at Law which I purchased and in which my son in law Samuel Hall was a party defendant shall be disposed of for the sole and exclusive benefit of my Daughter Sarah Hall and her Children and that my executor shall appoint and constitute Dr. Ezekiel Hall a Trustee for that Purpose. It is my will and desire that what debts I may leave unpaid at my death shall be discharged out of what money or notes which I have left undisposed of and if such money or notes should be insufficient to cancel my debts the balance to be paid by my son William. It is my will and desire that my executor before parting with the possession of the above Negroes shall from their hire raise a sufficient amount of money to enclose in a good and substantial Iron railing the family grave yard at the Neck plantation and to have erected such becoming monuments as may be proper and respectful.

I hereby appoint my son Dr. Richard P. Ashe my executor to my last will and testament, signed on the 29th of October in the year 1853 in the presence of

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J. V. Lane
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C. H. Ashe

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This paper writing is exhibited to the Court and is duly proved by the oath of Theo. H. Lane one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and testament of said Elizabeth and is sufficient to convey the legacies therein made Let the same with this Certificate be recorded & filed

Teste

Saml R. Bunting Clerk