Sarah Griffins last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen.

I Sarah Griffin of Anson County North Carolina formerly of Union County in said State being very weak and sick but of a sound disposing mind and memory knowing that it is appointed for all living once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking all other wills — &c. and first of all I commit my body to the Earth and my soul to God that gave it) and for such worldly Estate that it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose of the same as the following manner and form (viz)

Item 1st My Negro woman Hannah about forty years old & sound I lend and do possess & equally devised between my three Children viz. I give and bequeath unto George Collins & Ellen McLarty fifty dollars each.

2nd All the money I have borrowed from Mr. Griffin I want paid back to him and all the money he has paid out for me I want paid back to him

3d My Servant my Sister & Brother Running well paid for their trouble with me at this time.

4th Servant my son Stephen Autry to have two feather beds and furniture and the other two beds & furniture is to be equally devided between my two Daughters.

5th all the other Stock of all kinds Furniture, Plantation

County in said State being removed on a public post & a sound disposing mind and memory knowing that it is appointed for all living once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore and first of all I vest my body to the Earth and my soul to God that gave it, as for such worldly Estate that it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose of the same in the following manner and form viz

Item 1st: My Negro woman Manah about forty years old I want sold and the proceeds equally divided between my three Children

2nd: I give and bequeath to my George Collins & Ellen McCarty fifty dollars Each.

3rd: All the money I have borrowed from Mrs. Griffin I want paid back to her and all the money he has paid out for me I want paid back to him

4th I want my Sister & Brother Rushing well paid for their trouble with me at their Home.

5th I want my Son Stephen Hardy to have two Feather beds and furniture and the other three beds & furniture is to be equally divided between my two Daughters.

6th all the other House hold & Kitchen furniture, Plantation tools crop Live Stock of every description I want sold and the money equally divided between my three Children as in Item the 1st my interest in the land if any is to go in the same way as mentioned in said Item first all my just debts and funeral

Sarah Griffin's Last Will & Testament

And Last I appoint my Son in Law Joseph McLaughlin Executor to this my Last will & Testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 20th day of Nov. A.D. 1854 acknowledged in presence of

her
Sarah X Griffin
mark

A. M. Hubbard
A. W. Gordon

Nov. 23rd A.D. 1854

I Sarah Griffin of the same place as specified above on the 20th day of this month yet being very weak and feeble but of a sound and disposing mind do add this Supplement for Explanation to (wit) The negro woman and man als in the first Item I want William M Combs to sell her immediately for what he can get for her & return the proceeds to me or my Executors, the Sum borrowed of M Griffin as mentioned in 3 Item is thirty five dollars I do declare this Supplement to be & to play my desire as well as the writing I assign on the 20th Inst to be my last will & Testament with the same executor

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal day & date above

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A M Gordon

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State of North Carolina
Union County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions
October Term 1855 Then this Instrument of writing the last
will and Testament of Sarah Griffin was exhibited in open
Court and proved in due form of Law by A M Gordon
& was ordered to be recorded whereupon Joseph M Lang-
line the Executor therein named appeared in Court
and was duly sworn to Execute the same according to
Law and Letters Testamentary issued

J M Stewart C C C