

girl Kitty is entailed to said Eliza & her lawful heirs.
I wish the remainder of my property & all notes & accounts
due me to go to the paying of my just & lawful debts. viz.
four head of hogs, one x-cut saw, one large iron pot, one
dumjolin, one Dutch oven, one spinning wheel, one Kettle, one
and a half yards good cloth, and all other property of mine
that can be found which is not already named in the pre-
ceding part of this will &c. And I hereby make and give
my loving sons Miles and Nathaniel Potter, Executors to
this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof
Miles Potter, Senr., have to this my last will and Testament
set my hand and seal the day and year above written.
Signed, sealed and acknowledged Miles Potter, Senr.
in presence of James W. Murrell, J. A. Smith, & John Willella.
August Term, 1827. The due execution of the within last Will
& Testament of Miles Potter, Senr., decd., was proved in open Court
by the oath of John Willella one of the subscribing witnesses
thereunto & was ordered to be registered. Nathl. Potter, Clerk
State of North Carolina. } The within Will is recorded in
Brunswick County. } Book B. p. 48, 49, & 50.

Nathl. Potter, Clerk
Recorded agreeably to Act of Genl. Assembly, Spec. Session, 1908
Ratified Feb'y. 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records Book B. p. 49.

No. 206

State of North Carolina, } IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN! I, Mary Richard,
Brunswick County, } of the County & State above mentioned, being of
and disposing memory, do make & ordain this as my last Will & Testament
that is to say, I give & bequeath to my much beloved husband, Francis M.
all the property of which I may die seised off, both real and personal.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this 11th day of January.
In presence of Saml. Potter.
Mary Richard,
State of North Carolina, } Court of Pleas & R. S. } The due execution
Brunswick County, } November Term, 1827. } of the within Will
Testament was proved in open Court by the oath of John S. Potter
and was ordered to be filed & recorded in Book B. p. 52.

Nathl. Potter, Clerk
Recorded agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, of A. S.
Special Session in the year of our Lord, 1908.
Ratified February 10, 1908. and Copied from Old Records
Book B. p. fifty three.

No. 146

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN! I, Benjamin Liles, of the County
of Brunswick, in the State of North Carolina, being of sound & perfect
mind and memory, BLESSED BE GOD, do, this 4th day of October, in the
year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and twenty three, make
and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner following
that is to say, First, I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Charity, all
my estate, real & personal, to her use & benefit for & during her life, &
after her death to be equally divided between my children viz: William
Benjamin, Stephen & John & Rebecca Maten, Sarah Benton, Eliza
beth Gaison, share and share alike to them and heirs forever.
And I hereby make and ordain my friend Thomas Leonard, Executor,
to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I, the
said Benjamin Liles have to this my last will & Testament set
my hand and seal the day & year above written.
Signed, sealed & published & declared by Benjamin Liles
said Benjamin Liles, the testator as his last will and Testament
in presence of J. Leonard & Benjamin J. Leonard.
State of North Carolina, } Court of Pleas & R. S. } The due execu-
Brunswick County, } December Term, 1828. } tion of this Will
was proved in open Court by the oath of Benj. S. Leonard
and was ordered to be registered. Nathl. Potter, Clerk

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly, Spec. Session, 1908
Ratified Feb'y. 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records Book B. p. 1.

No. 195

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN! I, John Potter, Senr., of the County
of Brunswick, being feeble in body and distressed somewhat in
mind, but possessing at the same time, disposing power & retention
memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
being convinced of the uncertainty of life, the certainty of death, and
the liability to which I am exposed, now being suddenly taken from
the stage of action. First, I commend my soul to the mercy of a
kind and indulgent God, beseeching his gracious acceptance
of it through the merits & for the alone sake of Jesus my com-
passionate Saviour & Mediator. My body to be decently
buried at the discretion of my Executors herein named.

Item 1. I desire that my negro woman, Fannie, be hired out or kept
in the possession of my Executors, till my youngest son
Lawrence shall arrive at the age of twenty years. The money
arising from the hire of said woman to be applied for the
maintenance and schooling of said child & his brother Isaac.

Item 2. I desire that all my land may be sold to the highest bidder
on a credit of twelve months from the day of sale.

Item 3. I desire that what stock of cattle & hogs I may die seised
of may be sold on a credit of six months.

Item 4. I desire that my son, Isaac, be paid for my land.

thousand Dollars due me on account of the boy he bought of me, provided the boy is alive on the first day of February, otherwise he is exonerated from the payment of the same.

Item 5. I desire that my negro woman Jenny and all her issue may be sold when my son Lorenzo shall arrive at the age of twenty years, and the money arising therefrom and the sale of what property I may be possessed of may be equally divided among the following children, viz: John Almond, Coleman, Isaac, Lorenzo, Elizabeth, Leah, Rebecca, and Zephiah - John and Mary having already received their shares. I leave it with my executor to divide any surplus there may be between the said John and Mary. I wish in the first place all my just debts to be paid. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son John Almond and my friend Miles Potter, Jr. & Geo. Pounds Executors of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th day of September, 1828.

Signed, sealed, published & declared
by the Testator in presence of Edward FitzGerald.
John Potter

State of North Carolina } December Term, 1828
Brunswick County. } The due execution of this last will and Testament of John Potter, Senr. was proved in open Court by the oath of Edw. FitzGerald the subscribing witness thereto & was ordered to be recorded.

Recorded in Book B. p. 203.

North Potter, Senr.
Recorded agreeably to Act of Genl. Assembly, April, 1827.
Ratified Feb'y 1st 1828. Copied from Old records Book B. p. 203.

No. 121

I intended never to have made a will for ^{myself} the first time because I am such a poor, imperfect creature that I was afraid I should not make it agreeable to the Will of my Heavenly Father. The second reason was that I had no title that I thought it was not worth the trouble of making a will, but upon mature consideration I thought it best to leave one, for although I have not any thing worth leaving to any person, that I might have enough to occasion disputes & by leaving a will prevent alterations and perhaps tedious & expensive litigations. I thank God for preserving me to such a good old age, with the use of all of my limbs and senses and the exercise of my reason, but above all I thank and praise Him for giving me a desire to love and serve Him & grace and power to fulfil that desire with effect and for the many pleasing hopes that He has given me that He did accept my poor imperfect endeavours so to do. I also bless and praise the Lord for all the mercies and blessings of this life and for the hope I still have of a better and infinitely good God that when my soul leaves my body that He will receive it in to that rest that remaineth for the people of God. Now as to what worldly estate or property the Lord has been pleased to bestow upon me I dispose thereof as follows. First, I desire that my debts may be paid as soon as possible and as I shall direct hereafter. Second, I give to Mrs. Howe, my wife, all the property she had at the time of our marriage and that her mother left her, negroes, stock &c. &c. and all she has acquired since to her and her heirs forever, and should have given her all I had of any value if I did not owe any debts and she really was in need of it. Third, I give and devise to my friend and brother the Rev. Mr. Samuel Hanks, Sr., all the lands belonging to me at my decease in the State of Tennessee & everywhere else, to him & his heirs forever. I also give him all my china plates, dishes and his choice of my mahogany bedsteads, as a token of my affection for, and gratitude to him for the disposition he has always appeared to have to please me, and the cheerful and willing manner he has ever served me, & my great confidence in the honesty & integrity of the said brother Samuel Hanks & do hereby make, constitute & ordain him my sole executor to this my last Will and Testament and J. R. Howe, the Testator, do most solemnly & deliberately request and desire my Executor to use all his efforts and all the art, skill & policy that the brain of a lawyer can devise and the brain of the law afford to improve payment of my debts & to save as many of my property as possible, and to pay all persons in full who are entitled to my property.