

will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the fourth day of June
anno Domini, the thousand eight hundred
and fifty six.

Margaret Murdoch Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the
said Margaret Murdoch, as and for her last
will and testament, in the presence of us, who
in her presence and at her request have
written and subscribed our names as witnesses
Francis D Lee

Geo. J. Ba. Bagg
J. R. Head

Probate in common form before W. E. Vincent
Esq. Judge of Probate Charleston County S. C. November
1853 and on a full day appeared James S.
Murdoch, and Francis Murdoch two of the
Executors named within.

State of South Carolina & Probate Court
Charleston County

I William E. Vincent Judge of Probate
of Charleston County, do hereby certify the foregoing
pages to be and contain a true and correct copy
of the last will and testament of Margaret
Murdoch late of Charleston, of probate
and record in this office the day and year
within mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of
office this 13 day of September A.D. 1853
William E. Vincent
Judge of Probate
Charleston County S.C.

I Betsy Lenoir, widow of William
B. Lenoir deceased and a resident
Citizen of the County of Roane & State
of Tennessee, being of sound and dis-
posing mind and memory and
being admonished of the uncertainty
of life, do make and ordain this
my last will and testament.

Item, 1. Whereas by the will of
my deceased husband, William B.
Lenoir, there was left to me six
beds, bedsteads and furniture and
one fifth part of all the house hold
and kitchen furniture and I was
also made equally interested with
my three sons, William Lenoir, Benjamin
Shepard Lenoir and Israel Pickens Lenoir
in six mules, six ten head of horses
sixty head of cattle all the hogs and
sheep, also all the grain that was
growing or had matured, also all the bacon
pork and pork that was on hand at the
time of the death of my said husband
also the one tenth part of all the net
profits of the farm and Factory accruing
during my life time.

Now I do not wish to be particular
or exacting with my said three sons
William, Benjamin Ballard & Israel
Pickens Lenoir - I propose to fix
my said interest of one tenth part
of the net profits of the farm and
the Factory accruing during my life
time together with the use and services
of the negroes belonging to me at the
sum of four hundred per annum
from the proceeds of the above
named property & interests. I make
the following bequests. To my daughter
Myra A. Reagan, I give and bequeath
one hundred and fifty Dollars which she
has already received and which is not
to be counted in any division of

my estate hereafter.

To my grand daughter, Elizabeth
H. Ramsey, nee Elizabeth F. Patterson
I give and bequeath four hundred
dollars of which she has received
two hundred and ninety two dollars
in cash and one hundred and thirty five dollars.
To my grand son
Thomas F. Ramsey, I give and bequeath
the sum of four hundred dollars to
be used for educating him of which
he has received three hundred & twenty six
dollars & sixty five cents

To my grand daughter Julia Ann
C. Ramsey, I give and bequeath the
sum of five hundred dollars to be
used for her education, which sum
she has received in full

To each of my daughters Leah A. Smith
Mira A. Hagan & Eliza M. Martin
and my daughter-in-law Catherine
F. Lenoir I give and bequeath a
sewing machine worth one hundred
dollars, to be purchased by my Executor
or Executors hereafter appointed

To my daughter Eliza M. Martin
I will and bequeath five hundred
dollars, which she has already received
and which is not to be counted in
any division of my estate hereafter

To my son Alfred Lenoir I will
and bequeath five hundred dollars of
any monies that may be on hand
at the time of my death or that may
be received after my death and which
is not to be counted in any division
of my estate hereafter any residue
of the above named property and all
my interest in the farm and factory
that I may not use in my life time
I give and bequeath to my three sons
William Lenoir, Benjamin Lenoir
& Israel Pickens Lenoir

I have some valuable lands left to
me by my father Waightstill Avery
and also of my deceased husband
William B. Lenoir situated in what
was formerly Byncombe County,
North Carolina. These lands I wish
to be sold and to accomplish this
object I have appointed Isaac J.
Lenoir my attorney, in fact should
he from any cause fail to dispose
of said lands in my life time then
my executors are duly authorized
to proceed to see all of said lands
at public or private sale for cash
paid down or on credit as they
may think best my deceased husband
William B. Lenoir bequeathed to me
the following Negroes to wit One man
Amel, woman Maria and her daughter
Caroline, woman Louisa (since dead)
and her two children Hugh & Monroe and
she had a girl child named Prisa
after the death of my said husband
The above named six negroes I give
and bequeath to my three sons William Lenoir
Benjamin B. Lenoir & Israel Pickens
Lenoir to them and their heirs forever
but they are required to pay to my executor
or executors a reasonable price for
said negroes, their value to be ascertained
at in the following manner, my Ex-
ecutor or executors to choose one dis-
interested person, and my three sons William
Benjamin B. and Israel P. to choose
another and the two persons thus chosen, if
they prefer doing so or cannot agree
without a third person disinterested, and
the valuation the three put on them shall
be considered their value. The money
paid for the negroes above named
together with all the monies that have
been received for my land
in North Carolina and otherwise their surplus

after paying my executor or executors and my attorney in fact for any expenses or trouble they may necessarily be at in attending to my estate. I will bequeath to my children Albert S. Lenoir, Leah, Adeline Smith, Minnie Ann Reagan, Walter D. Lenoir and Eliza M. Martin to them and their heirs forever equally each one-fifth part.

I nominate and appoint M. A. Lenoir, Benjamin D. Lenoir, and John G. Smith, the executor of this my last will and testament, and I give them general directions and authority to manage my estate and execute this my will to the best interest of my devisees. My executors are not required to give bond nor to return any inventory to court unless some one interested in my estate show cause to the court that security should be required.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 16th day of August 1856
Betsey Lenoir
at her

Walter Baggett
Edward Gentry
Aug 20 1856

I desire that the bequest in coming to A. S. Lenoir named in this will be taken from his household to Ben Thompson & Sons

State of Tennessee } County Camb
Roane County } October Term 1856

Then come the foregoing last will and testament of Betsey Lenoir dead produced in open court, and the execution and declaration thereof duly proved in open court by the Oath of Walter Baggett and Edward Gentry the subscribers who are duly sworn and admitted to the office of

and ordered to be recorded.
Witness my hand at office in Kingston the 1st Monday of October 1856
Austin L. Green, clerk

State of Tennessee } J. C. Pope,
Roane County } Clerk of the County
County Tennessee do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and perfect copy of the last will and testament of Betsey Lenoir deceased do the same appears of record now on file in my office given under my hand and official seal this 16th day of November 1856
J. C. Pope, Clerk County Court
Roane County Tennessee.

State of Tennessee:—
I S. A. Rogers Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit of said State do hereby certify that J. C. Pope whose name is given to the foregoing certificate is now and was at the time of signing the same clerk of the County Court of Roane County and that his attestation is in due form of law and his signature given under my hand this 29th day of November 1856
S. A. Rogers, Judge
of Third Judicial Circuit of Tennessee

