

reside together with all said land & tenements, in my possession & owned by me at said home place so termed, to be her my said wife Rebecca Wofon property & to have & enjoy the same so long as she lives - provided she never marries; in that case all and every part of the aforesaid personal property & real estate herein & hereby bequeathed as aforesaid to my said wife is to become & to be & is hereby given & bequeathed to my aforesaid daughter Elizabeth T. Hemenell or if dead at the time, to her body heirs, I further herein declare give & bequeath all the aforesaid property both personal & real to my daughter Elizabeth T. Hemenell if living, if dead, to her body heirs, all the aforesaid personal property & real estate so given & bequeathed to my beloved wife Rebecca Wofon during her natural life & widowhood, at her decease the aforesaid property is to be her property & given to her the said Elizabeth T. Hemenell or her body heirs as the case may be, and in case she die without body heirs then the aforesaid bequeathed property is to be equally divided amongst her father's legal heirs, I further herein name my brother Henry Wofon as my executor & request that he act as such in distributing the aforesaid property in settling up the aforesaid & all my estate strictly in conformance of this my will & I do hereby especially stipulate & agree that he be paid & allowed for the trouble & expense he may be at in settling up said estate in a full & generous manner, hereby revoking all former wills by me made, I a witness, whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal This 7th day of June one Thousand eight hundred & fifty six,

Signed sealed & published in presence of,

Michael Shroat

William Wason Secd

W. J. Brown

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions

Buncombe County, Oct Term 1856

In last will & testament of William Wason decd was duly proved in open court by oaths of W. J. Brown, witness,

Examiners Oct 1856.

R. B. Vance clk

James Lowmy will;

In the name of God I men, I James Lowmy of the County of Buncombe now in the seventy second year of my age but in good health & of sound & disposing mind & memory do make and ordain this to be my last will & testament,

Impious, I direct my body to be decently interred at the direction of my executor to wit; in the ground until with humble faith and on the mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ I trust it will arise on the last day of the resurrection of the just Touching the worldly estate with which it has pleased God to bless me, my will & desire is, to dispose of it as follows;

in the general expenses & just debts are paid I wish to make a just & liberal provision for my wife & to divide the remainder equally as practicable among all my children. In the management of my affairs hitherto I have endeavored to make an advancement to my children as equally as I could among it. as they respectively arrived at mature age or married, to each of my sons David R & James M. Poiry I gave a negro boy & a good horse, to each of my daughters as they married. I gave a negro girl a horse saddle & bridle and the usual amount of household furniture & stock. All these advancements I now confirm. And as my daughter Louisa remains single, in order to make provision for her equal to the others, I give her my negro girl Violet & her increase & direct that she shall have one room in my dwelling house with fire & ings & ings to the saw, and that my son James M. Poiry furnish her with suitable provision clothing &c so long as she shall remain single, & that at her marriage she shall receive from my Executor a good horse saddle & bridle, two cows, a Bureau & other household furniture to be equal in value to what her sisters have respectively received & that should the girl Violet die before the marriage of my said daughter Louisa then she shall receive another girl of equal value. After disposing equally among my children by the provisions, with respect to the advancements in the outset of life, I desire that all the estate real & personal which I may own at the time of my decease shall be disposed of as follows.

Having conveyed to my son James M. Poiry my upper or mill tract of land in accordance with an agreement made between him & my son David R. Poiry by which the said J. M. has paid & secured to be paid to the said David R. Poiry the sum of two thousand dollars, I will & devise to my son James M. Poiry the homestead & plantation on which I now live together with all the real estate which I may own at the time of my decease to come to his possession after the death of my wife Hannah Poiry to be the absolute property of him his heirs & assigns forever.

I will & devise to my beloved wife Hannah Poiry for and during the term of her natural life the homestead together with the farm & all the real estate of which I may be seized & possessed except the provisions heretofore made for my daughter Louisa. I further give & bequeath to my said wife Hannah two horse beasts four cows & calves ten head of sheep & a sufficient quantity of Hogs for stock, farming tools, household & kitchen furniture & provisions amply sufficient for herself her family &c to feed her stock from the time of my decease until she can gather her first crop therefore to be set apart by my Executor & two good disinterested men one to be selected by my said wife & another by my Executor.

And that all the balance of my now cattle, hogs, sheep, corn, wheat,
Rye, oats, provender, stock of provisions, farming tools, household & kitchen
furniture, be sold by my Executor, at public sale on a credit of twelve
months, and that the proceeds of such sale together with any debt due me
or money on hand be equally divided amongst my six daughters viz
Margaret Roberts, Elizabeth Gudge, Elizabeth Gray, Harriet Fickley, Cynthia
L. Sutton & Louisa, P. Bourne. After much consideration & opinion desired
to secure a fair & impartial disposition of my estate, I entertain the
opinion that it will be better for all parties that my slave Jeff. Schaw,
viz. Jess, Willard, Alfred, John, Henry & Ben. Suck, & Jining
Eliza, Caroline, Eltha, & Sarah female, shall remain upon the
homestead & be held owned, used by my wife & my son James M. as
tenants in common during the life of my said wife & at her death
equally divided by themselves or such persons as they or a majority
of them may select for that purpose, among my six daughters above
named. This arrangement I desire shall be made unless my wife
shall prefer to receive a child slave, to wit, one tenth of said
slaves immediately & absolutely forever, to a society during her life
as above provided. In this event I direct that one tenth part be let
out in the manner above specified to her as absolute owner,
and the remaining nine tenths be equally & immediately divided
as aforesaid among my six daughters above named, none viz.

Margaret, Elizabeth, Eltha, Harriet, Cynthia L. & Louisa.
my daughter Caroline commencing after having been equally
advanced with my other daughters and leaving four children to
be two daughters, the expense of raising & educating devolves on
me & they continued to be members of my family until they respec-
tively married, when they received an equal advancement with my
daughters so far as fields & household furniture & stock, my design
is therefore to give to my said four daughters, Jane Sater & Harriet
Robson the entire amount necessary to make their mother's share
equal to the provision made for my other daughters. I therefore require
that my son David H. shall pay to Jane Sater two hundred dollars
out of the price of his land, within two months from my decease
with interest from the time of my death, and that my son James H.
pay in like manner two hundred dollars to Harriet Robson as a
charge upon his real estate herein devised to him,

Should my wife select to keep the slaves during her life it is
my desire that she if she thinks proper to de, place any of the small negroes
in the possession of such of my daughters as she may choose to remain
there during her life or for a shorter time as she thinks best without
affecting the title thereof, and should any of them remain or be
in the possession of ^{any} my said daughters at the death of my wife
they shall be brought by them and surrendered to be divided
as those which shall be ^{any} of my said wife,

It is my desire and intention that should any of my daughters aforementioned die in my lifetime or during the life of my wife having children that their such portions as would have fallen to such person or persons so dying, shall be owned by the children of the person so dying it being & expecting that no difficulty or hard feeling will arise among my children in the division of the little property which I am able to give them, but that the same may be done immediately & with good feeling towards each other. It is my opinion that the negro girl given by me to my daughter Elizabeth Gudgeon was of less value by one hundred dollars than those received by my other daughters, I direct that she receive that much more than the others in the division of the negroes made under the foregoing will,

Lastly, I constitute & appoint my son in law Samuel B. Gudgeon executor in whose disinterested integrity I have full confidence, In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 21st day of October 1854, Signed sealed published & delivered in presence of us

James Leary, Clerk

Joshua Roberts

Jacob A. Robeson,

State of North Carolina County of Blount & quarter Session
 of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
 of Blount County January Term 1857

The execution of the within will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Joshua Roberts witness.
 In minutes Jan'y 1857. R. B. Vance Clerk

Foras B. Henry will.

I Foras B. Henry now residing in Asheville N. Carolina being in full health, but of weak & declining mind & memory do make & publish this as my last will & testament. In the first place I wish all of my just debts paid, together with any funeral expenses as soon as practicable & the balance of my property I will & devise as follows.

First, I confirm the gift heretofore made to my daughter Mrs Martha Ann Arthur of the negro woman Hannah & her two children John & Montfort and all other children born of said woman Hannah since (I.E.) the said Hannah over all of her children to be & remain to the use of my said daughter Martha Ann Arthur forever with their increase.

Secondly, I give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Eliza Regina Brown the negro girl Martha Ann aged about eleven years old.