

1 Last Will and Testament of John Chambers.

State of North Carolina }
 Buncombe County } In the name of God, Amen
 I John Chambers of the County and State aforesaid
 feeling the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death,
 and to avoid the many difficulties which arise from
 the neglect of now preparing in death for difficulties
 after death, to their families in the distribution of their
 worldly substances and believing it to be my duty as much
 as I am duly afflicted in body but of sound and disposing
 mind and memory (thanks be to God) do this twenty second
 day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and forty three make and declare this to be
 my last will and testament in the following manner to wit
 1st I bequeath my soul to God who gave it being and
 my body to the dust to be interred in the burying ground
 at Flat Rock, ^{English} meeting house in a plain and decent
 manner (if I should die at home or in reach of it)
 2nd It is my will & desire that ^{all} my just debts should
 be paid first and of my estate (and especially four Dollars
 which I owe the Bible Society if not paid before my
 dissolution)
 3rd It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Rebecca
 Chambers shall enjoy and possess all my estate during her
 natural lifetime or widowhood, so as not to marry nor or
 any child than another but as they may marry and leave
 her what ever she may give to them to be considered as
 as much of their distribution share of my ~~estate~~ personal
 estate
 4th It is further my will and desire that when my estate
 be divided after my wife death or widowhood, it be divided
 in the following manner among my children and wife
 if she should be alive, I wish the tract of land where
 I now live to be divided equally in point of value between
 my two sons William D. Chambers and John D. Chambers
 and if they cannot agree themselves in the division to
 leave it to two or three disinterested men chosen by themselves
 and if my wife should not choose to remain a widow
 after my death it is my desire that she should share equal
 with my daughters in all my personal property in manner
 and form herein after ~~mentioned~~ desired, that is that all my
 personal estate be sold by my executor (hereafter named) or
 the best terms that may be had for the same

Glory A. Chambers, Cytho C. Chambers, Mary C. Chambers,
 Rebecca C. Chambers, Richard I. Chambers, Harriet A.
 Chambers, and Margaret S. Chambers and paid over
 to them as they come of age or to their Guardian for
 their use,

5th It is my will and desire that my executor
 (hereafter named) carry out my desire according to my
 will and desire my property and estate according to
 and in order that they may understand the same I hereby
 repeat my desire and will, which is that if my wife
 should remain a widow until her death, that she shall have
 full control and enjoyment of all my estate in manner
 and form as described in the third also but if she should
 not choose to remain a widow she is only to share
 equal in my personal property with my seven daughters
 in manner and form as last before mentioned in the
 fourth item

6th It is my will and ~~testament~~ I wish it so
 understood that my land be equally divided in point
 of value between my two sons as named in the fourth
 item at my wife death

7th It is further mine my will and
 desire that my children should be kind and obedient
 to their mother during her lifetime and endeavor to
 live friendly with each other and all other persons
 in the world and above all to prepare while in this
 life to meet each other and their parents in Heaven
 where parting will be no more and share of their heavenly
 parents father bounties where all will ~~appear~~ be peace and
 happiness which is my last and greatest desire

8th I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my
 beloved and only Brother William Chambers and my
 worthy friend J. B. Blackstock Esq. my executors to this my
 last will and testament and I wish them to execute the same
 according to my will and desire.

In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto signed seal and publish this to be my last will and
 testament in presence of
 Adam Eller - Junr
 Thomas O. Holard Junr
 John Chambers Jr

State of North Carolina, January Term 1844
 Buncombe County) The foregoing will was duly proven in open
 court before me the undersigned Judge of said Court and the said Robert L. ...

in Buncombe County. In the name of God, Amen
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with my ploughmen in all my personal property in manner
and form herein after ~~mentioned~~ divided, that is, that all my
personal estate be sold by my executor (hereafter named) on
the best terms they may think proper as to being sold
best price and be equally divided with my wife (if she
choose not remain a widow) and my sons ~~the same~~

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Thomas O. Roberts brother
John Chambers Jr.
Thomas O. Roberts brother

State of North Carolina, January Term 1844
Buncombe County, I the foregoing will was duly proven in open
Court by the oath of Adam ~~Eller~~ & Thos. O. Roberts, deposing
witnesses thereto and admitted of record
Wills 1831 to 1868
J. H. Harrison, Clerk
W. A. H. Patton, D. C. C.