

In case of my death before the  
decease of my sister Sarah Ann Smith  
I will and request to her and her heirs  
all my property of any kind or description,  
and every instance of debt owned or  
possessed by me at the time of my  
death - subject to the condition, that as  
part of my said property shall be  
subject to the payment of any debt  
then owing or hereafter to become due  
of Charles J. Smith the husband  
of my said sister Sarah Ann. In  
witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July  
1877, in the presence of Marcus Erwin  
& M. E. Erwin who were present when I  
signed the foregoing and are now  
sign the same.

M. A. Baird

Witness  
Marcus Erwin  
M. E. Erwin

Codicil:

Since the execution of my  
paper writing dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1877, as my last will and Testament  
I have incurred debts amounting  
to my comfort in my affection  
and therefore I desire to provide for  
them especially in addition to the  
general liability of my property to pay  
my debts.

Item 1.  
My will and desire is that all my  
debts shall be paid from the proceeds  
of my property. Namely Chas. S.  
& Robt D. Grace, H. M. Ladd &  
Zeb. S. Davis, who have my note  
for the same.

Item 2. It is my will and desire that  
after the payment of my debts above mentioned  
in my original will

subject to the limitation and condition  
that is that the said Sarah Ann Smith  
shall have the said property for and  
during her natural life and at her  
death I desire that my representatives  
shall pay to ~~in trust~~ in trust for Mary  
K. Erwin, wife of Marcus Erwin, the sum of  
Two Thousand and Fifty Dollars, to be  
used by her in the support and  
education of her children, and that  
the said representative pay to Hannah  
M. Davidson wife of the late W. S.  
Davidson, also the sum of Two Thousand  
and Fifty Dollars.

Item 3. It is my will and desire that the said  
Sarah Ann Smith shall at her  
convenience furnish to Mary A. Baird my  
wife, and to Mary Baird Price, also my  
niece - a set of silver tea spoons each, as a  
memento of my regard and affection, and  
if Mrs. Smith cannot conveniently in her life  
time, at her death I desire the above  
done shall be done by my representatives.  
It is further directed that the payment  
of the sums to Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. Davidson  
shall be in full satisfaction of any in-  
tress in my estate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this the 27<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Mary A. Baird

Signed in the presence of A. T. Davidson & Sarah  
L. Smith who at the request of the testator  
in her presence and in the presence of  
each other subscribe the same.

A. T. Davidson  
Sarah L. Smith

State of North Carolina } in the County Court,  
Buncombe County }

A paper purporting  
to be the Last Will and Testament of Mary  
A. Baird deceased, is exhibited before me,  
the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said  
County, under the seal ~~affixed~~ thereto  
by the said Mary A. Baird is proven by  
the oath and examination of Marcus  
Emory P. M. L. Emory the subscribing  
Witness thereto, who being duly sworn doth  
depose and sayeth that he is a subscriber  
and saith that he is a subscriber  
to the paper purporting now shown,  
purporting to be the last Will & Testament  
of the said Mary A. Baird, that the said  
Mary A. Baird, in the presence of these  
deponents, subscribe her name at the  
end of said paper writing, which is now  
shown on affiance, and which was set  
of the 19th day of July 1877.

And the deponents further saith that the said  
Mary A. Baird the testator aforesaid did  
at the time of subscribing her name as  
aforesaid, decline the said paper writing so  
subscribed by her and related to be the  
Last Will and Testament, and that  
deponents did thereupon subscribe their  
names at the end of said Will as attesting  
Witness thereto and at the request and in  
the presence of said testator, And these  
deponents further say that at the said time  
when the said testator subscribed her  
name to the said last Will as aforesaid  
and at the time the deponents subscribing  
their names as attesting witnesses thereto, as  
aforesaid, the said Mary A. Baird was of  
sound mind and memory of full age  
to execute a will aforesaid and was not under  
any restraint to the execution or operation or  
belief of their aforesaid. And further these deponents  
say not.

(Signed Emory P. M. L.)  
Buncombe Co. NC Wills, Bk B, 1868-1899  
E. H. Womble, Probate Judge  
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