

In the name of God Amen, I William M. Erwin late Clerk of the
Superior Court of Law for Burke County in the State of North Carolina being
of sound mind and disposing memory (Blessed be God for his merits) on the
fifth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and thirty Three; do make, ordain & publish this my last Will and Testament
in manner following to wit - First My Will is that all my just debts be paid
out of any monies that may be in my possession and all the Lands that I
shall hereafter direct to be sold & the fees that may be due me from the
office of the Clerk of Burke Superior Court and the sums that may be due
on Bonds or notes is also directed to be paid to my Executors and by them to be paid
as part of debts which I may owe at the time of my decease.

First My Will is and I devise and bequeath to my beloved Wife Matilda Erwin
my Negroes to wit. Jacob & his wife Sophia Abram & Elvira, Cyrus, Ben Beato,
& Billy and Esther to her & their heirs forever -

Secondly My Will is and I do devise & bequeath to my dear beloved wife Matilda
Erwin all my House Hold & Kitchen Furniture the use of my Carriage and
two mules to run in the Carriage I also will to her eight mules Ploughs and
furs and every other Article of household use I also will as much Land as the
which I gave her shall be able to look and all my out Houses, Stables, Negro
Houses & Tools & appurtenances to be during her natural life.

Thirdly My Will is that and I do devise to my two youngest sons Edward Jones
& Alexander Hamilton all the Lands which I hold on Johns River. To wit Twenty
acres joining Henry the Lawrence Tract Two Hundred & Eighty acres the Wilson
Tract containing Fifty Nine acres the Six Hundred & Forty acres which I bought
of McKinny also one Hundred & fifty acres joining below also Fifty acres I owned
joining below also Two Hundred eighty seven acres and one Hundred & fifty acres
all which I bought of McKinny also fifteen ~~acres~~ ^{acres} which I got
of General McDowell also the Tract I bought of Tate called the Sherrill place also
the Crown place also the Franklin place containing the Mills also a small
piece I bought Franklin about Twelve acres and also the Land bought of
Welch's Executors about one Hundred & Twenty acres except Eleven acres which
I conveyed Walton & exempting also which I conveyed to William Kincaid on
the Busto's Mill Creek all the foregoing Lands to Edward Jones & Alexander
Hamilton to them & their heirs forever.

Fourthly My Will is that and I do devise & bequeath to my son William Albert
Erwin all that I hold of the Dobson ^{also} being three fourths of the Two Hundred
& thirteen acres as by Deed will shew. But as I owe five hundred dollars with
Interest to William M. Enters which is in part of the money I owe for this Land
which William Albert Erwin must discharge then my Will is that the same Land
be given to him this he is forever -

Wm Erwin

Fifthly My Will is and I do bequeath to my son Adolphus all my property in the
Lots which I hold in Morganton which I bought of William Sharps Executors
except such as I conveyed to Sidney S. Ewin & one Lot conveyed to the Commissioners
of Morganton and also all the Lots I bought at the Sale of the Town Commons
upwards of Thirty, to him and his heirs forever. —

Sixthly My Will is that whereas I have given to my Children the Amount of
property to wit To Lander A. Ewin my son I gave my Negro man Charles
and a Horse I also lent him in Five Bonds Nineteen Hundred & fifty dollars
and I gave him the Sum of upwards Three Hundred dollars which I paid
Arthur Ewin for him, I also gave my daughter Harriet three Negroes to wit
Amy, Middy & Abner I also gave to my daughter Margaret three Negroes to wit
Molly, Clarissa & Henry, I also gave to my daughter Elizabeth five Negroes to wit
Nancy, Joseph, Adeline, Cordelia & Adeline. I also gave to my daughter Catharine
three Negroes to wit Clarinda, Louisa & Yellow Amy. I also gave to my son
Sidney Stanhope the House & Lots which I bought William Sharps Executors worth
at the time I gave them to him one thousand dollars I gave him my Negro
Boy Sam and I gave him when he came into the Store one eighth part of the
the Store which was valued at the time Eighteen Hundred dollars, I also gave
to Adolphus the Negro woman & her Children being at the time worth the
usual amount of one Negro which I gave to my other Sons which his grandfather
gave him which was given him by the will of his grandfather.

Seventhly My Will is that and I do devise & bequeath that all the Lands which I hold in
Burke County and the Lands which I hold in Rutherford County be sold by my
Executors & that the same which when sold the same to convey by Deeds of Conveyance
and all bonds which I have given Bonds to convey I do by these presents hereby
to fulfill any Contracts which I have made hereby enable my Executors to
fulfill my Contracts according to the Tenor of the Bonds by me given. —

Eighthly My Will is and I do devise & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary
the following Negroes to wit Amy & her two Children Billa & Mira to her
& her heirs forever. —

Ninthly My Will is and I do devise & bequeath to my beloved daughter Cecilia, three
Negroes Caroline, Jane, & Betsy & her three Children Abner, Sophia & Sam to her
& her heirs forever. —

Tenthly My Will is and I do devise & bequeath to my beloved daughter Billa Maywood
Charles, Othello, Ann, Clarinda & Betty & Allison to her & her heirs forever. —

Eleventhly My Will is that and I do devise & bequeath to my Grand daughter Julia
Matilda as a memento of my Love & Affection for her my Negro girl ^{Selina} Selina
to her & her heirs forever. —

Twelfthly My Will is that I do devise & bequeath to my son William Abner my Negro man
John to him & his heirs forever.

Wm. Ewin

Fourteenthly. My Will is that and I do devise & bequeath to my Son Edmond Jones
My Negro Man Edwin & to my son Alexander Hamilton my Boy Abram to him
and their heirs forever —

Fiftiethly. My Will is that if I gain the Suits that is now pending in the Superior
Court at Raleigh with Latimer & others that then my Will is that my Executors
proceed to sell these Lands and that they make Title to the same except
the part for which I have given Bond to Mr. Army and I do by this
allow & direct my Executors to make a Deed of Conveyance to him & his heirs
and that the Balance of the Lands be sold by my Executors and the
proceeds of the Sale be divided & share & share among all my Children
and that my Executors make Deeds of Conveyance to the purchasers as if myself
present at the doing thereof.

Sixteenthly My Will is that and I do by these presents nominate my Sons Adolphus Louzo,
William Albate, Edmond Jones ~~and~~ and Alexander Hamilton Executors of this my Last
Will and Testament

Seventeenthly My Will is that and I do by these presents direct that the Balance of my property
not willed nor in any way disposed of be divided & share & share alike amongst
my children and my wife Matilda

In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand & Seal at my home
this my last Will & Testament the day & Year first above written



Codicil the first

My Will is that and I do bequeath to my Son Leander the balance of the
Bonds which I hold on him of Two thousand Two Hundred fifty dollars
after deducting the Amount of his account against me during the ~~current~~
time of his Boarding Elam Alphonzo & Edmon Jones in the Am of the amount
left is in my desk & that my Executors deliver him his Bonds

My Will is that and I do bequeath to my Two Grand Daughters Catharine
W. Dowell & Margaret E. W. Dowell, whatever portion of my Estate should
be the property of my daughter Margaret Caroline W. Dowell &c.

In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand & Seal at this
my last Will & Testament this 24th day of March in the Year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred & thirty four



Codicil the Second

My Will is that and I do bequeath to my dear daughter Mary Elvira all that part of the Lott lying next to Burges & Gaither & adjoining the Adams Lott to her & hers forever

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal to this my Will & Testament This 24th Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty five

W. H. E. M. W. Seal

Codicil the Third

My will is that and I do bequeath to my Grand daughters Julia Selma and her sister Lavina for the Love Bond appertaining which I have for her and as I owe the estate of Col. Alfred Mc Gaither one thousand Dollars and the Interest on the same and as I owe for the Skin of Louisa two years one thousand Dollars one of these Negroes is intended to pay off said debts these debts but if she should incline to have the money then I direct that Lavina be sold and the money arising on the sale of ~~the~~ said Negro be applied to the payment

of the debts due to Col. Gaither & if she prefer the Negro then my will is that she shall have the Negro to her & hers forever

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal to this my last will and Testament this 15th day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

W. H. E. M. W. Seal

Codicil the fourth

Whereas I have bequeathed to Cecilia Jane I now alter that part of my Will and declare Jane to be thrown into the Mass of my estate and I do bequeath to my dear daughter Cecilia Mat & the two youngest Children of Berkeley to her and her heirs forever and to my dear daughter Delia I gift a Girl by the name of Betty instead of Eliza, I now leave her Eliza and instead of Nelson I now bequeath to her John; and Nelson is now thrown into Mass of my Estate to my dear daughter Delia to her & hers forever.

Given under my Hand & Seal to this my last Will & Testament this 16th day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

W. H. E. M. W. Seal