

Small have hereunto set my hands and seal the ninth day of June. A. D. 1866.

Stephen F. Small

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Stephen F. Small to be his last will and testament in presence of us who, at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. Witnesses

Walter Dickinson
William H. Conner

Carters County Court, August Term 1866

The foregoing will is exhibited for probate in open Court, and the execution thereof, by Stephen F. Small, is proved by the oath and examination of William H. Conner, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

David W. Morton, the executor named in the will, qualifies as such. See minutes.

Jas. Rumley C. C.

I, Josiah Willis of the County of Carters and State of North Carolina, being weak and infirm of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:—

First. That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the rank of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just, however and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved daughter Mary Jane one negro girl slave named Emma

aged ten years or thereabouts, together with her increase, also two hundred dollars in money to be paid by my executor out of any moneys that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. The foregoing bequest is made in consideration of the devoted attention that she has shown to me in my declining years & through my great infirmities and afflictions, and is intended as an extra compensation over and above her equal distributive share in the residue of my estate: provided nevertheless that she remain with me as long as I live, & do by me as she has done heretofore—otherwise she is not to have the two hundred dollars in money.

Item. All the residue of my estate, both real and personal, of every kind and description, I give and devise among all my children as follows, to wit:

Item. To my son Stephen F. Willis one share or one sixth part.

Item. To the legal representatives of my daughter Sally Ann Pittford one share or one sixth part.

Item. I lend to my daughter Maria F. Fashill one share or one sixth part, to be used at her discretion during her natural life, and at her death I give and bequeath the said share or sixth part, or so much as may remain thereof, to the children of my said daughter Maria F. to be equally divided among them to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I lend to my daughter Charlotte E. Harber one share or sixth part, to be used at her discretion during her natural life, and at her death I give and bequeath the said share or sixth part, or so much as may remain thereof, to her child or children to him or them and their heirs forever.

Item. To my son Joseph F. Willis one share or one sixth part.

Item. To my daughter Mary Jane Willis one share or one sixth part.

Item And whereas I have at sundry times made advancements to some of my children, viz to my son Stephen F. Willis to the amount of five hundred and twenty-five dollars. To my daughter Sally Ann Fulford to the amount of six hundred dollars. To my daughter Maria H. Gaskill to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars, and to my son Joseph F. Willis to the amount of six hundred and eighty-two dollars. all which advancements are to be estimated as parts and parcels of my estate, and included in the aggregate amount for distribution, and the amount advanced to each one is to be considered as so much received by him or her as part of their distribution share.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons, Stephen F. Willis and Joseph F. Willis my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Josiah Willis have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

Josiah Willis *(Died)*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Josiah Willis to be his last will and testament, in presence of us, who, at his request, and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

David W. Davis
Samuel Jeffers

Carters County Court August Term 1866.

The execution of the foregoing will is proved in open Court by the oath and examination of Samuel Jeffers, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And thereupon, Stephen F. Willis, one of the executors therein named, qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law. See Minutes, page 292.
Jas. Rumley C. C.

I, Lafayette F. Lecraft, of the town of Beaufort, County of Carters and state of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but nevertheless mindful of the uncertainty of human life, do make and publish my last will and testament in manner and form following:

Imprimis, I give all my estate of whatsoever kind or description unto my mother, Mary Lecraft, and to her heirs and assigns forever. I appoint my said mother sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the sixth day of September Anno Domini 1861.

L. F. Lecraft *(Died)*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament, in presence of us who subscribe the same as witnesses in his presence.

John M. Perry

Benj. L. Perry

Carters County Court, August Term 1866.

The execution of the foregoing will of Lafayette F. Lecraft deceased, is proved in open Court by the oath and examination of John M. Perry and Benjamin L. Perry, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Mary Lecraft, the executrix therein named, qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law. (See Minutes)
Jas. Rumley C. C.