

July Session 1863

14<sup>th</sup> Know all men by these presents that I Philip Sigmund of the County of Galatia & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament as to my worldly estate and all the property Real and Personal of which I may die seized and possessed of I Devise Bequeath and dispose of in manner following to wit:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> my will is that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid by my Executors hereinafter named to be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall be by the decemur Committed

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife all my Negroes Miles Frana James & Mary Barbara & Jane my will is that Frana and Jane shall attend to my wife Elizabeth Sigmund as house or body servants the above named Miles to be sold if diseased or another bought with the proceeds

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I will at my Stock provisions Grain Farming Tools House hold & Kitchen Furniture Wiggins Carriages Book and beds Cots Stalls & Fingbirds and every thing to remain on the Plantation at my decease also the Plantation I now live upon and all the proceeds thereof during her life or so long as she remains the Widow Elizabeth Sigmund and after her decease my whole estate to be and equally divided among my four Children Benjamin Joshua Marcus and Frances

And Lastly I do nominate and appoint my said sons Beza min & Joshua to be my Executors in this my Will and Testament

In testimony whereof I the said Philip Sigmund have to this my last will and Testament and affixed my seal this 26<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1863

Witness in the presence of  
 H W Connor  
 George P. Seymour (Seal)  
 H W Connor

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14<sup>th</sup> In the Name of God Amen. I Mahala Sherrill of the County of Cataoka and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore make Ordain publish & declare this to be my last Will & Testament that is to say First after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the Residue of my Estate Real and Personal I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath unto Logan Wilson as Trustee for the use of my beloved niece Elizabeth M Wilson and Negro man named Jackson Negro man named Dick also one Negro Girl named Jane to her use during her natural life and after her decease to the use of the lawful begetters heirs of her body each child to share & share alike

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I also give & bequeath unto Logan Wilson as Trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson one thousand dollars

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto Logan Wilson as Trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson her two daughters Florida and Alice Wilson one bed & furniture to each daughter

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto Logan Wilson as Trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson one bed & furniture, also one half of my house hold & Kitchen furniture

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath unto Logan Wilson as Trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson all my land lying above what is called the High Shoals on Balls Creek the line to run North & South from the High Shoals to her use during her natural life and after her death to the lawful begetters heirs of her body

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto Logan Wilson as Trustee for the use of Elizabeth M Wilson five shares in the Western N. C. R Road to her use during her life after her decease to the lawful begetters heirs of her body

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath unto Middleton & Wells as Trustee for the use of Belga Andrew James one Negro man named Allen and one Girl named Catherine one Negro Girl named Mary Jane and one Negro Girl named Kate Katharine during her natural life & after her decease to the use of the lawful begetters heirs of her body each child share & share alike

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto Middleton & Wells as Trustee for the use of Belga Andrew James all my Lands lying below the line running from the High Shoals on Balls Creek on which my house stands to her use during her natural life after her decease to the use of the lawful begetters heirs of her body each one to share & share alike

Item 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto Mahala Elvira James and Beza and furniture

Item 10<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath unto Middleton & Wells as Trustee for the use of Belga Andrew James the rest of my beds not disposed of, also one half of my house hold & Kitchen furniture