

October Session 1861

In the name of God Amen, I Silena Barnes of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being present but of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

That is to say First I give and bequeath unto my sister Eliza Barnes all of my boat of Trade, House, Means, Stock, Sheep & Horses also my House-Hold and Kitchen furniture with living wages and farming tools and all other appurtenances belonging to my farm also my Corn wheat oats, fodder and meat, And will that Eliza Barnes shall take good care of old Jack while he lives.

I hereby appoint Hiram Sherrill my sole executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand to seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Silena Barnes

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by Silena Barnes her Testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by her to be her last Will and Testament and we at her request do sign our names thereto as attesting witnesses

Nelson Sherrill  
Elis Woodford Sherrill

Silena Barnes Test<sup>r</sup>  
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April Session 1862

In the name of God Amen!

I Margaret Sullivan of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being weak of Body but of perfect mind sound and disposing mind and memory thank be to God I calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make & publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner & form following. First of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives & friends nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again By the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of in the following manner.

First that my executor hereinabove mentioned shall pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of any money that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

First I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Cynthia A. Warner daughter of David Warner one good bed & necessary furniture and choice of my Trunks also my corner cupboard and heavily I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha G. Warner Daughter of David Warner my Bureau & Scissors Silver Choice also one half my silver Spoons also one bed & furniture

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Ann Warner daughter of David Warner one bed & furniture also one trunk and following bed table and Team

Fourthly my further will is that all my property not mentioned in the foregoing part of this will shall by my executor be put up at public sale also my houses lot in Newton and my stock in the Lincoln and Newton Rail Roads to be disposed of publicly or privately as my executor may think best and the money arising from the sale of all my property with the money I now have at interest after paying all my just debts may be placed in the hands of guardians and be paid over equally between my daughter Maria H. Warner children as they may become of age. And finally I do hereby constitute and appoint Monday W. Rommiser my lawful Executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament and every part & clause thereof according to the true intent & meaning of the same in witness whereof I the said Margaret Sullivan have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1862

Signed in the presence of E. J. Rommiser  
Margaret Sullivan