

November 25<sup>th</sup> 1867

In the name of God amen. Mary Linn of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina, being in good health and of perfect sound and disposing mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1867, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, and first that my Executor herein after named, provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing.

Item, I give and bequeath to John W. Bandy and his wife Harriet, who is my niece, all my undivided interest being one third part of a tract of land containing five hundred acres more or less & several tracts, which land was originally granted to John Linn Deced. by a State Patent bearing date the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1811, and was divided to me and two of my sisters viz. Sarah and Sarah by said John Linn Deced.; to the said John W. Bandy and Harriet his wife their heirs to their right and property in fee simple absolutely forever.

Item I give and devise to the said John W. Bandy and Harriet his wife all the personal money, or land that I am entitled to as one of the heirs of the aforesaid John Linn Deced., that may be drawn, or recovered for, or in consequence of the execution of my services of my father the aforesaid John Linn Deced., and also give to the said John W. Bandy and Harriet his wife my interest being one half of a slave house, one cow all my household and kitchen furniture and in default give and bequeath to the said John W. Bandy and wife Harriet all other of my Chattel or personal property and money, or debts that are owing me, or obligations for money that I now have, or may have at the time of my death, as their right and absolute property forever.

And finally I will and order that my trusty friends the aforesaid John W. Bandy do execute this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made, and publishing this and none other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I the said Mary Linn have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date first above written signed sealed published and

delivered by the said Mary Linn to be her last will and testament in the presence of

Mary Linn Seal

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A. A. Lutz  
D. M. Bryant?

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I Joseph Carpenter of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but 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 herein after mentioned pay all 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.

Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife the use of all my buildings that are on the plantation or tract of land whereon I now live together with as much of the land as she may think proper to occupy as long as she lives, And also all my personal property during her natural life, and at her death, to go to my son Daniel W. Carpenter as he lives after mentioned.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Daniel W. Carpenter the plantation or tract of land whereon I now live, containing one hundred and fifteen acres more or less, except the life estate of my wife as devised in a former form of this my last will to have and to hold to him, and his heirs in fee simple forever. My will and desire also is that my son Daniel W. Carpenter shall have the privilege of living in in my dwelling house with his mother, or if he should think proper to build a house on some suitable part of the plantation, and occupy whatever part thereof his mother may not wish to occupy, and as before stated at the death of my wife Elizabeth my will and desire is that my son Daniel W. Carpenter shall have all my real estate devised to my wife together with all the personal property that may be on hand, and do hereby constitute and appoint my son Daniel W. Carpenter my lawful Executor to execute this my last will and testament hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Joseph Carpenter do hereunto set my hand and seal the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1867.

Signed sealed published  
and declared by the said  
Joseph Carpenter to be  
his last will and testament  
in the presence of  
James Summers  
Rufus Englands

Joseph Carpenter Seal