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61 I George Ward of the County of Lancaster and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and disposing, now and memory full understanding,
the certainty of my earthly existence to make and publish this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say
First that my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a
decent burial suitable to the worth of my relations and friends and
Pay all of my just debts together with my funeral expenses however & to
Whomsoever owing and of any money that may come into their hands as a
part or parcel of my estate
Item I give and devise to my son Geo A Ward my negro boy named Dennis
also my negro girl named Sally to him and his personal representation
absolutely for ever Item I give and devise to my son Anthony Ward the
Plantation or tract of land wherein I now live and wherein he also lives containing
one hundred and eighty acres except three small pieces that has been given
or sold off of said tract of land one piece to his brother John Ward
& another to Wm. Wimberly making in all about fourteen or fifteen acres of land
Tract of land was conveyed to me by Captain Sust. H. Anderson bearing date
the fourteenth day of September 1816 to him and his personal representation
in fee simple absolutely forever, I also give to my son Anthony my negro
man Charles Ward & gray horse Collier Tom, and rifle gun & shot bag
his choice and my blacksmith tools to be his and let his personal representative give
Item My Threshing machine I allow to remain on my Plantation where it
now is one half to the use and benefit of my son Geo A and the other
half to the use of my son Anthony
Item My will and devise is that a tract of land that I have lying near
the cabin of Nathan Wimberly one hundred and twenty five acres except
about ten or twelve acres which I have leased to Peter Moore during life
of Anderson bearing date the 11 day of May 1848, said tract of land
was conveyed to me by Anthony Ward of Anderson bearing date the 12 day of
April 1848 and also a tract of land in the Waters of Maden Creek
containing forty eight acres belonging to me & Captain Sust H. Anderson
bearing date the 14 day of September 1816. That the above described
tracts of land together with all the residue of my estate after paying out the
debts and expenses before mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing
to my children and of them should be any bankrupts after having my
debts and also the debt when I am standing my son Anthony & my
daughter Elizabeth who is intermarried with John Wimberly in equal
shares and likewise to them and each and every of them
their expenses and administration absolutely free
Any debts I do truly conjecture and appear my two sons
Geo A Ward and Anthony Ward my lawful execution to execute

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This my last will and Testament according to the true intent and
meaning of every part and clause thereof freely making, and testifying, affixing
this my last testament with and Testaments by me before made in writing witness of
the said George Ward deceased set my hand and seal the 21 day of July
A.D. 1849 signed sealed published and declared of the said George Ward to be his
last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in
his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses
Sarah Ward
Elizabeth Ward

John Ward

George Ward Seal

62 In the name of God Amen

I Sarah Ward of the County of Lancaster & State of North Carolina
born & kept memory do this 29 day of January 1848 make and publish this my
last will & Testament in the manner following that is to say
1st It is my will that all my just debts & funeral expenses charged be paid by my
executors herein after named
2nd I will & bequeath to my mate Lucy Burns my tract of land so that
I may live and die peaceably the name of Bell and land of the same tract
& her increase my Waggon & gear and all my farming tools to her her
use & service for ever

3rd I will & bequeath to Peggy Fisher who now lives with me the most best
house I have at my death and land of the name of Bell & her increase to her
for her use & service for ever

4th I will & bequeath to my mate Lucy Burns & Peggy Fisher all my house hold
& Kitchen furniture to be equally divided between them two & their alike.

5th I will my wife that Peggy Fisher should live on my land with Lucy Burns &
her husband if it so long as she remains single & no longer

6th I will that my old negro man Dick should live with my mate Lucy Burns
& assist her in making a subsistence as long as he is able to work & after he is unable
to labor the Lucy Burns is to support him and take good care of him so
long as he lives

7th It is my will that the residue or remainder of my property无论if any at my
death be sold and appropriated to the payment of my debts & if any balance
after paying my debts to be equally divided between my mate Lucy Burns &
Peggy Fisher

8th And I will ordain and make my friend Mr. Garrison & my mate Lucy Burns
Executor & Executrix of this my last will & Testament in writing witness of
Sarah Ward here to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal the
day & year above written,

Sigma & seal in the presence of
Hiram Ward &
Preston Ward

Sarah Ward (Seal)