

October Session 1863

In the name of God, Amen,

I, John A. Whittier of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being now located to the War's battle fields knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say,

Principal & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent & Christian burial at the discretion of the executors nothing but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God, as touching such worldly estate wherewith I am blessed of Heaven God, to bless me in this life I give devise maintain & farm

first of all I give unto my beloved wife Caroline my lands houses cattle & every thing belonging to me till after her death then it is to be divided between my five children I appoint A. J. Whittier my whole & sole executor In witness whereunto we at our hands & seals this 21st of December in the year of our Lord eight hundred and sixty two

George Whittier

Eli Whittier

John A. Whittier

January Session 1864

In the name of God, Amen

I, Rebecca Milligan of the County of Catawba and State of North Carolina being in perfect mind & memory blessed be God, for the same do make this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows

1st I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sarah W. Sherill my Negro woman Rebecca but if she is not willing to take her I will that my Daughter Elizabeth B. Sherill will take her.

2nd I will that my negro man Jim Chase his own home and if he should not be able to support himself that he shall be supported out of my estate

3rd I will that my lands be divided or sold which is best & divided into six parts I will that my Daughter Sarah W. Sherill get one sixth part, Elizabeth B. Sherill get one sixth part Rebecca W. Wilson get one sixth part Salina B. Beatty one sixth part to be left in the hands of Gilbert A. Milligan for her use and at her death to go to her three Daughters Rebecca, Sarah Catharine, Marian Elizabeth Grand Daughters of Rebecca Milligan I will that Gilbert A. Milligan get one sixth part, my Grand Daughter Rebecca Jane Robinson one sixth part and if she should die without an heir I shall go back to the first of the Heirs I will that my crop stock farming tools house hold & kitchen furniture be sold or divided except my falling leaf Table I will to Gilbert A. Milligan, my debts to be paid & my funeral expenses to be paid & the balance to be divided to the above named heirs but Salina Beatty to go in the hands of Gilbert A. Milligan for her use and Children this 26 day of March 1865 Signed and sealed and

acknowledged in the presence of us

Test Gilbert M. Sherill

Test Lucina B. Sherill

Test James W. Callaway

Rebecca Milligan (seal)

Oct 7, 1862