

My daughter Nancy Riddle - And I do nominate my friend Nathaniel Stedman to execute this my last Will & Testament disannulling all other wills heretofore made by me in writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the eighth of January in the year of our Lord Christ 1849

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us
John K. Riddle

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Nath Riddle
notary

Chatham County 20th February Term 1849
I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the will & testament of Nath Riddle now deceased pronounced open Court by the oath of John K. Riddle and of the subscriber witness thereto & recorded when upon the said day therein named appears in open court & pronounced his right to qualify as such - on motion after notice with the will annexed is granted to Nathaniel Riddle who enters into bond in the sum of \$1500 - with Nancy Riddle Joseph Riddle & Mathew Meekers and his qualifying Justice A. Stedman C.C.

In the name of God I ave -

I Bennett Passates of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being weak and feeble in body but of reasonable mind & memory thanks be given to God for the same, and desiring to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men to die I do make ordain & constitute this my last Will & Testament touching my worldly affairs wherewithal it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the manner & form following my first of all I give and will my mortal body to the dust it came from, and my soul to God who gave it

Item 2nd That all my just debts and funeral charges be paid & satisfied

Item 3rd It is my will at my death that my well beloved friend Thomas Bell should take all my property of all kinds Cash Bonds goods and effects of every kind into his hands, as soon as the nature of the case will admit after my death and I do hereby desire & request my friend Thomas Bell as aforesaid & not having provided for hereafter a home for my wife and family, to take

a reasonable portion of any of my lands, not given away, for a residence for my wife & family and if there should be a comfortable dwelling house on the land so selected for her I direct that my friend Thomas as aforesaid have one build with other necessary out houses, as he may think are necessary for her and family out of the funds belonging to my estate. I also authorize and request him to sell and lay off as much of my Household and Kitchen furniture, and stock as he thinks will be necessary for her and family, and such articles so allotted and laid off to be hers during her natural life or widowhood also a comfortable support of provisions for her and family so long as her two little daughters Catharine & Julia Ann remains with her and she remains a widow and should her two daughters as aforesaid come of age or leave her and she remains a widow & conducts herself well she is still to be supported out of my Estate so long as she remains in that situation.

Item 4th I loan to my loving wife Cecilia two negro slaves (namely), Satry & Bill during her natural life or widowhood.

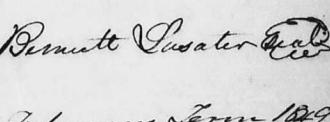
Item 5th I give & bequeath to my loving wife Cecilia as aforesaid my pleasure carriage gear and Horse Heavy to her and her heirs forever also One bed be distained and furnished -

Item 6th I give and bequeath to Mary Grills daughter of Rhoda Grills One feather bed & furniture and Five Hundred dollars in cash to be placed in the hands of Daniel Johnson for her benefit to be distributed to her in the manner he may think proper, and should said Mary die unmarried and leaving no bodily heir, I desire the money remaining in his hands at her death be refunded back to my Estate and divided amongst my heirs as herein after directed in the residue of my Estate. I also give to Daniel Johnson Fifty Dollars for his trouble to him & his heirs forever.

Item 7th I direct that my fishing house at the Mills should be finished & when finished off according to direction, it is my desire that my friend Thomas Bell shall have the use of it my writing desk Rocking chair and upper orchard at the Mills during his natural life and double barrel shot gun - Item 8th I give & bequeath to my sister Susane Rach Miers One hundred of land lying & being in the County of Chester on Haar River known as the Abenatha land to her and her heirs forever -

Item 9th I now give and bequeath to Betta Ann Horton
and Julia Ann Horton daughters of my wife Eselin all
the residue of my property both real and personal that I have
not heretofore given away, or directed to be disposed of to
be equally divided between them and should either of them die
leaving no bodily heir I direct that the surviving sister
shall have the whole of said residue, and in case both die
leaving no bodily heir I desire that the said property given
to them shall be equally divided between Joseph P.
Sasater Thomas P. Sasater Rebeca Ann Sasater children
of John Sasater deceased And Mary Gandy daughter of Rebeca
Gandy

Item 10th And lastly I do hereby appoint my truly friend
Thomas Bell my Executor to execute this my last will & testa-
ment respecting all other made by me. In witness where-
unto let my hand seal the 18th day of December A.D.
One thousand eight hundred & forty eight

Attest
James Upchurch  Bennett Sasater 
Muro Upchurch 

Charlotte County February 2nd 1849.
This certifies that the foregoing last will
& Testament of Bennett Sasater deceased was
proven in open court by the oaths of James
Upchurch & Muro Upchurch the subscribing
witnesses thereto cordially to be recited, wherein
Thomas Bell the Executor herein named appears
in open court & pronounced his right to qualify
as such.

John H. Arthman 

In the name of God Almon I William M. Barham
of the County of Charlotte & State of North Carolina, Being in a
decaying state of health but of sound mind & disposing man-
ner do make & ordain this my last will & testament in
form & manner as follows viz-

First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God
that gave it & my body to the earth to be buried as a Christian
Christian & trusting such worldly Goods as it hath pleased Al-
mighty God to bestow with, I give & dispose of the same in the follow-
ing manner. Item first I direct my Executor to pay all my just
debt & funeral expenses &c

Item 2nd I send unto my dearly beloved wife Nancy Barham
all my lands and tenements with all its improvements wherein
I hope of every kind together with all my stock of Provisions
on hand also all my negroes and their increase with the excep-
tion of my negro Luther, which I leave to be sold to the highest bidder
and the money applied to the payment of my debt & what remains
to be put to interest, or buy some useful property for the benefit of
my wife and children also all my stock of Horses, Cattle hogs
Sheep & all manner of debt during her natural life or widowhood
to secure she see fit or think proper to marry to have an equal share
of all the property with my children as the law directs as the same
and in testate. Item 3rd I leave at the death of my wife for all
my estate of every kind at the death of my wife to be equally
divided among all my children making each an equal
share with the rest of the children (though being born out of
wedlock) I also desire if any young children (including Luther
with the rest) should marry and settle off if there should be any
part of my property that my wife could share; to help her
children, keep an account of the same, as I would if I
were alive, so at the division of my property every one may
be made equal, and my children all to be shield without cost
paid me more than the rest. And I do appoint my worthy &
truly friend Burnell Rollins to be whole sale Executor of this my last
will & Testament & I do hereby revoke and disannul all other
wills here before made by me In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 22nd of December A.D. 1848
Signed sealed and executed in the  presence of us Thomas Rughard 
James S. Battle 

Charlotte County February 2nd 1849.
This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament by the
will of the said Barham was made & proven in open Court by the
Act of the said Rayford & James S. Battle the Subscribing witness
to be read & affirmed, whereupon Burnell Rollins the execu-
tor having made affidavit in open Court & as duly qualified
to do it. Attest John C. C.