

I George Lee of the County of Chatham & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following that it is to say first that my Executors pay all my just debts out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my Estate, I then = I give and devise to my eldest son William Lee that part of the tract of land on which I now live to have & to hold in fee simple forever that will lie South of a line beginning on a Postion in the field John Lees corner running east to John Lumbers line one Mallow; I then = I give and devise to my youngest son George Lee the balance of the tract of land on which I now live to have & to hold in fee simple forever on my cupboard which I now use. I then = I give and bequeath to my son John Lee the amount that he is due me on a note that I hold against him. I then = I give & bequeath to my grandson Nathaniel M. Briggs the two shovels that belong to me that he has now in his possession all notes and judgments that I hold against him = I then = I give & bequeath to my daughters Sally Fitts & Polly Jones all my beds & furniture to be equally divided between them. I then = My will & desire is, that my three Negroes, Oilek, Maria & Henry be divided among my three daughters Sally Fitts, Polly Jones & Eleanor Sellers equally share & share alike the division to be made in the following manner the whole of the negroes to be valued Eleanor Sellers to take Henry and to pay the exp^t of his valuation above her distributive share to make up the deficiency in the other two lots Sally Fitts & Polly Jones draw for Oilek & Maria, I then = My will & desire is, that all the residue of my Estate after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned if there should be any surplus over & above the payment of debts expenses & legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my said three daughters Sally Fitts, Polly Jones, & Eleanor Sellers in equal proportion share and share alike to them and each & every of them their Executors administrators & assigns forever, and lastly I do

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 hereby constitute and appoint my son George W. West
 my son in law Wiley Jones my lawful executor to all
 intents and purposes to execute this my last Will & Testament
 according to the true intent and meaning of the same having
 for that cause thereof hereby revoking and declaring
 utterly void all other will & Testaments by me heretofore
 made in testament whereof I the said George W. West
 heretofore at my hand and seal this the 25th day of June
 A. D. 1848

signed sealed published & declared
 by the said George W. West to be his last
 Will & Testament in presence of us
 who at his request & in his presence
 subscribed our names as witnesses
 thereto

Geo. W. West

Daniel Hackney

John Samborsky

Chatham County, August Term 1848
 This certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament
 of George W. West was ^{properly} read in open Court
 by the oath of Daniel Hackney & John Samborsky
 the subscribing parties thereto & ordered to be recorded
 whereupon George W. West one of the Executors
 therein named appeared in open Court & was
 duly qualified. Teste N. A. Shidman Clerk

Be it remembered that I Archibald Ferguson of
 North Carolina Chatham County knowing the uncertainty
 of my earthly existence and that it is a spendthrift at all
 men owe to die; do make and ordain this my last
 Will & Testament in manner & form following (viz)
 first, I give & devise to my beloved wife Sarah
 Ferguson this plantation on which I now live contain-
 ing about one hundred twenty acres for and during
 her natural life or so long as she may remain my
 widow and at her decease or marriage, it is my
 Will & I hereby direct that it be equally divided
 amongst all of my children Male & Female namely
 John F. Ferguson Andrew M. Ferguson Alfred
 M. Ferguson Polly E. Ferguson David O. Ferguson
 Sally M. Ferguson Angelina B. Ferguson Nathan
 A. Ferguson Austin E. Ferguson, Wiley J. Ferguson

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 Elizabeth J. Ferguson. I also give & bequeath to my beloved
 wife Sarah, all of my personal property of whatever kind or
 nature for her use, for and during her natural life or so long as
 she remains my widow, and at her decease, or marriage it is
 my will that it be equally divided amongst all of my children
 as above named. Item 2nd I do hereby direct my Execu-
 tors hereafter named to pay all of my just debts to whomsoever
 owing and of my personal property, which my wife can conve-
 niently dispose with, be insufficient to pay them, I do hereby
 authorize & direct said Executors to sell my old place or town
 plantation adjoining this on which I now live containing about
 one hundred & ten acres and apply the proceeds of the sale of
 said land to the payment of them & the surplus of said sale
 (if any) I direct to be paid over to my wife.

Whereas I have given to each of my sons John F. & Alfred M.
 a colt which they were in minority, with privilege of raising them
 and to my son Andrew M. I gave up something little one year
 of his time whilst he was in minority, for him to learn the trade
 of Blacksmithing (in lieu of giving him a colt); now that
 my sons may all be made equal & fair alike, it is my will & de-
 sires that my wife give my three youngest sons, namely David O. son
 than A. & Wiley E. the same privilege that John F. & Alfred M.
 had from me, if she should be unable to give them this privi-
 lege, then and in that case, it is my will that each of them be
 paid twenty dollars out of the surplus of the sale of the land.
 And lastly I do hereby promulgate constitute and appoint
 my wife Sarah Ferguson Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In wit-
 ness whereof, I the said Archibald Ferguson do hereunto
 set my hand & seal this 23rd day of April Anno Domini 1848
 signed sealed & promulged by the said Archibald Ferguson to his
 last Will & Testament in presence of

Archibald Ferguson

Jam. bloody
 Burrett Fox
 Chatham County, August Term 1848.
 This certifies that the foregoing last will &
 Testament of Archibald Ferguson was read in open Court
 by the oath of James bloody & Burrett Fox the
 subscribing parties thereto & ordered to be recorded
 whereupon Archibald Ferguson one of the Executors
 therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified.
 Teste N. A. Shidman Clerk