

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & quarter sessions
Chatham County August Term 1852.

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of George W. Thompson deceased was duly produced in open Court and offered for probate by George W. Thompson the Executor thereof which is proven in due form of Law by J. Thompson & John & Davis the subscribing witnesses thereto in words of figures following (to wit), In the name of God Amen, I George W. Thompson of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof have now determined to direct what dispositions shall be made of my property and how it shall be distributed after my decease. I do make Publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby making and making null and void all former last wills and Testaments and writings in the nature of last wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

My will first is that after my decease my Executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives friends and pay all funeral expenses together with all my Just debts whatsoever & to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as part or parcel of my Estate.

2nd Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Thompson my house and lots lying & being in the town of Pittsborough together with the lands adjoining to them (only separated by the Town commons) which I have purchased of Patrick W. Dwyer to have and to hold to her sole use benefit and disposal. I also give & bequeath to my said wife Mary Thompson to her sole use benefit and disposal the following Negro Slaves (viz) Lucy, Esther, Violet, Adeline, Mary, Granville, Duncan, Phillis & Robb. also my Road cartage and as much of my stock of cattle hogs & such as she may choose and as much more as she may

The house hold and kitchen furniture and farming utensils as she may wish all of which shall be for her sole use benefit and disposal.

3^d I then I give and devise to my beloved daughter Eliza Ann Leach (the wife of John Q. A. Leach) and her children the lawful heirs of body my houses and lots in the town of Pittsborough whenon the said John Q. A. Leach now lives together with all that appertains therunto, Also the plantations which the said John Q. A. Leach has now in cultivation on the south of Robersons Creek known as the Herbert Lewis Sandy together with all that appertains therunto to her the said Eliza Ann Leach and her children forever. I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter Eliza Ann Leach and the said lawful heirs of her body the following negroes (viz) Caudis and her incenane, Gelbert, Sarah and her incenane, Foorington, Lucy, Ann and her incenane which the said John Q. A. Leach has now in possession also Charles, Hector, Jerry, Washington, Spanish, Margant, Rachael, Mary Amy, Katharine Maurice her, and Thaddeus, to have and to hold to them the said Eliza Ann Leach, and her children forever. My will further is that all the negro slaves above named, not removed to the state of Mississippi previous to this time which I have given & bequeathed to my said daughter Eliza Ann Leach and her children, as aforesaid shall after my death be hired out innamely by my Executor hereinafter named and the proceeds therefrom shall be given to my said daughter Eliza Ann Leach for the benefit of herself and her children.

4th I then I give and devise to my beloved son George W. Thompson the dwelling House (wherins I formerly lived and wherins the said George W. Thompson is now living) with the Plantations

and all the lands belonging to my deceased
adjoining containing seven hundred and
be the said more or less to him or the said
W. Thompson his heirs and assigns forever.
I also give and bequeath unto my said wife
W. Thompson the following Negro Slaves (viz)
Benny, Maurice, Sam, Lewis, &c, Major Henry
Benn Betty and her four children, Flood and
her child Daisy to have and to hold to him or the
said George W. Thompson his heirs and assigns
forever.

5th Item My will further is that all the money
& debts which may be found on my papers and
my death together with all the means of my estate
real and personal of which I shall be seized
and possessing or to which I shall be entitled
at the time of my death (which I have not above
and before devised and bequeathed) shall be
divided share by share among my said wife
Nancy Thompson my daughter Eliza Ann
and my son George W. Thompson to them and
their heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
said wife Nancy Thompson my Executrix
with my said son George W. Thompson my lawful
Executor to all intents and purposes to execute the
my last will and Testament according to the
intent and meaning of the same and every
part and clause thereof hereby making and
declaring utterly void all other wills and
Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said George W. Thompson
do hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day
of January A.D. 1851.
Signed sealed published and
delivered by the said George W.
Thompson to be his last will and
Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in
his presence have signed our names as witnesses to the same
not named to the State of Mississippi inter and before signed

G W Thompson

also the words Sever and Sever. interlined before
Signed.

J. Thompson
John & Davis

Whereupon the said George W. Thompson appeared
as Executor thereof by taking the oath presented in such
cases.

Teste W. P. Taylor Clerk
By J. L. Middle

and all the lands belonging to my deceased
adjoining containing fifteen hundred acres
be the same more or less to him the said
W. Thompson his heirs and assigns forever.
I also give and bequeath unto my said wife
W. Thompson the following Negro Slaves (viz)
Benny, Maurice, Sen, Sen is, Joe, Major, Mary,
Benn, Betty and her four children, Floss and
her child Bazel to have and to hold to him the
said George W. Thompson his heirs and assigns
forever.

5th Item My will further is that all the money
& debts which may be found on my papers at
my death together with all the residue of my estate
real and personal of which I shall be seized
and possessed or to which I shall be entitled
at the time of my death (which I have not above
and before devised and bequeathed) shall be equally
divided share by share among my said wife
Nancy Thompson my daughter Eliza Ann
and my son George W. Thompson to them and
their heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
said wife Nancy Thompson my executrix
with my said son George W. Thompson my lawful
Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this
my last will and Testament according to the true
intent and meaning of the same and every
part and clause thereof hereby making and
declaring utterly void all other wills and
Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said George W. Thompson
do hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day
of January A.D. 1854.

G W Thompson

Second clause published and
disowned by the said George W.
Thompson to be his last will and
Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in
his presence do take and enter our names as witnesses thereto and
not remove to the state of Mississippi intent and before signed

Also the words Sen and Sen is, interlined before
signed.

J. Thompson 3 Just
John & Davis 3

Whereupon the said George W. Thompson appears
as Executor thereof by taking the oath prescribed in such
cases.

Teste W. P. Taylor Clerk
By J. L. Riddle Jr