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hand and seal This The 12th day of April A.D. 1854.

Nathaniel Alston 

Signed, sealed, published, and
declared by the said Nathaniel
Alston to be his last will
and testament in the presence
of us who at his request, and
in his presence do subscribe
our names as witnesses thereto

Wm Barringer.

John I. Alston.

August Term 1856,

The execution of the foregoing
last will and testament of Nathaniel Alston
was duly proved in open court by the oaths of
Wm Barringer and John I. Alston the subscribing
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded -
whereupon John B. Degraffenmidt ~~therein named~~
~~off~~ The Executor therein named appeared in
open court and was duly qualified as such -

Teste W. P. Taylor C. C. C. -

State of North Carolina } In the name of God
Chatham County } Amen - I Green Womack
of the County and State aforesaid being of sound
and disposing mind and memory considering
the certainty of death and the uncertainty of
the time thereof, do hereby make publish and
declare this to be my last will and testament
hereby revoking and making null and void all
former last wills and Testaments by me heretofore
made and declare this, and this only, to be my
last will and testament in manner and
form following that is to say -

Item First That my Executor hereinafter

named pay off all just debts by me owing ^{4 1/2}
any and all persons whatsoever -

Item - second - As to the residue of my estate and
which shall not be required for the payment of
my debts and the expenses in and about the
Execution of this my last will and Testament
and the administration of my Estate - I give
give, devise and dispose thereof as follows (to wit)

I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Ann
the dwelling house and lot in the town of Pittsboro
wherein I now live together with the lots adjoining
the same being five in all, embracing the yard
garden and stable lots, one or more back lots
and the House and lot adjoining the public
square (which house was lately used by a
Mr. Baker as a tinner's shop) also one other lot
known as the meadow lot, adjoining William
Hatchcock and others, also a tract of land ad-
joining the lands of Thomas B. Harries and others,
containing one hundred and forty seven acres
more or less, to have and to hold the said
houses and lots lands and tenements for
and during the Term of her natural life -
I likewise give and bequeath to my wife Ann
the use of two negroes during her life (to wit,
Peggy and Simon, and also the use of all
my household and kitchen furniture, and
should any of my children hereafter named
marry or settle off during the lifetime of my
said wife - I desire that she give off said
furniture or such portions of the same as
she may think proper to such child or children
Item 3^d - It is my will that my Executor hereinafter
named continue to carry on the mercantile
business in the Brick House now occupied by me

as a store for the space of twelve months after my decease, unless the goods on hand should be sooner disposed of to enable him the better to ~~close~~ ^{close} the business without a sacrifice of the goods on hand and if at the expiration of the said twelve months there should be any goods left my will is that my Executor sell them off at auction

It is further my will and desire that my Executor herein after named sell all the stock of hogs, horses, cattle sheep, mules wagons carts and all my farming utensils on my Cape Fear plantation, and all such other stock ~~my~~ ^{my} farming utensils as I may be possessed of in Pittsboro and all my crop when it shall have been gathered also a tract of land containing three hundred acres more or less lying on Deep River adjoining the lands of Mrs Sally Gilman and others; and after the twelve months shall have expired and the business of my store is wound up, I desire that my Executor sell the lot in Pittsboro on which my Brick Store and ware house stands on such credit as he may think best. Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son John A Mowack one fifth part in interest of all my property, embracing negroes the proceeds of the sales of my Estate hereinafter mentioned, also one fifth part of the property I have hereinafore devised and bequeathed my wife Ann to take effect after her death. Item 5th I give and bequeath to my two grandsons William G. and John M Hayes, children of my deceased daughter Jane Hayes, wife of William A Hayes one fifth part in value of all my estate not hereinafore devised and bequeathed, also one fifth part in value of all ^{the} property I have hereinafore devised and bequeathed to my wife Ann to take effect after her life estate in the same

is determined to be equally divided between them
and in the event that either of them should
die before arriving at the age of twenty one
years, then and in that case it is my will
and desire that the survivor shall receive
the share of the one so dying, and in the
event that both of them should die before
they reach the age of twenty one years
then and in that case it is my will and
desire that the share bequeathed to them shall
be equally divided between my son John and
my daughters Lucy, Fanny and Maria Wom-
ack or the survivor or survivors of them and their
heirs under the same restrictions as the prop-
erty hereinafter devised and bequeathed to my
said daughters Lucy Fanny and Maria Wom-
ack - Then 6th I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Lucy Thies property to the amount
of one fifth of my whole estate not hereinbefore
devised and bequeathed, also one fifth in inter-
est of all the property I have hereinbefore devi-
sed and bequeathed to my wife Ann to take
effect after her life estate in the same is deter-
mined exclusive of the jus mariti of her present
or any future husband she may hereafter
have - It is further my will and desire that
the property hereinbefore bequeathed to my said
daughter Lucy Thies shall be equally divided
between any children of my said daughter Lucy
living at the time of her death and the child
or children of any child or children of my
said daughter dying in her life time in shares
given to each child of my said daughter and to
the child or children of any deceased child
or children of my said daughter in such
equal portions of the said estate herein devised
and bequeathed to my said daughter Lucy as
aforesaid as the parent of such child or chil-
dren would have been entitled to if he or she

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had been living at the time of the death of my said daughter Lucy, and in the event that my said daughter Lucy should die leaving no lawful heir of her body then and in that case it is my will and desire that the share of my estate herein bequeathed to her shall be equally divided between John A Womack Fanny Womack and Maria Womack or the survivor or the survivors of them or their heirs, under the same restrictions as the property herein bequeathed to them -

Item 7th - I give devise and bequeath to my two daughters Fanny Womack and Maria Womack property to the amount of two fifths of my whole Estate not hereinbefore devised and bequeathed, I also give and devise to my two daughters Fanny and Maria, two fifths in value of all the property I have hereinbefore devised and bequeathed to my wife Ann to take effect after her life estate in the same is determined, to be equally divided between them exclusive of the jus mariti of any husband they or either of them may hereafter have. It is further my will and desire that the property hereinbefore bequeathed to my daughters Fanny and Maria shall be equally divided between any children of my said daughters Fanny and Maria living at the time of their death and the child or children of any child or children of my said daughters dying in their lifetime in shares given to each child of my said daughters Fanny and Maria, and to the child or children of any deceased child or children of my said daughters in such equal portions of the said estate herein devised and bequeathed to my said daughters Fanny and Maria as aforesaid as the parent of such child or children would have been entitled to if he or she had been living at the time of the death of my said daughter Fanny or my said daughter Maria and in the event that either of my said de-

- ceases Fanny or Maria should die leaving no lawful heir of their bodies then and in that case it is my will and desire that the share of my estate bequeathed to the one so dying shall be equally divided between the survivor and my son John A Womack and my daughter Lucy Thues, or the survivor, or the two survivors of them under the same restrictions as the property hereinbefore bequeathed to my said daughter Lucy Thues -

Item 8th - It is my will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named sell my tract of land lying on Cape Fear river adjoining the lands of R. W. Haywood & others, containing five hundred and fifty two acres more or less - also one other small tract of Pine wood land, adjoining the lands of Merrill Utley & others, containing one hundred acres more or less - The above lands I desire to be sold on a credit of one and two years and the proceeds of said sale when collected to be equally divided between my son John A Womack and my three daughters Lucy Thues, Fanny Womack and Maria Womack under the same restrictions as the property hereinbefore bequeathed to them -

Item 9th - It is my will and desire that the shares hereinbefore bequeathed to my son John A Womack, and my three daughters Lucy Thues, Fanny Womack and Maria Womack and the share given to my two grandsons, William G. and John W Hayes should each be equal in value the one to the other - My two grandsons, William G. and John W Hayes representing my deceased daughter Jane Hayes - Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son John A Womack to be the sole Executor of this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the twenty first day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty three -
Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses thereto
J. L. Riddle
64 M. & Clegg Jurat
Green Womack