

State of North Carolina } This 26th of
 Chatham County } Sept 1853

I Phoebe P. Riggsby being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death and having been blessed with a portion of this worlds goods do constitute & ordain and declare and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I leave the first my will and desire is that my Executor hereinafter named provide for my body a decent burial suited to the wishes of my friends and relatives and pay for the same and my funeral expenses out of the first money that may come into his hands from the proceeds of my estate

I leave Ind My will and desire is that all of my estate consisting of two negroes to wit Edmond aged about twenty-four or five years old, and Eliza a girl about five or six years old with many other articles of property that is to say all of my estate of every kind whatsoever be equally divided to share and share alike amongst the following persons my children and grand children and their lawful representatives to wit Asa S Riggsby god son of J. Riggsby Athap J Riggsby H S Riggsby Milly Riggsby wife of George A Riggsby Julia Leatis wife of Presley J. Leatis Esperan Riggsby wife of Alvis Riggsby

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and daughter of Bidde Kirby
Jarsan Riggsbee son of Rebecca
now living in Tennessee
I am 3rd And lastly I hereby appoint
my worthy and trusted friend
Alas J. Riggsbee to carry this my last
will and testament into effect by
taking all of my estate into his hand
and selling ^{the} same to the highest
bidders on a credit not less than
nine months requiring bond and
good security of the purchaser
and said Executor may divide said
estate at any time amongst said
legates at any time when he shall
think all my just debts is paid &
shall not retain said estate in his
hands more than two years in witness
I hereby Publish declare & ordain
this my last will and testament
in the presence of Turner Bynum and
William Norwood. in witness I Phoebe P
Riggsbee do hereunto affix my hand & seal
the day & date above written

Witness Turner Bynum
William Norwood

Phoebe P. Riggsbee (seal)