

& Hugh also one Feather Bed

Item to my son German I give three
negros namely Nelson Alpha & Harry
to be his absolutely at my death and one
half of the balance of my negros which I have
not given to James & Hugh and also one
feather Bed at the death of his mother

Item it is my desire that if any of my negros
should have children after the execution of this
will that the increase shall go with the
mother

Item I authorise my Executor to sell as much
of my crop stock or provisions which I have
given to my wife as may be sufficient to pay
my just debts and funeral expences

I appoint my son Hugh Executor to this
my last will & Testament signed sealed
published and declared on the 14th day of April
A.D. 1840

in presence of us

Jno S Guthrie
Mial Mumble

William Guthrie

Chatham County } May Term 1850

This certifies that the foregoing last will and
testament of Mr. Guthrie was duly proven by the
oath of Mial Mumble one of the subscribing witness
for thereof ordered to be recorded whereupon
B. Guthrie the executor therein named appeared in
open court & was qualified as such

Test M. Taylor & C.

In the name of God Amen I Robert Pal-
mer of the County of Chatham & State of North Car-
olina being of sound & disposing mind & memory
do make ordain publish & declare this to be my
last will & testament in manner & form following
hereby revoking all wills by me at any time hereto-
fore made & declaring this & this only to be my true
& lawful last will & testament

First I command my soul to God who gave it & my
body to the earth from which it was taken to be entia-
in a manner suited to my circumstances in life

Item I give & devise to my wife Nancy one third of the
tract of land on which I now live including the
dwelling house & all the out houses, to have & to hold
to her for and during her natural life & at her death
I give & devise the same to my son Robert W. Palmer &
his heirs forever I also give to my said wife the following
negros (viz) Betty Redick & John & the increase they
may hereafter have to have & to hold to her & her heirs
absolutely Item I ratify & confirm the gift which

I have heretofore made by deed to my son John Jos-
eph Palmer of the tract of land which I purchased
of Philip Alston I also give & bequeath to my son
John Joseph all the negros which I have heretofore
put into his possession & the increase that they have
had since they have been in his possession as well as
that they may hereafter have to have & to hold to him
& his heirs forever Item I give & devise to my son

John Joseph Palmer & to his executors & administrators
the tract of land that I purchased of Philip White
also all the negros that I have heretofore put into the
possession of my son Lemuel W. Palmer & the increase

of said negroes since they have been in my son
J M Palmers Possession & the increase that they may
have hereafter & in addition to them a negro boy by the
name of Sare upon this special trust & confidence
that my said son John Joseph his Executors & admors
will permit my son Lemuel to use & enjoy the said
land & negroes & their increase during the term of his
natural life & at his death that my said son John
on his executors or admors will divide the same
between the wife & children of my son Lemuel in
the same manner as the same would be divided &
distributed by law in the event of the death of my
son Lemuel intestate seized & possessed in his own
right of said property.

Item I give & devise to my son Gran A Palmer
the Lemples land whereon my son Robert now lives
also all the negroes that I have heretofore placed in his
possession & the increase of said negroes since he has
had them in possession & the increase that they may here
after have & to hold to him & his heirs forever

Item I give & devise to my son Robert M Palmer
the Thompson land on which I now live to have and
hold to him & his heirs forever subject however to
the life interest in one third part thereof herein before
given to my wife I also give & bequeath to my son
Robert the following negroes (to wit) Duncan Violet
& her child Nancy & Lack & the increase they may
hereafter have which negroes my son Robert has in his
possession & in addition to them I give & bequeath to him
a negro boy named Lerill now in my possession to have
& to hold to him & his heirs forever

Then I ratify & confirm the gift I have here
 tofore made by deed to my son in-law George or
 Goldston of all the negros that I have placed
 in his possession & their increase

Then I give & bequeth to my daughter Leticia
 mus H. Alston all the negros that I have here
 tofore placed in her possession & the increase
 that they may hereafter have to have & to hold
 to her & her heirs forever

Then I give & bequeth to Martin Rush &
 his Executors & Administrators negros George & Sule
 now in the possession of my daughter Mary Ann
 Lutter & the increase of said negros since they have
 been in her possession & the increase they may here
 after have in special trust & confidence
 that the said Rush will hold the said negros for
 the ^{and separate} sole use & benefit of my daughter Mary
 Ann Lutter during her natural life & at her
 death the said Rush his Exor or Adm^r will di-
 vide same among & between all the children
 of my said daughter Mary Ann equally share
 & share alike Item It is my will & desire that all
 the rest of my property of every description not here
 tofore disposed of remain with my wife during her
 natural life & at her death it is my desire that
 it be sold & that the proceeds thereof be distributed
 as follows (viz) one seventh part to my son John
 Joseph Palmer in trust for the benefit of my
 son Samuel his wife & children in the same man-
 ner as the property hereinbefore given to him in trust for
 them

one seventh part to Martin Bush upon the same trust as the property heretofore given him in trust from my daughter Mary Ann & her children & one seventh part back to John Joseph Palmer son of Palmer Robert W Palmer Lucimus & Alston & George W Goldston

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and officed my seal this 1st day of September AD 1848

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Robt W Palmer in our presence who in his presence at his request & in the presence of each other attested it as witnesses ~~the same~~
 A A Stedman
 I W Stedman

Chatham County May Term 1850

This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament of Robert Palmer Decd was proven in open court by the oath of A A Stedman & I W Stedman the subscribing witnesses thereof & ordered to be recorded on motion John Jos Palmer is appointed administrator with the will annexed & enters into bond the sum of five thousand dollars with George W Goldston and Robt W Palmer as his sureties and is qualified

Teste

Wm Taylor Clerk

Chatham County } November Term 1850
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In the name of God amen I Gabriel Utley being of sound mind and understanding and impressed with the great uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous to dispose of my Temporal affairs so that after my death no contention may arise relative to the same that I Gabriel Utley of the County and State aforesaid do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and testament revoking all other wills by me heretofore made

First I bequeath my body to the dust where it comes and my soul to God who gave it hoping for a happy immortality through the atoning merits of our Lord Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world my desire is that my body be buried in a neat and Christian like manner

Secondly that all my just debts be paid out of the proceeds of such property as shall hereinafter direct to be sold

Thirdly I doan unto my wife Lucy Utley during her natural life or widowhood the following property to wit Slave Mary and child Amy also my plantation with the exception of one hundred as hereinafter named with such far many Tools as she may need fit with Two beds Frames & covering one side board & cupboard candle stand crockery & glass ware of every description with all the kitchen furniture 2nd choice Table & all the Chairs