

I Sarah Ann Torance of ~~Chatham~~<sup>the</sup> County  
 of Chatham and State of North Carolina  
 being of sound mind and memory  
 but considering the uncertainty of my  
 earthly existence do make and declare  
 this my last will and testament in manner  
 and form following. That is to say,  
 First That my Executor hereafter  
 named shall pay all my funeral  
 expences together with all my Just  
 debts howsoever and to whomsoever  
 owing out of any money that may  
 first come into his hands as a part  
 of my estate

2<sup>d</sup> my Will and desire is That The Property  
 I have in bonds or money amounting  
 to some Six Thousand Dollars shall  
 be received by my brother Henry Torance  
 as trustee for the benefit of my two sons  
 Henry & Torance and Richmond Pearson  
 Torance to be by him kept and the Interest  
 annually accruing thereon to equally  
 divided between my said two sons Henry  
 & Pearson my will and desire is That  
 a negro Girl named Mag. shall be  
 also held and kept by my brother  
 Henry in trust for benefit of my

said two sons, to be by him hired Annually for their benefit and the money arising therefrom to divide equally between my said two sons Henry & Marson, and should my said brother Henry, in his discretion deem it proper and right to divide said property out to my two said sons, at any time upon their manifesting a disposition to exert themselves in any business, and exhibit business-habits, then it my will and desire that he should so divide out said property on such parts of it as he shall deem necessary for their comfort and support but in the event that a reckless spirit is discovered in my said two sons by which it will be clear that my said property will be wasted and perhaps bring my boys to want then and in that case, my will and desire is that my said brother Henry shall pay over to them nothing but the interest of said property annually, and should either of my said sons Marry and have issue then it is my will and desire that my brother the said Henry Zoomer pay over to such issue if any their father's portion of the property thus left him in special trust and confidence, and should either of said sons or both of them die without issue, then it is my will and desire that the estate thus left should go to and be declared the property of my said brother Henry Zoomer and in the event of his dying without issue then that the said property shall go to and be declared the property of my sister Eliza Will to her and her heirs forever.

To carry out and consummate all desire upon this subject, and to have executed, this my last will and testament I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved brother Henry Zoomer my lawful executor to all intent and purposes and according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said Sarah Ann Torrance do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1857

Sarah A. Torrance

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Sarah Ann Torrance to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto—

J. S. Davis

N. M. Hill

Frederic Zoomer

Chatham August Term 1857

The execution of the foregoing last will and testament of Sarah A. Torrance was duly proved in open court by the <sup>out</sup> N. M. Hill a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Henry Zoomer the executor therein named appeared in open court and was duly qualified as such.

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