

In the name of God Amen I William Lassiter of the State
of North Carolina County of Chatham desiring that it is ap-
proved for all men and to be do make this my last will
and Testament in manner following (viz)

Item 1st That all my just debts and funeral Expenses be
discharged by my Executors as soon as practicable

Item 2nd That my Executors advance to my daughter Eliza-
beth Drake Three Hundred Dollars as soon as convenient
to assist in the support of herself and family & further I lend
the said Elizabeth the use of the tract of land I purchased
of Gordon Holleman one bed and furniture and the articles
which I purchased at George Drake's sale now in her possession
during her life and at her death to be equally divided between
her children-

Item 3rd I give & bequeath to my son Bernab Lassiter one
Negro man slave by the name of young Tom one desk &
Book case one bed and furniture and one cow & calf
to him & his heirs forever-

Item 4th I lend to my daughter Susannah Meares one
Negro Boy by the name of Savelly during her life to assist
in the maintenance of herself & family and at her death
or sooner if she may think proper to descend to her issue
the heirs of her body if there should be such & in case there
should be no issue then to the common stock to be disposed
of as hereafter directed

Item 5th And as regards my beloved wife Rebecca Lassiter
the residue of my Estate I lend to her during her life or as
much thereof as she may think proper to retain in her possession
to be used by her for her maintenance & support, with the exception
of the money on hand and debts due which is to remain in the
hands of my Executors to defray charges support my wife if it
should appear most advisable support disab'd and some
out slaves if any To assist any unfortunate brother or sister if
such a case should occur by the visitation of God and render
them an object of charity -

Item 6th At the death of my wife or at any time when any part
or the whole of the property and especially well away shall
come into the hands of my Executors that they proceed to an
equal division of the same between all my children that are
now living or their lawful heirs my will is that my Executors
while acting honest incur no liability and if any thing should
appear ambiguous or doubtful of meaning the point aimed
at is an equal division of the property in my possession at
my death between all and every one of my children that
are now living & I further constitute and appoint my three
sons Tho: John & Bernab Lassiter my Executors to this my

my last will and testament signed sealed published pro-
voked and declared to be the last will and testament
of the Testator in presence of us who was, also present this
10th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight Hundred and ~~forty~~ ^{seventy} entered with the words
proper & charges before signed -

Witnesses present

John Crutchfield

Solomon N. Crutchfield

William Cassator

I William Cassator of the County of Chatham State of
North Carolina do make this Codicil to be taken as a part
of my last will & testament as follows that is to say, whereas
I have by my last will left my daughter Elizabeth ~~one~~
Three Hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executors, that
sum she has rec^d in consequence of which that clause is voided
It will also appear in the aforesaid will that I have
given my daughter Susannah Meares one negro slave
by the name of Corleis also an interest in other property
all of which will more fully appear by reference to
the aforesaid will, my will and desire is that my ex-
ecutors all two or one as many as shall think
it proper to ask keep & retain the aforesaid slave
and other property in their hands and apply the sum
as they may think best for the maintenance of the said
Susannah and children so long as she may live and
at her death the said slave to be disposed of as directed
by said will also the balance in their hands if any
should remain that is to her children if any if none to
return to the common stock I do witness whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and seal this 17th day of October 1839
the word will entered before signed

Witness

Solomon N. Crutchfield

John Crutchfield

William Cassator

Chatham County. May 1st 1845
This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament &
the Codicil thereto were proved in open Court by the
deaths of Solomon N. Crutchfield & John Crutchfield
the subscribing Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded
whereupon Thomas D. Dunne H. Saratov two of the Clerks
therein named appeared in open Court sworn duly
qualified -

Test. M. H. Roman C.C.

Be it remembered that I Simeon Pickett of the County
of Chatham and State of North Carolina being weak
in body but of sound mind & memory, and considering
the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and
ordain this my last will & testament, in manner & form
following, that is to say - first I give and bequeath to
my beloved wife Ruthann Pickett one case of drawers
two beds and furniture one side saddle and bridle
and the use of a horse creature whenever she may need
it, two cows her share of the stock that may be on hand
at the time of my decease - two chains and one
Hundred Dollars, to be hers absolutely, - and further
I give her full privilege of this plantation on which
I now live, until my youngest son Mahlon be all
have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and after that
time, it is my will, that she have a comfortable support
and maintenance equally off of both plantations, as
well that which I hereafter give to my son Francis
as that on which I now live, for and during her natural
life, or so long as she may remain my widow -
Item 2^d I give and devise to my son Francis Pickett
one Negro land and twenty five acres of land or thereabout
adjoining the lands of Thomas, Pugh, John Cop & others
including the improvements lately occupied by Geo. O'Neil
to be divided to be divided from this on which I now live
by a line or lines, that will divide to the best advantage
of both plantations to him his heirs and assigns for-
ever - I also give him one coral mess from near three
years old; one saddle and bridle which he now has in
possession of on Chaff bed furniture -
Item 3^d I give and devise to my son Mahlon Pickett
this plantation on which I now live, to him his heirs
and assigns forever, with the exception before made for my
wife, I also give him one horse creature a saddle & bridle
to be in value, equal to that which I have given his brother
Francis & one chaff bed furniture -
Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Petham
Pickett the saddle which she now claims one horse
creature and bridle, one Bureau or case of drawers
one milk cow, two smoothing irons, one feather bed
& furniture & two Hundred Dollars in cash to her,
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