

In the Name of God Amen I Wm. Shipman of the County of
Chatham & State of North Carolina being of perfect sound mind but
low in health & weak of body, do make and publish this as my last
Will & Testament — In the first place I give to my beloved wife
Peggy during her Natural life, the House and lots in the town of
Petersborough, whereon I now live and occupy or either one of
my tracts of land, and she may take either the ~~House and~~ lots of
mentioned, or any one of my tracts of land as she in her discretion
may select. I also give to my said wife during her Natural life
for many of my negroes as she may desire to retain and all or such
part of the Household and Kitchen furniture of every description
Horses Cattle or other household stock of every description — and it
is further my desire that my said wife shall receive from my Executor, from
time to time out of my estate, or the profits thereof as much as will support her
comfortably during her life, or until a division of my ~~property~~ shall take
place as hereinafter provided for — In the second place my
desire is that my Store shall be kept up and continued under the superintendence
of my son Nathan A. who shall continue to collect the debts, Replenish the
Stock and Carry on the business in the like manner as the same has been
done during my life, the purchases to be made out of the money due
at my death, and by him collected, or out of the sales of the stock of
Y^e do, or Bank Stock &c which may be then on hand — And if my
said son Nathan A. should die, for a Majority of my Children (hereinafter
named) should think it prudent and expedient, and signify the same
in writing under their hands, then the buying and selling of goods and
keeping up the store may be discontinued, and the profits which accrue
during the term, the store shall be continued after my death, shall form
a part of my estate, and be disposed of in the manner hereinafter directed
It is further my desire, that my said son Nathan A. shall be allowed
a reasonable compensation for his services in attending to the business of the
store It is my Will and desire if the store shall be kept up so long that each
of my Children under the age of Twenty one years, shall upon their arrival
at that age respectively receive from my Executor the sum of One
Thousand dollars to be paid out of any collections which may be made, the
profits

Profits of the Store or otherwise as may be provided for by my Executors.
 Item It is my will and desire that if as above provided for the business
 of the Store should be discontinued, then ^{and} in that case, the whole of my
 Estate and property of every description, except that given to my wife
 as above mentioned shall be equally divided between my said wife
 and my several Children namely William M. John L. Poley R. King
 (Heir of George M. King deceased) Poley R. wife of Joseph Ramsey
 Nathan R. Eliza B. Bran A. Robert F. Stearns and ~~other~~
 Eliza M. wife of Hasler P., the share of my said daughter
 Nancy M. to be for her benefit during her Natural life and
 afterwards to her Children in the manner hereinafter provided for
 the property and advances heretofore made to my said Children respectively
 according as the same is put down and charged to each by me in my
 Books, or Vouchers papers filed against them or her to be taken
 into Account and also the thousand dollars directed to be allowed
 to my Younger Children as divided forth and the share of each
 in that way to be made equal —

Item It is my Will that the share of my Estate which by the
 provisions of this Will may be coming to my said daughter Nancy M.
 shall remain in the hands of my Executors, and ^{the} division of them and
 the Executors or the Survivors hereon as Trustees for the sole and
 separate use and benefit of my said daughter Nancy M. during her
 Natural life, without any controul or direction whatever of her
 said Husband Hasler P., the said share to be used in such way
 as my said Executors or the Survivors of them may think advisable
 as to yield the largest yearly income for the support of my said
 daughter Nancy M. and her Children, and after the death of my
 said daughter Nancy M. her said share to be equally divided amongst
 her Children of her body, or may be alive at her death
 Item It is my will and desire that after the death of my ^{said} wife
 the property given to her as aforesaid shall be equally divided amongst

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all my Children aforesaid and in the manner above directed, the share
of my daughter Nancy W. to be kept and used by my Executors and
the survivors of them in the same way as her share of my Estate above
mentioned is directed to be used by said Daughter Nancy W. during her life
and after wards to her Children as is above directed.

And lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Executrix & my sons
Nathan A. Elisha P. Brown & Thomas executors to this my last Will
and Testament — And intending that may be a division of the property aforesaid
said in part or since it is my desire that all my aforesaid Children other
than said Executrix and Executors may have shares in the distribution & allota-
tion & allotment; and should either of my said Children choose or desire
a certain piece part or parcel of my aforesaid estate, which said piece
part or parcel may be desired by another, then I desire that it may be
determined by lot, which of the said Children shall receive the same as
proportionally part of this or her share, it being my express desire that the
whole matter of the settlement may be done amicably and friendly
and without lawsuits which may engender ill will and discord in the
family — N.B. the following intentions done and made before the
Execution of this Instrument namely on first page and second line from the
bottom between the words "Goods, and what or Bank Stock &c also on the third
page and third line from the top between the words "books" and to the words "before
table paper filed against him or her"

In testimony of all which the preceding last Will and Testament
hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this thirtieth day of February
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight
sign & sealed &c. I have notified the foregoing last &
acknowledged in presence has been read to me by Dr. J. Smith who is
of us J. J. Smith

W. H. Strong } attest the Contents of the same I have been
hastily drawn up to guard against the record
that may happen in my present affliction

W. H. Strong

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