

Knowing the instability of all human affairs—the uncertain tenure
 of life, and the certainty of death—I wish to set my house in order,
 and to prepare for my departure. To this end I make this my last
 will & testament, this twenty ninth day of October, A. D. 1855.
 I commend my spirit to Him who gave it, hoping through the merit
 and all-sufficiency of the blessed Saviour, R. & my sins may be ~~blotted~~
 out—that my heart may be purified by the Holy Spirit—and that
 by the unmerited mercy & grace of a sin-pardoning God, I may be
 admitted at last into the New Jerusalem, there to join the
 heavenly host in praise & adoration to God and the Lamb forever.
 What little worldly substance I may possess, I give it all to my
 dear daughter, Mary Ann Potter, with full power to use and
 dispose of it as she may think proper, without rendering
 an inventory or account of sales—the paying the debts I may
 owe in the Town of Freetown, if there is ^{any} sufficiency.
 And I appoint my said daughter, Mary Ann, my sole executrix of this
 my last will which I shall depose with my most valuable papers, and
 which is written, signed & sealed with my own hand the day of the date.
 H. Potter

Out for the facility of probate, I saw on this sixteenth day of March
 1854, I acknowledge the above to be my hand & seal, at & ~~the~~ I and I
 hereby declare & publish the same as my last will & testament—
 in presence of John H. Hays
 H. Potter

Spencer Cottons

Proved in will

Sept. 1877

W. M. Wicken
Clerk

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Sessions
 Cumberland County 3 Sessions March Term 1858

Then was the within Paper writing
 purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Henry
 Potter produced in open Court & upon the testimony
 of Mary Ann Potter it was proved to
 have been given to her by his Last Will to place
 among his valuable papers & was by her so
 proved. Whereupon Geo. B. Hill S. J. Hawley
 & James Banks were sworn & testified, that
 the Paper writing ~~writing~~ & every part thereof
 was in the proper hand writing of the said
 Henry Potter. Whereupon it was adjudged by
 the Court. That the said Paper writing

is ~~was~~ proved in conformity with Law, to be
 the Last Will & Testament of the Hon. Henry
 Potter decd., and ~~on~~ motion It was ordered
 that the same be admitted to Probate,
 and on motion It is ordered by the
 Court, that Mary Ann Potter who is
 appointed executrix in said will be allowed
 to qualify as such - which she

Whereupon the said Mary
 Ann Potter in open Court qualified as
 executrix of the Last Will & Testament of
 Henry Potter decd. & took upon herself
 the burden of executing the same.

Let the Will with this Probate be enrolled.

J. T. Hardin Clerk

In the name of God, Amen, I Sylvia Williams Potter, of the County of Cumberland & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind & memory, blessed be God, do, this day of April, A.D. one thousand eight hundred & fifty two, make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner following, that is to say —

First — I commend my spirit to Him who gave it, hoping through the merit & atoning sacrifice of the blessed Saviour, that my sins may be forgiven — that my heart may be purified by the Holy Spirit — and that by the unmerited mercy & grace of our Father in Heaven, I may be admitted at last into the new Jerusalem — then to join the heavenly host in adoration and praise to God & the Lamb forever.

Next, I give & devise to my daughter Olivia Stedman & her children, a part or portion of my lot of land, called Chelsea, on the said hills, west of Fayetteville — town, beginning at the north-west corner of said lot, then running with the eastern line thereof, one hundred & forty feet to a stake — thence parallel with the north & south line of said lot one hundred & ten feet to a stake — thence running parallel with the east & west line aforesaid, one hundred & forty feet to the north & south line aforesaid — thence along that line one hundred & ten feet to the beginning — containing about one half of an acre, more or less, and all buildings & improvements, rights, hereditaments & appurtenances to the same belonging — and also thirty feet in width, of the old garden, running through the same, & next to & parallel with the north & south line aforesaid, and also the privilege of using the spring & other water on the said lot, to her the said Olivia Stedman & her children, & to their heirs & assigns forever.

And I give & devise to my daughter, Mary Ann Potter, all the rest & residue of my said lot of land, together with all the buildings & improvements thereon, and all rights, hereditaments & appurtenances to the same belonging — and also my lot of land on the said hills west of Fayetteville, which I hold under a deed from Mr. J. Anderson, Executor of David Anderson, my husband, in trust for my heirs, date the first day of February 1845, containing five & one fourth acres, more or less, to her the said Mary Ann Potter, her heirs & assigns forever.

Signed, sealed & published, the day & year first above written, in presence of us.
 J. H. Anderson
 C. H. Anderson
 S. H. Potter