

W. H. Phillips. Nov 11 1850

I Andrew Phillips of the County of Gaston and State of North
Carolina being weak of Body but of Perfect Mind
and Memory calling to mind the Mortality of My Body
and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once
to die ~~Do~~ Make and Ordain This My Last Will and Testament
that is to Say I recommend My Soul to God who gave it and My
Body to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian Manner —
and as Touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God
to Bless Me I Give and Devise and dispose of The Same
in the following Manner and form —
First I Order My funeral Expenses to be paid out of My Estate
I Give and bequeath to My Beloved Wife Sarah Louisa
for the use of herself and Maintenance of My family all
the Wheat Corn Cots and Housenicks on hand I Give to My Wife
all the household and Kitchen furniture for the use of My family
I also Give to My Wife during her life Two horse teams Wagon
Carriage all the Farming Tools all the cattle hogs sheep and poultry
and My Interest in the threshing Machine I Also Leave to the use
of My Wife during her Natural life or Widowhood My Negro
Man Porter and My Negro Girl set or should it so happen that
they My family and said Negroes cannot live agreeably together
I Will that My Executors sell said Negroes privately or publicly

They My family and Said Negroes cannot live agreeably, I will that My Executors sell Said Negroes privately or publicly as in their discretion shall be deemed best and pay the price of them or so much thereof as may be necessary for the support and decent maintenance of My family to My wife as she may demand it. I also allow My wife the use of the plantation on which I now live during her life in order that she may make a support and be enabled to maintain our beloved children. In case that My wife should marry again I will that the Said Negroes Porter and Let be sold and that My wife have the use of the price of them clear of interest till My children become of age to whom I will the price of Said Negroes Each to have an Equal share as she or the Sonnes of Lawful age by her giving Bond and approved Security that she will pay to each his or her proportional ~~part~~ as he become of age.

I will that My Other Negroes Let and her children be sold together with all other property not herein disposed of that I may have and My Just debts paid out of the proceeds I will and bequeath to My two younger children Margaret Esther and Joseph Ephraim twenty five dollars Each More than My two Elder ones in order that they may therewith acquire an Education so as to be something near Equal to the Elder Sisters.

I Will and Bequeath To Each of My Beloved children
Martha Rebecca Anne Margaret Esther
and Joseph Ephraim the Whole of The Proceeds of
of Sale Each to have an Equal part Except as above
I also will that Each of My children have
an Equal part of The property left to the use of
their Mother after her decease I Will and
Bequeath To My Son Joseph & Falls the Whole of
the Plantation on which I Live subject however
to the Incumbrance above mentioned I Consolidate and
reclaim Ephraim W. Falls My Brother and Nathan
Pondhall My Sole Executors and I do Attesty disavow
Revoke and disannul all and Every other ^{former} will and
testament Ratifying and confirming this to be my Last
Will and Testament In Witness where
of I hereunto set my hand and seal This fourteenth day
of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and forty nine signed sealed and
pronounced and declared by The said Andrew
Falls as his Last Will and Testament in
the presence of James O. Brady and John L. L. L.
Andrew Falls