

April 1851

I Ann Will of the County of Gaston 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 herein after
named shall Provide for my body a decent Burial suitable to
the wishes of my Relations and Friends and pay all funeral
Expenses together with my just debts Hereover and to reimburse
Owing Out of the Money that may first come into his hands as
a part or parcel of my Estate —

I Give and devise to my Son Alexander M. Will three Children of Negro
Woman named Amanda and Belina. During his Life should
he die without heirs his wife Louisa to hold said Property during her Life
at her at her decease does to fall back to the distribution of the Executor
to be Equally divided the amount thereof to the Surviving Executors to those
who are not bequeathed any Property mentioned here else after all
Expenses are paid they to have an Equal share with the Other Executors
the Residue on Hand. I Give and devise to my Son Louis & Will my
Negro Man Dick and Boy Richard should he incline to dispose
of shall said Negro Man to have Choice of his master.

I Give and devise to my daughter Mary Ford a bed and bedding
a Sewer Basin and Sewer Dish and half of all my husband's wares

I Give and devise to my daughter Mary Ford my Negro Woman

I Give and devise to My daughter Mary Ford a bed and bedding
a Sewer Basin and Sewer Dish and half of all my Cupboard Ware
I Give and Devise to My Daughter Anna Wilson My Negro Woman
"Jenny and her Infant" Child Shire a Sewer Basin and half of the Cupboard
Ware and Daughter Anne New William a Bed and Bedding
I Desire that Ezra Wilson Husband of said Anne take into his charge
a Child of said "Jenny" named Phillis for the use and Property
of My Daughter Mary Ford Should so Ezra Wilson feel desirous of
Redeeming said Phillis as his property he to pay Daughter Mary the
Price in Cash I desire that my horse cattle Hogs &c be sold turning
utensils and Kitchen Furniture also sold should any money
remain when Expenses are paid I direct my Executor to pay over
that amount to my Son James I Will also I Give and devise
to Sarah Will Widow of son John ^{Hill} twenty dollars
Stephen S. Sarah Will is said ^{Hill} of Hannah C. Will to be paid
the Remainder — I Do ^{Hill} hereby Constitute and appoint
My Trusty Friend Ezra Wilson my Lawful Executor to
all intents and purposes to Execute this my Last Will and
Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the
Same and Every Part and Every Clause thereof hereby approving
and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments
by me heretofore made In Witness Whereof

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Copied from 1851 Will

At the Court House of the County of Gaston, S.C. I, Will Schumann, do hereby seal
this 11th Day of February, A.D. 1851,
C. Schumann
Mark

Whereof sealed, published and declared by the said
C. Schumann to be her last will and testament in
presence of us who at her request, in her presence
and in the presence of each other, do subscribe
our names as witnesses thereto.
Matthew May
Sarah Miller

I Robert Smith of the
County of Gaston and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory but considering the
uncertainty of my earthly Existence Do make this my
last will and testament in manner and form following
that is to say
First That my Executor herein after named shall have