

I Larkin Stowe of the County of Gaston & State of N Carolina being in good health and of sound disposing mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of life do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following that is to say,

First That my just debts & funeral charges be first paid out of my estate -

Item I give and devise to my ^{son} Jasper Stowe my two Negroes Henry and Alfred together with whatever else I may have heretofore given to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my Son Samuel N. Stowe my two Negroes Fader and George together with whatever else I may have heretofore given ^{him} to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my son ~~Edwards~~ B. Stowe my two Negroes Jordan and Dallas together with whatever else I may have heretofore given him to him & his heirs forever.

Item I further give and devise to my Sons Jasper & Edwin equally and jointly my two Negroes Peter & Tom also my two Tracts of land bought from Leary Stowe & his L. Ford lying on the West side of the South fork above the Buchanan place, also all the lands I own on both sides of the South fork where their factory stands including the Islands & land covered by water. I also give them the tract of land I own above New Hope Church called the Rocky branch land -

Item I give and devise to my daughter Mary E. now wife of J. H. Pegram to her and her heirs forever my Negroes Esther, Betty & Vinny with their increase together with whatever else I may have heretofore given her -

Item I give and devise to my daughter Nancy H. now the wife of G. W. Mason to her and her heirs forever my Negroes Marion, Claudus, and Binu. with their increase, together with whatever else I may have heretofore given her -

Item I give and devise to my daughter Margaret B. Stowe to her and her heirs forever my Negroes Lizzy & Child. Caroline & Martha. and Bed and furniture. one Bureau. one

- Item I give and devise to my daughter Nancy S. now the wife of J. M. Stowe her heirs forever my negroes Maria, Claudia, and Bina. with their increase, together with whatever else I may have heretofore given her -
- Item I give and devise to my daughter Margaret S. Stowe to her and her heirs forever my negroes Lizzy & Child. Caroline & Martha. one bed and furniture. one Bureau. one good horse, bridle and saddle
- Item I give and devise to my daughter Susan S. Stowe to her and her heirs forever my negroes Harriet & Child. Michel & Sucky. one good horse bridle and saddle. one good bed & furniture. one Bureau -
- Item I give and devise to my daughter Laura S. Stowe to her and her heirs forever my negroes Sylvia. Sarah & Fora, one good horse bridle and saddle. one good bed and furniture. one Bureau -
- Item I give and devise to my son Leroy W. Stowe my negroes Charles & Malcom. my Interest in the Nathan Ford plantation being $\frac{8}{9}$, also the Woodliff Ford place, together with whatever I have heretofore given him to him & his heirs forever -
- Item I give and devise to my son William A. Stowe my negroes Abel (in the place of one that died) Lebo and Rincy with the incumbrances of maintaining as long as they live my negroes old Amy & Young Amy. I also give to him the plantation on which I live, and the place called the Pollard place with the condition that my single daughters have the privilege of living in and occupying such partition of my dwelling dwelling house & out houses as may be necessary for their comfort and convenience so long as any two of them may remain single. not depriving him of the same privilege - I also allow ~~my~~ said daughters the privilege of collecting

a portion of the land for their support if the should deem it necessary. the negroes & land to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and devise to my daughter Ferrie M. Stow to her and her heirs forever my negroes Liley, Anne & Judy, one good horse bridle and saddle, one good Bed & furniture one Bureau -

Item I give and devise to my daughter Eliza E. Stow to her and her heirs forever my negroes Jenny Dilsey & Cop. One good horse bridle and saddle one good Bed & furniture one Bureau -

Item I give and devise to my grand son Larkin Monroe Mason my negro boy Jack to him and his heirs forever -

Item I give and devise to my grand daughter Susan Larkin Pegram my little negro Alice to her and her heirs forever -

Item In giving my lands as above set forth it is to be distinctly understood that the growing crops on said lands are to revert to the use of my estate

Item should any of my daughters die without heirs the issue of their body I then allow their estate to return & be divided equally amongst my children

Item I give and devise to my three oldest single daughters my negro man Loom to live with them on the plantation and work for them in such way as they may think best or be disposed of by them as they may deem proper, but I hope not put out of the family

Item My will is that my Books and household property & furniture be divided amongst my children as they may see fit

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Item My Will is that my Books and household property & furniture be divided amongst my children as they may agree among themselves

Item My Will further is that all my unvalued property be sold and the proceeds together with whatever funds may belong to my estate be used in defraying the sums of expenditure required in this my Will, and should not this be sufficient to meet the requirements, I then allow that some of the negroes from each Division be hired out to meet the necessary expenditures, but no negroes to be hired out that is now not on the place

Item Should there be any dispute or misunderstanding of this my Will by any of my Legates, I will that three good and discreet good men be chosen by my Executors & the parties to settle the dispute and their award shall be final. Any Legate going to law contrary to the award made shall lose their part in my estate.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my Sons Joseph, Edwin B. & William A. Snow my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day of Sept AD 1855

Larkin Snow Seal

Witness Wm. Sloan Jurat
W. Pyron Jurat