

In the name of God amen. I George May of the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina, being now what advanced in years, and considering the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, and being of sound mind and memory, do think proper to have the following lines as my last Will and Testament. I recommend my soul to God, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent manner, and as touching my worldly substance, it is my Will to dispose of it in the following manner. That it is my Will that all my Just debts & financial expenses be discharged in a reasonable time.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife. Mary May, all my personal and real estate, to have and to use her own proper use and benefit, during her natural life or widowhood, consisting of the plantation I now live on containing one hundred and fifty acres of land more or less lying on the waters of Buffalo Creek, in the County and State aforesaid, and all the negroes that I now own or may own at my death, namely, Sam and Buffen, and all my house hold and kitchen furniture and all my farming tools of every description and all my stock of all kinds that I may have living of any kind that I may have at my death and all my profits and effects that I

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife. Shey May all my
personal and real estate, to have and to use her own proper use and
benefit, during her natural life or widowhood, consisting of the
plantation I now live on containing one hundred and six acres of
land more or less lying on the banks of Woffatoe Creek, in the County
and State aforesaid, and all the negroes that I now own or may
own at my death, namely, Sam and Buffin, and all my house hold
and kitchen furniture and all my farming tools of every description
and all my stock of all kinds that I may have living of any kind
that I may have at my death and all my profits and effects that I
may have at my death.

Thirdly. It is my will that if my wife should have an heir by me, and
such heir should live, it is my will that such heir at the death of
my wife. Shey, or intermarriage with another man, that my real and
personal estate fall to this heir.

Fourthly. It is my will that if I should have no heir of my own, that
the four last children of my wife. Shey at her ~~own~~ death or her
marriage with another shall have my estate, equally between them, to wit.
Henry G. Meade, Elizabeth M. Meade, Louisa E. Meade, Adeline A. Meade

for the love and good will and their kind testimony to me in
my old age that my personal and real estate in either case be
equally divided by three otherwise as may seem best.

Fifthly. It is my will that my wife Mary after my death, come to be
my house and money again, that she should enjoy her estate free
with her four first children, then my last will and testament, meeting
and satisfying all other debts by her husband's estate, and satisfying
and confirming this as a thing to be my last will and testament.
Signed, sealed and attested in the presence of three the sixth day
of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &
sixty four.

I hereby announce and affirm my last will and testament.
What I desire and my living wife Mary May, who is next of kin
to this my last will and testament,

Signed

George May (Seal)

John H. May at Court

and H. H. May at Court

State of North Carolina

Witness my hand this 10th day of June 1864.

The foregoing last will and testament was read to me

and now sending all their belongings to the breakfast table, and relieving
and improving their souls this day to be my last will and testament.
Signed under our authority in the presence of three other sixth day
of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &
sixty four. I hereby announce and affirm my last will and
testament. What I desire is my living wife, Mary May, who is now sole executrix
to this my last will and testament;

Signed

George May (Seal)

John M. May as Trustee

and B. M. May as Trustee

State of North Carolina

Confession of Mary in Volume of Nov. 1850.

The foregoing last will and testament was duly proved in open Court
before the Hon. Judge John M. May at the Subscribing Notary for the
County of North Carolina this 20th day of January 1864 before both said and
presented before. Whereupon the Court thereon ordered, that the said
Mary May come into Court and be sworn as such.
According to her Affidavit.

Test John M. May as Trustee

By M. McCulloch, Secy