

State of North Carolina
Jones County

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
October Term A D 1850

There was the last Will and Testament of William W. Tranchel presented and proved in Open Court, in due form of law, by the oaths of Richard F. Green and William H. Washington the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And at the same time Sarah Ann Tranchel the Executrix and William Huggins the Executor therein named were qualified as such; and Letters Testamentary issued to them.

A True Copy of the Original filed in Office
Chas. L. Smith Clerk

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In the name of God Amen.

I Elijah Simmons of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina seriously considering the uncertainty of life, and mindful of the obligation upon every man to leave his affairs in order, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

Imprimis It is my desire that my Executors herein after named should liquidate and pay all my just debts, from proceeds of cash I may have on hand, and notes and accounts due me at my death, and the sale of property belonging to me not herein devised, which said property I wish my Executors to sell as they may believe most most advantageous.

Item I give to my beloved wife Apla One Years provision to be laid off out of my Crop and Stock on hand, or the value thereof to be paid her in money, as she and my Executors may deem most convenient and desirable. Also one Bed Bulstond and Furniture two Cows and Calves the Horse now own known as her Horse, should I ever have at my death, if not another Horse of her choice from my stock of horses, my Buggy and Harness and Four Hundred Dollars in Cash to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I lend to my beloved wife Apla during her natural life four Negroes two males and two females of average value of my lot of Negroes at my death her choice.

Item I give to my daughter Adeline the lands I purchased of William W. Tranchel which joins the lands wherein I now live and heretofore given to my said daughter Adeline by deed of Gift to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give whatever balance may remain in the hands of my Executors after paying all my just debts, the amount given to my wife as above stated, and the Commissions, and other necessary expenses incurred by my Executors, to be equally and fairly divided among my six children, Hester Ann Whitty, Sarah Hall, George W. Simmons, Nancy Hall, Frances Bell, and Adeline A. Simmons to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I wish my Executors to sell as they believe to the best advantage that part of my James & Benjamin Simmons land heretofore gifted by me to my son Elijah by deed of Gift, which after the death of my said son reverted again to me, (which joins that part of said James & Benjamin Simmons land heretofore gifted by me by deed of Gift to my son George W. Simmons) and the net proceeds thereof I give to be equally divided among my following named children Hester Ann Whitty, Sarah Hall, Nancy Hall and Frances Bell to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I wish all the Negroes that I may own at my death excepting three female

four I leave my wife as above named, to be divided in her equal parts, one of which parts I give to each of my following named Children viz Hester Ann Whiting, Sarah Hall, George W. Simmons and Adeline A. Simmons to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item The remaining two parts or lots of Negroes as fully explained in the last above item, I leave one part each to my daughters Nancy Hall and Frances Bell during their natural life, under the care and subject to the control and management of my son George W. Simmons who I hereby appoint a Trustee to superintend said business, and should either or both of my said daughters Nancy Hall and Frances Bell leave a child or children of their own body living at their death, then I give the part or lot of Negroes of each or either or so leaving a child or children to be equally and fairly divided among their respective children should there be more than one and if but one to said child; and in the event of either or both of my said daughters Nancy Hall and Frances Bell dying without leaving a child, or children of their own body living at their death, then I wish the lot of Negroes together with their increase, of the one or both so dying, to be equally and fairly divided among all my other Children who may be living at the time, or who may have died leaving children or child, that may thus be living the part that may in that event revert to either one of my said daughters Nancy Hall or Frances Bell to be only a life estate and under the management of the said Trustee, and after their death to pass to their child or children if any, and if none to the rest of my Children equally to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. After the death of my wife I wish the Negroes I own her, together with their increase to be equally and fairly divided among my Children living at the time or having left Children or child living at their death, and also living at my wife's death, the part thereof reverting to my daughters Nancy Hall and Frances Bell to be only a life estate and under the superintendence of the said Trustee, and after their death to pass to their respective child or children if any, or if none to my other Children as in the last above item to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Roscoe Barrow and my son George W. Simmons Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of August A.D. 1850.

Signed sealed and published

in presence of

The said son between the death and seventh day
on the second day was interviewed before this
instrument was executed

Henry W. Hall

L. S. Barrow

J. R. Young

Olijah Simmons Seal

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State of North Carolina,
Jones County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term A.D. 1851

Then, was the last Will and Testament of Elijah Jimmons deceased, presented in Open Court for probate, when the same was proved in due form of law by the oaths of Henry W. Hall and John P. Young, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be Registered; And at the same time Roscoe Barnes and George W. Jimmons the Executors therein named were qualified as such, and Letters Testamentary ordered to issue to them.

Chas. G. Crook Clerk

A True Copy of the Original filed in Office
Chas. G. Crook Clerk

I John Pollock of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, being weak and sick of body, but of perfect sound mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First, That my Executor (hereinafter named), or administrator, shall provide for my body, a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item. My will and desire is, that my beloved mother Mary Pollock shall have, keep, hold and enjoy all my estate, after paying all my just debts, during her natural life or widowhood, consisting of Household and Kitchen furniture, plantation tools, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Poultry &c. and after her death, the remainder of any after paying her funeral expenses, and all just debts, to be sold and equally divided between my sisters Children Mary Ann, Peter, John and Sarah Eliza Andrews to, them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. My will and desire further is, that my mother Mary Pollock shall have and enjoy all the Crop of Corn, Fodder, Peas, Potatoes and all other produce of the farm, that is or may be on hand at the time of my death, to her her heirs and assigns forever. And should there be any produce of the farm, or any provisions of whatsoever kind on hand, at the time of her death, to be sold and applied to the payment of her funeral expenses, and all just debts, and remainder if any, to be applied to the benefit and support of my sisters Children Nuldah Andrews as before directed.

And Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my mother Mary Pollock 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 clause thereof. In witness whereof I the said John Pollock do hereunto set my hand and seal the 23rd twenty third day of August A.D. 1850.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Pollock to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Benjamin Asher
H. W. Pollock

John ^{his} Pollock (Seal)
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