

In the name of God Amen! I William W Franks of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being very feeble in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following: that is to say -

First - I wish my Executors hereinafter named to pay all my just debts as soon after the probate of my will as may be practicable consistently with the best interest of my estate: - and for that purpose I do hereby authorize and empower them to sell (if necessary) such parts or portions of my estate as they deem expedient and proper -

Secondly - After all my just debts are paid I devise and bequeath all my Estate real and personal to my beloved wife Sarah Ann Franks during her natural life and do hereby request her to keep all the said property together if practicable and expedient and to manage the same in the best way she can for the promotion of the interest of my Children -

Thirdly Upon the death of my beloved wife Sarah Ann Franks I devise and bequeath all my Estate real and personal to my Children Edward Starkie Franks and William Huggins Franks to them their heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever - And it is my will and desire that upon the death of either of my said Children during the life of my beloved wife Sarah Ann Franks that the whole of my Estate real and personal shall go to the survivor subject to the life Estate of his mother as is hereinbefore provided -

Fourthly In the provision which I have herein before made for my beloved wife Sarah Ann Franks I have acted upon the supposition that she will never marry again, but if my said wife Sarah Ann Franks should marry again then I give devise and bequeath to her one third of all my estate real and personal during her natural life -

Fifthly & lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Ann Franks Executrix and my friend William Huggins Executor of this my last will and Testament: And my beloved wife Sarah Ann Franks Testatrix my guardians of my Children Edward Starkie Franks and William Huggins Franks and do request and require upon her to educate and bring them up well -

In testimony of all which I do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal on this 29th day of April A D 1850

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator as his last will & testament after the solemnizations and solemn promises of us who signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and also in the presence of each other

A F Green

Wm W Washington

Samuel Forward

Wm W Franks (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Jones County

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
October Term A D 1850

Then 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 Horses now own known as her Horses, 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