

State of North Carolina Lincoln County September
The 19th 1863.

Know all men by these presents that
I Bengaman Hall of the County of Lincoln and State
of North Carolina Being of Sound mind and reasonable
bodily health, but mindful of the truth that it is appointed
unto men once to die do make and devise as my last
Will and Testament the following.

1st. I give my flesh to the dust out of which it was
extracted, and my spirit to God who gave and redeemed it by
the blood of Christ through whose merits, I hope after my
decease to rest in Peace.

~~To be buried in a~~ 2nd. It is my desire if Practicable
to be buried in a decent Christianlike manner, and as I am
likely to be called to the army to defend my country I should
die from sickness or Fall in Battle. I leave this matter to
the prudence of wife, Family.

3rd. I will and bequeath after my
death to my beloved wife Anna all my property and possessions
of every worldly kind to have for her use and the use of the family +
during her widowhood, but in case of her death, or second
marriage it is my desire that my property be sold and lands
be equally divided among my children then living. The proceeds
arising from the sale of my property to be equally divided among

be equally divided among my children then living. The proceeds arising from the sale of my property to be equally divided among them also.

4th. it is my will and I so desire that when my beloved son Thomas Stanhope becomes 21 years of age that that part of my lands known as the Hoke tract, and the Lackey tract, and the Warlick tract be equally divided among my children the offspring of my wife Anna. 5th. Should my beloved sons William Momen and Thomas Stanhope not live to see the age of 21, it is my desire that the above named tracts Hoke Lackey and Warlick lands be not divided unless my beloved son John Hillman becomes 21 years of age, then it is my desire it should be done, and equally divided among all my children then living the offspring of my wife Anna. 6th. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna the homestead place wherein I reside to have and to hold during her natural lifetime and at her death it is my desire that it be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my children the offspring of my wife Anna or their offspring. 7th. I hereby appoint my beloved sons William Momen and Thomas Stanhope my Executors to carry into effect my will as directed in article 5th of this instrument or in case of their death before the time specified, I appoint my beloved son John Hillman to the time mentioned in article 5th. I in witness whereof I hereunto sign my name and affix my seal this day and year first above written.

Witness my hand and seal this day and year first above written.
J. W. Hall
B. M. Massaga
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