

October Sessions 1850

Berry P. Briggs will.

In the Name of God, Amen. I Berry P. Briggs of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to die, do this the 14th day of July in the year of our Lord 1850. Make and order this my last will & testament in manner & form, following, Viz.

In the first place. I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my body, the estate to be bequeathed in a decent & Christian like manner at the direction of my executors herein after named and as to the worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I bequeath, devise & dispose of in the following manner, to wit,

1st I decree all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid

2^{ndly} I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jane the plantation on which I now live, also my negro boy Moses, also, all the household & kitchen furniture. Also all the Horses, cattle, Sheep and hogs and all my stock of every kind. Also my wagon and all my farming utensils of every description.

To mind the mortality of my body & that it
is appointed for all men once to die, do this
the 14th day of July in the year of our Lord
1858. Make and order this my last will & testa-
ment in manner & form, following, viz.

In the first place, I recommend my soul
to God who gave it and my body, ^{to} the earth to
be buried in a decent & Christian like manner
at the direction of my executors herein after na-
med and as to the worldly estate wherewith it
hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I be-
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all the Horses, Cattle, Sheep and hogs and all
my stock of every kind. Also my Wagon and
all my farming utensils of every description
to have & to hold during her life time and at
her decease I direct the above (the above named
property to be equally divided between my
two daughters Susan. b. I and Eliza Jane

3^{rdly} I wish that the piece of meadow

land joining Thomas Spratt & others be sold together with as much of my other property as my executor & my wife Lane may think can most conveniently be spared shall be sold at any time to satisfy claims that may come against my estate or they may sell any other article that they may think proper for any purpose

4th I will that if my wife and Moses should disagree and Moses should become disobedient in that case he shall be sold and my wife may dispose of the proceeds as she may ^{see} think proper

8th & last. I do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas Spratt executor of this my last will and Testament. Signed, sealed, published and declared by Berry P. Grigg to be his last will & Testament

in presence of
John H. Hill Jurat
Joseph Carpenter

Berry P. Grigg