

State of North Carolina

Lincoln County

In the name of God Amen I Daniel  
H. Craft. being of sound mind & Memory do this the 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of August one thousand Eight hundred and fifty three  
make publish and declare this my last Will & Testament  
in manner and form following, *Viz*

1<sup>st</sup> It is my Will that all my last debts be first paid

2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Craft  
all my personal and real Estate after my last debts are paid  
during her natural life time or widowhood; In the event  
she marry then all to be sold at public Auction, and the  
proceeds to be divided part of the Estate giving the widow the privi-  
lege of choosing her own dower at the first sale

3<sup>d</sup> It is my Will that my beloved wife sell if necessary to pay  
the debts any part of the land she may deem proper and  
keep so much of the balance as the debts do not cover for  
the use of herself and my Children during her natural  
life time or widowhood

4<sup>th</sup> I nominate and appoint by Consent of my own free Will  
and agree my beloved Brother and Trust worthy friend  
John P. Craft. Executor in this my last Will and Testament  
to be executed according to the directions herein specified  
day and date above written

Witness and seal in presence

J. O. Harrelson Jurat

J. M. Beam Jurat.

Daniel H. Craft. (Seal)