

December Sessions 1843.

Ephraim Black's will

In the name of God Amen, I Ephraim Black of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina being Sick and Ailing yet of good and sound understanding knowing that it is appointed for all men and to die thought proper to make this my last Will and Testament () first I give my soul to God and my Body to the Earth and as such worldly estate which with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give in the following manner and form viz. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sabatha my dwelling house and kitchen and all the furniture belonging to the same and one Negro girl named Rebecca during life and widow hood and after her death the said Rebecca and her increase are to be divided equal among my heirs. I will my son Lorenzo give and bequeath to him my plantation where I now live on being the east side of my Spring branch commencing at Carpenter's Mill house and running with the branch to my still house thence a direct course with the branch to some black tree on the bank of the creek where the branch formally runs and also I give unto my son Alfred on the west side of said branch and land all the land belonging to said track and also I give unto my son Berage fifty four acre tract of land where he cultivates at this time and I give unto my two sons Alfred and Lorenzo an acre of land joining James McChung and others containing

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to said track and also I give unto my son George fifty
four acres tract of land where he cultivates at this time and
I give unto my two sons Alfred and Lorenzo an entry
of land joining James all Chong and others containing
forty acres and all my property that is not rolled
Negroes houses cattle and hogs and all whatsoever are to be
sold and divided equal among those children

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Wig. Stephen. Ephraim. Dawson. Samuel Wiley. Abel. Elizabeth.

I also give unto my wife one bed and bed. I also give unto
my daughter Elizabeth one bed and and I named
my two sons Lorenzo and my son Alfred Executors of this
my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal. This 13th of September 1843

Signed sealed

and delivered in

the presence of

(Daniel Coker)

Ephraim Black (Seal)
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