

Lincolnton, April 17th 1857.

I, John Bline of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament, as follows to wit;

1st It is my Will that my Executors, herein after named, pay all my just debts, as soon after my decease as they conveniently can.

2nd To my wife Elizabeth, I devise and bequeath for and during the term of her natural life, the house & Lot on which I now live and the four adjoining lots of land. And also, for the same ^{time}, my negro man Commodore and his wife Venus, And also for the term of her life, all my house hold and kitchen furniture, and one horse her choice.

3rd To my daughter, Margaret A. Heime, I will my negro girl Moriah & her child Lee, both of which I value at \$150.00. I also give her \$300.00 in money for services rendered, and also the further sum of \$500.00.

4th To my son William A. Bline, for the sole and separate use, benefit and enjoyment of my daughter Nancy Hoke and her children, whether born or to be born, I will my negro girl Mary and her child Adolphus, both of which I value at \$1000.00. and I have heretofore paid debts, for the husband of my said daughter Nancy amounting as near as I can tell, to about \$1000.00, I hereby release and relin-

-quish all claim or demand on my said daughters husband for the same, whether the amount of debts paid as aforesaid, be more or less than the said sum, and I give him the said William the further sum of \$100.00, as trustee of Nancy and her children

5th To my son Marcos, I will my negro boy Wallace and my negro girl Barbara, both of which I value at \$1300.00 and I give him the further sum of \$800.00.

6th To my daughter Harriet I will my negro girls Mira & Margaret both of which I value at \$1300.00, and I give her the further sum of \$800.00,

7th To my son William A. I devise and bequeath my plantation lying on Clarks Creek except that part of it which lies on the East side of the Public Road leading from Lincolnton to the Island Ford, the part excepted contains about one hundred acres and there is a plat of the same among my papers, I devise him also the house and lot on which I now live after his mothers death, the four adjoining lots are not included in this devise to William. I also give him my negro boys Marion, Robert & Sett and a my negro girl Mary Virginia, all my shop and farming tools one horse & one mule and \$300.00 in money. The four negroes given to William I value at \$2100.00.

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lying on the East side of said Public road a fifteen acre tract of land adjoining the lands of Henry Cansler & L. Childs, and a Lot of land in the Town of Lincoln, designated in the plat of said Town as Lot No 43 in the North West Square of said Town be sold by my Executors, herein after named upon such terms and conditions as they may deem best. And I do hereby empower my said Executors to make and execute good and sufficient deeds to convey the same in fee simple to the purchasers, and should one of my Executors die before said deeds are made then I empower the surviving Executor to execute the same.

9th It is my Will that my Executors sell my negro woman Lucy and her three children Marcus, Candis & Mary Ann and all my other property not herein specifically disposed of.

10th It is my Will that after the payment of my just debts, that the above specified Legacies be paid, and that the residue of my Estate be divided among my children as follows to wit: one fifth thereof to Margaret, ~~one~~ one fifth to my son William in trust for the sole and separate use & benefit of my daughter Nancy and her children, one fifth to my son Marcus, one fifth to my daughter Harriet and one fifth to my son William.

11th It is my will that upon the death of my wife Elizabeth, all the Estate, Real & personal which I have devised and bequeathed to

deem best, (except the house & Lot on which I now live, and which I have given to my son William) and that the proceeds of the same be divided among my children in the same manner and proportion as I have directed in Clause or Section 10. and I do hereby empower my Executors herein after named to execute good and sufficient deeds to convey the same in fee simple, and should one of my Executors die before the sale and transfer of the said Estate, then I empower the surviving Executor to sell the same and to execute deeds for the conveyance of the same.

12th It is my will, should that part of my Estate which I have directed to be sold in Section 8 & 9th prove insufficient to pay the Legacies above given, that the legacy of \$300.⁰⁰ given to my daughter Margaret A. Keim and the legacy of \$300.⁰⁰ given to my son William be postponed for payment until after my wife's death, and that the same be paid without interest, out of the proceeds of the property devised and bequeathed to her.

13th It is my wish that my son William continue to live with his mother until her death, making her a fair allowance for his board.

14th I hereby appoint my son William A. Cline and my friend S. E. Thompson Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made, Signed, Sealed & ~~delivered~~ published in our presence,

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William A. Cline & S. E. Thompson Exrs. sworn.