

My last will & testament signed by my hand & seal the
day & year above written signed sealed published
& delivered by the said Elisha Sherrel the testator
as his last will & testament in the presence of us
who were present at the time & signing & attesting the
testament
Test Adm. Sherrel?
Nelson Sherrel J. Elisha Sherrel. (Seal)

Wm. Sherrel Exr. Sherrel

In the name of God Amen I John Moring of the State of
North Carolina formerly of Lincoln being of good health
& sound mind but calling to mind the mortality of my body
the certainty of death & the uncertainty when it may happen do
hereby make certain & establish this to be my last will &
testament & do first & legally my soul to God who gave it &
body to the earth to be buried in decent Christian manner
at the discretion of my children hoping for a resurrection through
the merits of the Redeemer & then touching such worldly
estate which it hath pleased God to bestow on me I dispose
of in the following manner viz that all my just debts
& funeral expenses I first pay & give I give & legally to
my beloved wife Mary Moring during her natural life the
whole of the plantation whereon I live & all my other property
do hereby appoint Ephraim Brown & his heirs with
full power as trustee to have an oversight during the
lifetime of my wife & on her death of my children to see that
none of the property is wasted & nothing lost or sold
I give & legally to my daughter Pella Moring at her
mother's death a negro boy named Morrell 4th I give & legally
with my daughter Vernard on her mother's death a negro
girl named Poppy — 5th I give & legally with my
son John M. Moring & his mother, at the death of the plantation
whereon I now live & a plantation by a slave name Cudys
6th after my wife's death my negro man Sam & negro
woman Fanny I give & legally to my daughter Pella
Pella Moring & her heirs one to each or they may agree
and divided the estate pay to my estate so much as each
negro may be valued at by independent men more than the
value of the small negroes I have added to my other children

January 1826

7th I am aware of the negro's services to my wife
 death my will, that they be equally divided among all my children
 8th I am aware of the all other property not herein specially
 disposed of of which I may be seized & possessed if I should
 not be so but to be equally divided among all my children
 especially to such natural & illegitimate children as they
 may choose for that purpose. In testimony whereof I have
 signed sealed & pronounced by John Moody, to be his last will
 & testament in the presence of four other persons the same
 at witness there to in the presence of each other
 I Graham Junr & John Moody

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I John Moody having received the foregoing will
 & testament having taken place in my presence & by which
 made by the death of the negro girl named Sophia which
 I gave to my daughter Hannah & 2 other negro children
 as part of the said & I gave the same to my daughter
 Hannah as my wife's share of the said 2 negro children
 which was pronounced the foregoing will was made & I have
 signed & pronounced the same in the presence of the above
 my last will & testament this 7th March 1826 signed sealed
 & pronounced by John Moody to be his last will
 of his last will & testament in presence of
 I Graham Junr

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April 15 1826 Having received the foregoing will & testament
 the same as last made the following alterations the negro boy
 called Hanson made to my daughter Sophia I have been to it
 well & I gave to the said boy to my son John Moody in
 as of the said boy's name as until the death of my wife
 her place of the said boy's name I will signate to her
 daughter Sophia the negro child above signed to after her death
 I have made her share in the same of the foregoing will &
 the negro child to her then her share of the foregoing will &
 I have made her share of the foregoing will &
 the same in presence of the foregoing will &

3rd My wife, death all other property in her in special
 disposal of which I may also sign & disposed of I allow
 not to be sold but to be equally divided among all my children
 equally to such portion of property of such house as they
 may choose for that purpose. In testimony whereof I have
 signed sealed & pronounced by John Lloyd, to his last will
 testament in the presence of us who signed the same
 at witness death in the presence of each other
 I Graham Senat John Lloyd
 J. Graham

I John Lloyd having received the foregoing will
 testament having taken place in my property in accordance
 made by the death of the negro girl named Sophy which
 I gave to my daughter, Susan as well as 2 other negro children
 named and I do therefore another following codicil
 as part of the said will I give the same to my daughter
 Susan on my wife's death the child of the 2 negro children
 which were born since the foregoing will was made in the
 negro's Sophy died in infancy, which I have been able to find
 hand & from my seat & I pronounce the above as a part of
 my last will testament this 26 March 1851 signed sealed
 pronounced by John Lloyd & the above codicil as a part
 of his last will testament in presence of

I Graham Senat John Lloyd
 April 15 1851 Having received the foregoing will & codicil
 therein annexed do hereby make the following alterations the negro boy
 called Benson I wish to give to my daughter, Susan I revoke & do hereby
 will the same to the said boy to my son John Lloyd in consideration
 of the said boy's services and I annexed dollar that
 the place of the said boy's services I will the same to my
 daughter, Susan the negro child named Alfred I give to my
 daughter Susan, which is purchased of the above codicil
 the negro child to her when her parents the foregoing will
 signed, then to be given to John Lloyd, he signs & sealed &
 pronounced the same in presence of us to his last will
 testament who witnessed the same in the presence of
 each other
 I Graham Senat John Lloyd
 Charles Saunders
 Ephraim A. Beards

Ephraim A. Beards was qualified as steward with
 the will annexed