

July 21st 1849

Goshua Nixon's Will
State of North Carolina Lincoln
County

In the name of God amen
I Goshua Nixon of the State and County
above written, being in a low State
of health of body but of sound
~~mind~~ disposing mind, being desirous of
disposing of estate do make this
my last will and Testament

Item 1st I will that my Funeral expenses
and all my just debts be paid out of
my Estate

Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my
beloved wife Betty Nixon all my Estate
both real and personal during her natural
life or widowhood: and my will is that
she divide an apportion off to each of
my beloved children Eliza Bartlett, Susan
Lavina, Albert Moody and James. When
they become of age or marry, such
a portion of my Estate both real
and personal as she may think
proper so that in the final division
of my Estate: which shall take place
at the death of my wife or termination

I Joshua Nixon of the State and County above written, being in a low State of health of body but of sound mind disposing myself, being desirous of disposing of estate do make this my last will and Testament
Item 1st I will that my Funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of my estate.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Betty Nixon all my Estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood: and my will is that she divide an apportion off to each of my beloved children Eliza Bartlett, Susan Larimer, Albert Moody and James. When they become of age or marry, such a portion of my Estate both real and personal as she may think proper so that in the final division of my Estate: which shall take place at the death of my wife or termination of her widowhood each of my beloved children above named shall have an equal divide of all my property.
My will further is that my wife

Ritty have the right and is authorized by this my last will and Testament if she thinks proper to sell or dispose of all my negro property as she may think proper so that she account to each of my children for their distribution share of said property in the final division of my Estate. And my will further is that if my wife Ritty should marry that all my property both real and personal be equally divided between my wife and children.

Item 3rd I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Ritty sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

Signed with my own hand this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine in the presence of the subscribing witnesses

John M. Rankin
Wm B. Maclean

Joshua Nixon