

The following was proved in open court
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William G. Berry (of the state of North Carolina and
county of Lincoln) being in low state of health in body
yet of perfect mind and memory and knowing that it
is appointed for all men once to die, do this 30 day of
July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty
four make and ordain this my last will and testa-
ment in the manner and form as follows

First, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God who gave it. And my body I commend to the earth to
be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion
of my Executors, friends & kin and I give unto my beloved
wife Frances the following property viz Two good Beds
and garniture her choice, one striped curtain,

One fine Calico quilt and lining not quilted, one
walnut chest, one seal skin trunk, one small case
clock, one set blue plates and bowls, one quilt patcher,
one set blue flowered caps & saucers, one tea spoon, one and
one glass tumbler, two red flowered dishes
one glass, one long iron tooth, one iron candle stick
and snuffers, one glass pepper bot, one large white bowl
spinney wheel and axle, two sitting chairs her choice,
fig and harness, three table cloth, her choice, six hand
trucks and two large ones, all the reading books, one
smoothing iron, all the new cloth & remnants, all her
sewing utensils &c. And also any other necessary little
articles not herein mentioned I allow her to have

my wearing apparel I will to me two brothers viz Robert
& Edwin in such a manner as I have directed my wife
Frances to do I leaving them in her care for her disposal
I leave this arithmetic and slate to my brother Edwin
to have for his own use

The plantation wherein I live containing one hundred
acres which I will by last I allow to be given back to the
Executors of John Berry the holder of my notes if it will be
taken and they give up the notes. If not I allow the
land to be sold either at private or public sale as will
be thought best. The balance of my personal property

Not herein disposed otherwise, it shall be sold at private or
 public sale and the amount of these sales together with the
 hands together with the sale of the present crop of corn &
 cotton to go as follows & allow all my just debts to be paid
 And I will that my niece, Hannah Goddard shall have
 dollars of lawful money to be paid to her in cash or in
 property or at the age of eighteen years, the balance of the pro-
 ceeds of the sales it shall be to go to my lawful wife & children
 to have and to hold to her own use and benefit in life.
 And I do hereby appoint my son, Rev. Edwin H. Berry Ex-
 ecutor to this my last will and testament & to
 testify whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this day and year above written

Signed sealed & acknowledged by the said *Wm. H. Berry*
 William H. Berry to be his last will and testament in presence of
 Oliver M. May Surat
 John A. Clark Surat Executor Chose

— January 1835

In the name of God amen. I Sally H. of the state
 of North Carolina & County of Lincoln being of sound
 mind & memory do hereby give to the world to have
 one thousand eight hundred & thirty one marks and
 publish this this my last will and testament in words
 and manners as follows as it is appointed me in all
 things to die poorer or later & know it is my will to give as
 all others of the human family that has come before
 me to which I do submit & recommend my soul to God
 who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in a
 Christian like manner. As to the order which I wish it that
 please God to keep me in the South will allow you and be
 quate. In the following manner that is to say first &
 direct all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid
 & my will is that Sally H. holds her share of the
 bottom land & my will shall have one cow and head stock &
 nothing that is not to be sold to my Executor & be paid