

April Term 1840

May 15th 1839.

In the name of God Amen

I William W. Ward of the County of Martin and State of N. Carolina being of sound mind and memory do hereby bequeath the same, but being weak and low in body health and knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz. I give unto my Son Timothy W. Ward one negro Boy by the name of Tom to him and his heirs forever also my silver watch - I give unto my Son Francis W. Ward one negro Boy by the name of Joe, and one feather Bed and furniture or thirty dollars in cash to be left at his choice on the day of my sale, also my Silver Spoon - I give unto my Daughter Ann E. Ward one negro Girl by the name of Nancy and one feather Bed and furniture or thirty dollars in cash to be left to her choice on the day of my sale, also one set of Silver Tea Spoons -

I give unto my daughter Harriet E. W. Ward one negro Girl by the name of Polly and Bed and furniture or thirty dollars in cash to be left to her choice as before also one set of Silver Tea Spoons and if I should not have the two sets of Tea Spoons at my death in my hand at my death that I have given to my two daughters I do by my will give my Executors to buy them. - I do by my will that my two daughters have my two Eastern Red Heads - It is my desire that my three Francis W. Ann E. and Harriet E. W. Ward divide all of my Bed clothing equally between them -

It is my will and desire for all the balance of my property of every denomination to be sold (except one and one half which I reserve for a Family Land Fund) also all the balance of my Negroes that I have not already given away -

It is my will and desire that after paying all my just debts for all the balance of my Estate to be equally divided between my three children Timothy W. Francis W. Ann E. and Harriet E. W. Ward to be proportionally paid to them when they marry or become of age -

It is my will and desire that my friend Samuel Williamson take the Guardianship of my children immediately after my death -

Lastly I nominate and appoint my two friends John Ryan and Edw. C. Hamman and my sole Executor to this my last will and Testament working and other rules that I hereafter make -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

Signed, sealed in the presence of

W. W. Ward Seal

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In addition to the above I give unto Samuel Williams one of my Negro Children three hundred dollars in cash or in good notes to be paid her for my Executor to buy her a negro Girl -

W. W. Ward Seal

Signed, sealed in presence of
Samuel Williams
Edw. C. Hamman

State of N. Carolina

Martin County Court April Term 1840

The foregoing paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of William W. Ward was exhibited in open Court & perused in due form of Law by the oath of Mary W. Ward a subscribing witness thereto, & read to & recorded - Whereupon Edw. C. Hamman one of the Executors therein named appeared in open Court & qualified to the same.

Test J. S. Pegg Clerk

In the name of God Amen January 5th 1840

I James Harrison being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament as I have pleased God to bestow and with this will good I do give and dispose of all in the following manner that is to say I do desire that my wife Mary Harrison should have a name to support out of my property and she should provide for by my Executors -

I do give unto my daughter Polly Whitley all the Land of Ireland that I bought of a Irishman when they lived during his life time and at her death to Mary Whitley and her heirs forever -

I do desire that the Land and plantation which I now live should be a home for my daughter Mary Harrison as long as she lives single or lives with her mother for them both live together and if she should marry then she should be entitled to fifty acres and she has to take it except the home which I now live, if she should die without issue then the Land turn back to those hereafter mentioned I do give to my daughter Mary the Land that he is giving the Land that John W. W. Ward owned which she lived with W. W. Ward to her during his life time and at her death to her son Franklin W. Ward and her heirs forever -

I do at the death of my wife Mary Harrison and Mary Harrison the tract of Land which I now live with and the appurtenances thereto I give to in the following manner that is to say to Mary

