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Test. the Estate herein divided and bequeathed to my daughter Julia
P. H. Coburn by the first seventh eighth and ninth clauses of this will
shall be for her sole and separate use for and during the term of her
natural life, and upon her death the same shall be divided between
the children then living and the issue of such as are dead the part of
children not living to represent their parents to hold the same to them
and their heirs and assigns forever

Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son
John A Manning and my son in law Garin Lammie Executor of
this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills
by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I Marcum Manning hath
hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the sixth day of April
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five
the said will and Testament as published by the
testator Marcum Manning as his last
will and Testament in his presence
who signs the same at his request
in his presence, and in the presence
of each other

Marcum Manning Seal

John A Lammie
Garin Lammie

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the
Martin County } 1856 Do solemnly appeared in open Court this day
John A Lammie one of the subscribers hereto to the within paper writing
purporting to be the last will and Testament of Marcum Manning deceased
who proved the due Execution thereof by the said Testator in manner and
form as required by law to proof both seal and personal Estate Marcum
Lammie one of the Executors therein named came into Court and
renounced his right to the Execution of said will and John A Manning
the other Executor therein named was duly qualified according to law
to execute the same and it is ordered by the Court that this said will
together with the probate hereof be recorded

J. Johnson Clerk

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State of North Carolina } Whereas the term and destination of a marriage agreement
Martin County } entered into by myself and I Corpe Benjamin -
pursuant to my external usage with him the same being duly recorded on the records
of Martin County and Vesting in A. S. Collier certain negroes for my sole
and separate use from and authority was expressly reserved by me to make
and bequeath my Will in the event of my death and dispose of said negroes, Now
therefore I Mary Benjamin being of sound mind and in view of the weak
and failing state of my health do hereby make ordain and declare this my
will & bequest in the nature of a last will and Testament first

I give and bequest equally to my children by said marriage John Samuel Corcher
Benjamin and Mary Elizabeth Benjamin all and every of my reserved title and
interest in & to all the negroes named in said agreement, to wit, Celia Amy, Jude
York Bob, Susan, Lembo and, &c. & also all my right title and interest or
claim in & to a Steam Mill and fixtures & the land on which the said is situated

lying and being on Branch River near Hamilton being one half interest therein
by deed from J. P. Parker to J. W. Ward Estate for my sole use and benefit
to receive the payment thereof the aforesaid negroes were mortgaged to J. W. Ward
Shunoff for the benefit of said Parker, to them the said children John Samuel
Corcher and Mary Elizabeth Benjamin and their heirs Executors administrators
and assigns forever and in case of the death of either of said children all
said property to pass absolutely to the survivor. It is further my Will and bequest
and the foregoing clause is subject thereto that my Executor, A. S. Collier,
and J. W. Ward may be and they are hereby requested to allow my said husbands
I Corpe Benjamin to receive the hire of said negroes and the rents &
profits of my part of the said Mill until a sale thereof of said Mill
as herein provided to be used and expended by him solely for the benefit of the
support nurture and Education of my said children. It is further my Will
and desire that in a reasonable time say at the expiration of two years
all my interest in said Steam Mill be sold and after paying off my
part of the outstanding liabilities the proceeds be divided equally between
my said children before named and in the case of the death of one then
the whole to the survivor.

Signed Seals ~~affixed~~ and declared to be the last will and
Testament of I said Mary Benjamin this 4th day of June A. D. 1852
in presence
A. S. Collier
J. W. Ward

Mary Benjamin Seal

Hamilton June 6th 1852 It is further my will that my husband be not deprived of the
possession of said negroes but shall hold them as during my life having put such
as he may think proper. And Reserving the others for the use

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of the family are applying the proceeds as in his discretion may be best for all my children

I do

I J. Anthony

Siddistown
Mark

his
Mary X Benjamin Seal
Mark

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Martin County Court - Oct. Term 1856 The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Benjamin the wife of S. C. Benjamin in Execution of a power contained in a Marriage contract made between her and her said husband was produced in Court and the due execution of the Body thereof as her last will and testament was proved by W. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the due execution of an additional clause or codicil to said will was duly proved by W. Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses and thereupon the Court doth declare that the said paper the body and codicil hath been duly proved according to Law and doth order that the same be recorded and the Court permitting Samuel Graham Benjamin appear in open Court and declare as Executor of the said last will and testament or person according to Law

W. Johnson Clerk

In the Name of God Amen

I Stephen Medford of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make order and devise as hereinafter to be my last will and testament that is to say,

Item I give unto my lawful heirs being paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit,

Item I do my beloved wife the portion of land on which I live together with the improvements lying on the West side of the road passing directly by my gate called the new road one year provision for her self and family three cows & calves two sows and pigs by Edward Lamb for choice two Cows two Pigs of my own one horse of her choice all the household and kitchen furniture all the poultry one or her choice full place and one half place of her choice one Cart and Wharf of her choice one or more here during the term of her natural life.

Item I give unto my beloved son John the portion of land lying on the East side of the road passing directly by my gate called the

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new road being his natural life and then to his lawful heirs begotten of his body if any if not to be equally divided between my lawful heirs and I further desire that my will is to have the use of any portion of timber she may choose on the said land lent to my son John.

Item I give unto my beloved daughter Mary one Bed and furniture to have and to hold for ever
Item I give unto my beloved daughter Lucretia one Bed and furniture one cow and cart to have and to hold for ever.

Item I give unto my beloved daughter Betsey one Bed and furniture to have and to hold for ever
Item I give unto my beloved daughter Nancy one Bed and furniture to have and to hold for ever
Item I give unto my beloved son James and after the death of my wife the tract of land lent to my wife together with the appurtenances to have and to hold forever
Item I further declare the property not named to be sold and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided between all my children.

Item I will and desire further that all the property lent to my wife not otherwise disposed of shall after her death be sold and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided between all my lawful heirs.

I likewise make constitute and appoint my trusty friend Benjamin C. May to be Executor of this my last will and testament hereby making all former wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affix my seal the twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

his
Stephen X Medford Seal
Mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Stephen Medford as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who as the request of the said Stephen Medford and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

Howell Cherry (Seal)
Alfred Whickard (Seal)

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Then was the due Execution of the foregoing written instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Stephen Medford proved in open Court by the oath of Howell Cherry a subscribing witness thereto in due form of law and it is ordered by the Court that the same be recorded whereupon Ben. C. May the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and declared thereto

W. Johnson Clerk