

Bagging and rope as per their letters to the said Corner & Co under date of 26th June, 31st July, 12th August 1861, I am also entitled to share of Exchange, being the current rate at the time & interest from about 1st August 1861 -

Item 4th I desire my Executors first pay a Note, executed by me to Mr R Clark with Mr J M Powell security, and of Note Eight thousand dollars, after the payment of said Note I desire that my Executors claim and receive J L Bridges and John Powell Exors of the late J M Powell dec'd a like insurance policy of the C. C. like Mutual Insurance Company said policy was transferred to said Powell to indemnify him for becoming my surety, and for no other purpose, that they collect from said Insurance Company the amount of my policy less a Note due said Company from me &c

Item 5th I desire my Executors close up the business of Mr G Biggs & Co of whom I am a partner - I also desire all my just debts to be paid -

Item 6th After the settlement with Hader Biggs & Co and the business of Mr G Biggs & Co as before stated and the payment of all my just debts I desire that the balance remaining (if any) and my negro Girl Phety and her increase be held in trust for the support of my wife, and the support and education of my dear Son H Chase Biggs and any other child or children that may be born to me from my wife Sophia A. Biggs lawfully with me, in the case I desire the remainder of my estate to be used except for the object above stated

Item 7th Should my wife after my death marry again, it is my wish that she only receive annually her proportion of my estate for her support, but should my Son now living and all children that may hereafter be born lawfully, and me die leaving my wife my only heir, then in that case I desire that she be placed in full possession of my estate with power to use it as she pleases -

Given under my hand and seal in the City of Portland the day and date before written and in the presence of us

At the request of Mr G Biggs & Co his presence witnessed the same

J. J. Biggs

Mr G Biggs

Submitted for Probate at October Term 1862

I R W Sherrod of the County of Marlboro State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say - After the payment of all my just debts, I give and devise to my son Archibald Two hundred and fifty dollars

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane D. Sherrod the remainder of my property (after the payment of the Two hundred and fifty dollars above mentioned) consisting of land, Negroes, Stock, farming utensils, &c other things to be devised to me hereunto and hold to her & her heirs in fee simple forever

In witness whereof I the said R. W. Sherrod do hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of Oct. 1861

R. W. Sherrod

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of R. W. Sherrod, as exhibited in open Court and there being no witness thereto the paper writing, was wrote and every part thereof was proven by the oath of Archibald Haden, his wife Ann and Agnella Hyman, who swore that the paper writing was in the hand writing of the said R. W. Sherrod dec'd whereupon it was ordered that Jane Sherrod be appointed administratrix with the will annexed upon the estate of said R. W. Sherrod dec'd and her entering into Bond in the sum of Twelve thousand dollars, with N. R. W. Sherrod and B. L. C. Hyman her sureties - Solvency proven by the oath of J. L. Buell and A. P. Hyman

Wm H. Harrell Clerk