In the name of God: Amen!

I William Slade of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being weak in Body but of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: that is to say:

First, I direct that all my just debts be paid

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Penelope during her natural life the tract of land and plantation whereon I now reside with all the improvements to the same belonging, and after her death to be equally divided between my Children

Thirdly, I direct and authorize my executors to sell the balance of my real Estate and such personal estate as my executors and my wife may think best, the sale to be made when and on such terms as my Executors and wife may deem proper:

In case however of the death of my wife the discretion of my Executors is to control the matter

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Penelope Such slaves and perishable property as she may choose and desire to keep without hiring or selling and the income of all my estate of every description after the payment of my debts and of which she is to support my Children until they severally arrive at full age or marry and as my Children severally arrive at full age or marry then is to be an equal division between my wife and Children and the child arriving at full age or marrying is to receive his or her share of my estate. (not including however the income bequeathed as aforesaid to my wife) and thereafter the balance of the estate is to continue as before. and so on until a final division is made, provided however, that upon the death of my wife before such final division the whole estate at the death of my wife (not including however the income as aforesaid which is given to my wife) is to be equally divided between the representatives of my wife & the children not having received their shares as aforesaid



Fifthly, I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Henry Williams and my friend Asa Biggs executors of this my last will and testament hereby ratifying the same and revoking all others with perhaps made by me In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 21st day of October A.D. 1852

William Slade Seal

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator Wm Slade to be his last will & testament in our presence who signed this same at his request and in his presence & in the presence of each other

J. H. Burnett
J. D. Respass

State of North Carolina
Martin County Court January Term 1853

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Slade was produced in open Court and the due execution thereof according to law as the last will and testament of the said William Slade was proved by the oath of J. D. Respass one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion it is ordered that the said will be recorded At the same time Henry Williams and Asa Biggs named as executors in said will appeared in open Court and qualified as executors according to law

J. Johnson Clk