

Copy of will

Exhibit 'I'

State of North Carolina
County of Richmond

I Benjamin F Little of the County of Richmond and State of North Carolina do make and publish the following as my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife Mary Jane Little for the term of her natural life all my household and kitchen furniture including all my books and as child's part of all the balance of my estate real and personal. The remainder of my estate I wish to be divided among all my children equally share and share alike and my wish is to include any child or children that may be born after this date. In the division of my real estate it is my desire that my wife's portion include my present residence and the tract of land on which it stands it being the land I bought of Arthur A Robinson but no valuation is to be put on the valuation is to be put on the dwelling or any of the buildings on said tract of land. It being my will that my wife shall receive a child's part of my real estate over and above the value of said buildings. In the division of my stocks in Banks, I wish my wife and each child to receive an equal part in the stock of each Bank and the same rule to be observed in the division of the stock in each cotton mill in which I own stock. At my wife's death it is my will and desire that all the property and estate real and personal that I have left to her for life shall be equally divided among my children and the issue of any deceased child or children. But I do not wish any sale of any part of the real estate to affect such division but at my wife's death I wish the tract of land on which is situated my present residence to be assigned

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To my son Rufus Reid Little if living and if not then to my next oldest son. And the one so receiving said tract is to account to my other children for the value of said tract land for the value of the buildings on the same including my present residence, it being my intention that all my children shall receive an equal share in valuation of all the estate real and personal left to my wife for life. Should any of my children die without issue living at his or her death then the property and estate of the one so dying to go to my surviving children or their representatives. The foregoing is the disposition I wish made of my estate when the division takes place but I wish no division made except I shall herein after direct as to time and manner. It is my will that there shall be no sale of any part of my estate at my death unless my executrix see fit to dispose of certain portions thereof to prevent loss or that in her judgment such sale is manifestly for the best interest of herself and her children, but I wish all my estate real and personal kept together without any division until one of my children shall arrive at the age of twenty years; then a division is to be made if the one so arriving at the age of twenty years shall desire it, unless my wife should marry and in that event, I wish a division immediately made but my wife is to have entire control of my estate during her widowhood until my son Rufus Reid shall arrive at twenty one years of age and before the division of my estate my wife is to receive all the rents and profits arising from the same to invest the same as she may see fit and to apply such part as she thinks proper to her own maintenance and education of my children.

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and all such increase of my estate to be divided among my wife and children when the division takes place in the same manner and under the same limitations as I have directed for the division of my estate as it may stand at the time of my death. I authorize my Executrix to make such disposition of my guns, pistols, watches and books among my children as she may think proper at the time even before the general division of my estate or to sell any of such guns, pistols or books as she may see fit. I hereby appoint my wife Mary Jane Little as my Executrix and as Guardian of my children and of their estate until my son Rufus R Little shall arrive at twenty one years of age, but up to that time (when he arrives at said age) I do not wish my wife to be required to return to any Church or any other authority any account as Executrix or as Guardian unless she should so wish; and in that event a division is to take place and the usual and regular account rendered and my wife is to continue as my Executrix and as Guardian of my children in her own separate right until my son Rufus arrives at twenty one years of age when he is to become sole Executor of my will and sole Guardian of my children and of their estates. But during the widowhood of my wife after my son Rufus arrives at twenty one years of age she is to continue as Executrix and as Guardian of my children jointly with my son Rufus after he arrives at said age. To prevent any misconception of a part of the foregoing, I hereby express my intention to be that my wife and son Rufus shall jointly act in every respect as Executrix and Executor and as Guardian after my son Rufus shall arrive at twenty one years of age and during the widowhood

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of my wife and the usual accounts rendered to Courts including and inventory of my estate when said son arrives at twenty one years of age or before in case of the marriage of my wife. Witness my hand and seal this 2^d day of May 1878 B F Little (seal)

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Witness
J. T. Bradley
Pearce Gately