

In testimony whereof I the said William Butler of the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the
7th day of January A.D. 1868.

William ^{his} Butler Seal

Signed sealed published & published and declared by me the said William Butler as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

Calvin W. Woolley
Malcom Merriam

Montgomery County Courthouse 1866

That this will was duly proved in open Court by the Oath & examination of Calvin W. Woolley and Malcom Merriam subscribing witnesses thereto and it was ordered by the Court that said will be recorded

C. C. Hood Clerk

Dr R. A. Chambers Will

I Robert A. Chambers, of the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina, being sick of body, but of sound and disposing mind in memory and understanding considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world, when it shall please God to call me hence, have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property and effects after my decease to make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament; hereby revoking and making null and void all former wills and testaments and writings in the nature of last wills and testaments, by me hitherto made.

And my will is—First that of my decease my body shall be decently buried, according to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and that my funeral charges and just debts shall be paid by my executors hereinbefore named:

Secondly. It is my will and ~~desire~~ desire that my beloved wife, Emma A. Chambers shall keep, hold and retain all my lands, money and effects, after paying off all of my just debts in her possession, and under her control, direction and management, for the support of herself and my children and that the profits derived from the same, shall be equally divided between my said wife and all of my children, including any child or children, that may be born after my decease, if any. And if it become necessary in settling up my estate to sell any of my property (that is personal and purchasable property), I do empower my executors to sell the same, privately or in

such way as may be thought best, according to his best judgment and discretion. Provided, nevertheless, that my said beloved wife shall remain single and unmarried; and for that so long as she shall remain a widow: it is my will and desire that she be the guardian of my children, as well those born after my death if any, and that she educate them according to her best judgment and make in her possession as prudence would direct:

It is my will and desire that, whatever property real or personal, that may be coming to me by inheritance or otherwise, that my said wife Emma Chambers, shall keep hold retains and uses, for her support, and education of my children jointly and equally. That is so long as my said wife shall remain single or unmarried:

It is my will and desire, that should my wife Emma Chambers marry: then it is my desire, that she shall only be allowed to have the down according to law in my lands, and also to have an equal share with my children in the personal property and effects belonging to my estate, as the law now directs; and that a pecuniary provision for my children be appraised by the County Court, as usual in such cases.

It is my further will and desire, that whether my wife marries or not, that whenever the youngest of my children becomes of age, that a division of all my property, that is, all that is personal be equally divided between my wife and children, and that my said wife have power in my lands, for life; and that the remainder of my lands be equally divided between my children.

It is my will and desire that my Executor raise and lay out of my estate the usual Commissions allowed by the County Court, on all monies that may be received and paid out in the settlement of my estate, as compensation for his trouble and expenses.

And lastly—I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Emma Chambers, my lawful Executor, to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and every just and clause ~~of the same~~, hereby reciting and declaring hereby void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said R. A. Chambers do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 1st day of June AD 1860
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said R. A. Chambers, to be his last will & testament, in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
W. B. Ingram
John Hodley

Marysburgh County Court January term 1867
Then the foregoing will was duly proved in open Court by the oath and examination of Calvis H. Hodley of the subscriber Wimples Thru to and ordered to be recorded and filed

Witnessed before me,