

Richmond N^o June 23/56.

In the name of our Triune God - Amen -

My last Will and Testament -

1st All my real property consisting of a house and Lot & wharf in Wilmington N^o Carolina, I will, that these be equally divided among my two Sons Adam & Wm Rogers Erskine & my four daughters Anna Catharine (now Mrs James Shepard - Horrico N^o 3) Ann Smith (now Mrs Dr Wm H. Hall of Halifax N^o Carolina) Susan Wright (now Mrs Morgan F. Smith of Wmington Va) & Lucy Wooster Erskine. My personal Property consists of three Adult Slaves & eight children viz: Toby, Our Nurse Jane & Family, with her now eight children (the oldest of these however, Mary Jane, according to my dear aunts request, I have already given as her maid to our oldest daughter Mrs Shepard) 27 of thirty eight Shores in the Bank of Cape Fear Lewis Lanes Bond, for two thousand six hundred & fifty seven ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars. Mr. H. S. Erskine bond for seven hundred dollars & the sum of two thousand five hundred & twenty seven ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars on loan, in the hands of my legal agent Mr John Wooster of Wilmington N^o Carolina at the time of our last Settlement April 1st 1855. To this add whatever may to my family out of the estate of my nephew the late John W. Holmes. This portion of my personal property (Jane excepted) together with the amount that may now be due me, in the account current, between Mr. Wooster & my self, is in Wilmington N^o Carolina & the legal vouchers & Papers relating thereto, are likewise in the hands of my legal agent & Executor Mr John Wooster.

2nd Under his care is also in the Bank of Cape Fear, some Silver ware - which shall be equally divided, between my three daughters Anna Catharine, Susan Wright & Lucy Wooster (for Ann Smith has already had a China Tea set bequeathed her by her Mother) At the same time the family plates here in Virginia shall be equally divided Among all my daughters.

3rd My other personal property here in Virginia consists of forty five Shores City of Richmond Stock, twenty five Shores Petersburg Coupon Bonds, ten Shores of Lynchburg Dr. and ten Shores of State Corporations, to which Eighteen Shores have since been added, and also two more, equal in all to one hundred & eighteen. I have also in the hands of Putney & Russell New York a duodecimo Vol. of Sermons, a thousand copies of which are printed and ready for publication. I have paid unpaid for the printings. Of this work, they have undertaken the publication also - after the first of next September. The work is offered at \$1.25 per copy. and the publication is undertaken by Daniel Dana Jr 381 Broadway New York (See my papers) for the consideration of fifteen percent on the whole amount of Sales (See Contract among my papers) N. B. The papers relating to all this personal property my late of current with Mr. Wooster, my last Will & Testament & my last

in hand with other vouchers or certificates of stock. (if any will be found in my Strong drawer & in my trunk).
 Of my personal property according to my dear Aunt's request before she died; My daughter Ann Smith (who had already received the maid left her by her God Mother, with three hundred dollars besides) has received also her God Mother's Sixth of Chinga which was bequeathed to her by her own Mother - who at the same time requested that each of her other three Daughters should have a servant maid extra out of the estate - she her self assigning and giving the oldest daughter, of Fanny, to our daughter Catharine, and Fanny's next daughter or an equivalent, to Susan Wright, with her third or an equivalent, to Lucy Wooster.
 I therefore will all this so to be; before the remainder of the personal estate can be divided equally among all the children in coparceny. But my three oldest Daughters are ^{now} already supplied with their maids. For Kate has Fanny's oldest daughter, Smith's has received her Aunt Smith's maid and Susan has (what she pretend) aged equivalent for the maid I offered to purchase for her - The receipt for this is among my papers. Our youngest daughter Lucy therefore is the only one that remains now to be supplied with a maid.

As my poor Willie too, thro the diseased condition of his eyes will not be able before he attains the age of twenty one to prosecute his professional studies, and complete his education for the ministry - he shall receive six hundred dollars extra out of the personal estate before the remainder of that estate is distributed among the children in coparceny. And 3/4 of us, my oldest son Adam, has in the course of his education, received extra by Anticipation, the hole of his share in coparceny of the personal estate, he must not come in for any portion of the personal property, real and personal property, On being divided, yield to each single daughter, a revenue of three hundred dollars per annum, besides he maid, (Or an equivalent - say three hundred & fifty dollars) including the maid. All received beyond that amount, shall after that be equally divided, Annually, among the hole six children (provided however sections Second Codiced at the end of last page).
 My small books that were kept in our hanging book shelves, my daughter's will divide equally among them selves, & except that Ann Smith has already had half her share. All my other book in the Library and in my study, including Beattie's works, I leave to my son John Rogers. And to him also I leave, all my papers pamphlets, manuscripts, sermons & together with the bedstead, bedding, Toilet tables & all the furniture in my Room, as well as all the bed clothes, & all the table covers &

necessary as appendages of the room and its furniture. —
 The books I send on for safe keeping, to the care of my son Adam, in
 Phil. No. 60; I give to him. To my daughter Kate I leave the
 Piano with the stool stand & music, in the parlor. And to my
 John, Mr. Sheppard my large elbow chair. My fancy
 chair, (a present from St. James Fair) I give to Sue.
 Harpers Magazine & my Bibles, together with all things in Lucy's
 Room, or in odd trunks, boxes &c I bequeath to my daughter
 Lucy, those things only excepted, which are appended to my
 bedstead & Toilet Table. For this with all my religious
 pamphlets, and the books &c in my study, belong to Willie.
 One important consideration, I must introduce in this will, small
 articles such as books furniture &c excepted, all real and personal,
 property, herein bequeathed to my daughters, is left to my executors,
 in trust, for my daughter hereafter, free from the control,
 contract, debt, or liabilities of their husbands * 2
 I hereby appoint my legal agent, Mr. John Hooper together with
 my son Adam Esquire and his uncle Thomas H. Wright,
 And in case of the death of either of these, Joshua G. Wright Esq.,
 as my executors, to carry into execution the purposes of this
 will. And I hereby direct that they receive the usual com-
 -pensation for the same.

My first & only former will & Testament, is hereby superseded
 & revoked; but should any doubt or dispute arise upon matters which
 are hereby noticed, or not expressly, by will, my wishes in reference
 to them will probably be found stated, in my former will, in
 which, I went into much detail, upon many points; & to which
 in which I refer (Not my Executors, but) my children, for
 information, on points not legally decided, in this will.
 And I desire my children particularly to remember, what
 I said there, in relation to our Nurse Jane — the good and
 faithful Jane — the Nurse of all our children the kind-
 -mannered attention, upon the sick & dying bed, of both
 my dear Ann & my self. I request that for the rest of
 her days, her duty may be light & easy — such as those
 of Sealing the Nurse, going of errands &c. As her rela-
 -tions & friends all reside, in & near Wilmington
 No. 6. I wish her to be assigned, to some member of my
 the family, in that place; And as my son Adam, is
 under Providence, greatly indebted to her nursing care &
 tenderness, I hereby, request especially, to see that my desire,
 in reference to her be carried into execution, No hard
 bitten secure her to himself, by giving to the estate, what the
 other executors may deem a fair equivalent, for I should
 like her to live with him. I will also that before the personal
 property be distributed in apportioning, that she receive out of
 the personal property, one hundred dollars, which my son
 will please put into the Savings bank for her — unless
 where she shall be assigned, according

to circumstances, I Submit the management of these last two articles, however to his discretion & latitude.

Lastly - I leave my gold watch my dear Lucy Hooster my gold Penicil to Sue, my gold Spectacles to my Brother Wooster - & after my last prayer & blessing for all that are near and dear to me I Commit my soul to God Witness my hand & Seal, this twenty fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & fifty Six
A. Empie (Seal)
A. J. Hot
John J. Wingo

* 2 The erasure in these three lines of the last sentence, has been made by me
July 3rd 1860
A. Empie

Richmond May 17th 1858
1st Codicil to this will

The six hundred dollars, left to Willie I hereby recal. as, by anticipation, he has already received that amount, in order to pay his expenses at the South, where he is entering into business. And as he is already supplied my gold watch I leave to my Daughter Lucy. My faithful and affectionate Annamensis readers & nurses God bless all my dear children & friends, and at last gather us all into his heavenly Kingdom through Jesus-Christ our Saviour
A. Empie

Wilmington N.C. Nov^r 22nd 1858
Having removed to this place, I again renew, this my last will & Testament with its Codicils, All under my own hands.
A. Empie

July 18/60

Second Codicil

As my Daughter Lucy, has sacrificed her ordinary prospects in life in order to nurse me in my declining days And has injured both her eyes and hands in my service, I leave her four hundred in stead of \$350 per annum including the maid, I leave to her our Piano, free - viously in this will assigned to my Daughter Kate, whose consent to this arrangement is cordially given.
A. Empie

January 19th 60

3rd Codicil

1st Mr Wooster agency, under power of attorney, is transferred to my son A. Empie Jr Esqr, and what was interested to him is devolved upon my son; & except that with my consent Mr. Wooster is still under him agent for the Harf & its concerns. 2nd He has declined to put the plate that was in Bank his Son and other persons have been settled
New Hanover Co. VA Will Book D. 1858-1868
www.northcarolinapioneers.com

And his legue documents transferred,

Jan'y 20th/60

A. Culpie

Feb. 17/60

4th Codicil

I direct likewise that before the general division of the estate in parcels, that my executors, as trustees for my Daughter, shall reserve annually out of the revenue of the personal estate, enough to pay the rent of a house for my Daughter Mrs Ann Smith Hill and her children; A house, just large enough for necessity and convenience, not for show - but a plain neat and cheap Cottage or house the ownership of which the trustee shall retain in their own hands; but which shall be yearly secure, to her and her children, as long as she needs it, & remain unprovided. Such a Cottage containing two comfortable rooms, besides one or two shed rooms, on chimney over head, they may build, hire, or purchase, as they deem best; provided its rent or costs does not exceed from one hundred to one hundred and twenty dollars, per Annum.

I desire however only; that which can be done, cheapest, upon those conditions and under the provisoes, which have been above stated. And as my Son Adam Culpie says know my Sentiments and desires, I leave it to him during my life, and in conference with ^{the} other trustees (after my death) to do the best that can be done for my Dear Daughter & for the Estate. I wish not spend under this head, more than is just necessary, for this one Object; & as much less than one hundred & twenty dollars, as may be found sufficient for this purpose. This annual loan & arrangement too, be drawn, when ever Smith & her children, cease to be benefited by it, or cease to need it; the loan shall then revert to the estate;

(W. B. I, Set the above, loan high, (one hundred & twenty dollars per Annum) because I know not how much the necessary arrangements may cost, and I am anxious not to fail in making them effectually; because my Son is most competent to decide, and it is for his interest, and that of the estate, to accomplish it at the least expense, because my terms are safe, for if the amount be more than sufficient; it can only revert to the estate.

A. Culpie.

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court December Term 1860

This paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Adam Euspice is exhibited in open Court by Adam Euspice Jr and proposed for probate. And is duly proved by the Oath of Adam Euspice Jr Joshua G. Wright & Thos C. Meritt Esqr. who proved the hand writing of said Adam Euspice to the Will and also to the several Codicils thereto annexed. And also proved that both the subscribing witnesses to said Will was dead. It is thereupon considered by the Court, that said Will with the several Codicils thereto attached is the last Will & Testament as also the Codicils and sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed. At the same time Adam Euspice Jr one of the executors therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as such according to law

Test

Saml R. Rector clerk

In the name of God Amen.

I, Alexander Freeman, of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, being advanced in years but healthy of sound mind and understanding, for which blessing I most devotedly thank my God. Do make declare and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following. That is to say.

I give and devise unto my Son Robert Bruce Freeman All my land, situated lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, On the South Side of Cedar Creek drain adjoining the lands of Thomas Turner James Williams and Henry Davis, containing one hundred & eighty Acres, and I also give and bequeath to my Son Robert Bruce Freeman One Roan Horse, and one Spring Cart.

I hereby appoint my friend Thomas H. Hoovey Executor to this my last Will and Testament. and hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments by me made and published. In witness whereof I the said Alexander Freeman, hereunto set his hand and Seal this twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty four. Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Alexander Freeman as, and to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, and subscribed by us as witnesses at his request and in his presence

Alexander + Freeman Seal
Mark

John R. Rector.