

I Benjamin C Moore of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina being by the blessing of God possessed of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this instrument of writing as my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1st It is my will and desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully and satisfactorily paid, as soon after my decease as may be convenient, out of the first moneys that may come into the hands of my Executor.

2nd It is my will and desire that my daughter Mary D Devane and the lawful heirs of her body have the following named Slaves, Hannah, Shobe, Tome, Volentine and Morrie.

3rd It is my will and desire that all the balance of my property both real and personal shall go to the benefit and support of my beloved wife Mary D Moore and my other children Margaret D Moore, Harriet D Moore and Foster D Moore during my wife's widowhood and the minority of said children, but should my wife marry again, it is my will that she shall receive her distributive share or child's part out of my estate, and should any of my children named in this clause live to attain the age of twenty one years, then such child or children shall upon reaching said age receive his, her or their distributive share or shares, it being equally divided amongst my wife and three last children named (except my real estate) and at the death of my wife it is my will and desire that my first named child Mary D Devane shall have her distributive share or share of my real estate, free and her lawful heirs.

4th Should my Executor at any time think it advisable to sell any portion of my estate real or personal, my will and desire is that he should make such sale as in his discretion he may deem judicious and advantageous to my estate (mentioned in the third clause) the proceeds thereof being applied as he may think most conducive to the benefit of said Estate.

5th To my worthy friend William S Lankins I do confer the execution of this my last will and testament and I do hereby make & ordain him my executor of this instrument.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament this 20th day of September A D 1851

Benj C Moore Test

Signed sealed and published in the presence of each of us & in the presence of the testator

R M Bourdeau
Alfred L Moore

State of North Carolina } December Term
New Hanover County Court. } 1855

This paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin O. Moore, is exhibited in open Court and duly proven by the oath of Alfred S. Moore one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, Whereupon it is considered by the Court and adjudged, that the the same is the last Will and Testament of Benjamin O. Moore and is such sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed and is hereby ordered to be recorded and filed as such.

Whereupon William S. Larkin, the Executor therein named, is duly qualified as such.

Date

J. S. Marsteller Clerk
By Geo. D. Lister By Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I John J. Newton of New Hanover County State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, praised be God for the same, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs, while I have strength and capacity to do so, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, and first I commit my soul unto the hands of my creator who gave it and my body to the earth, and as for my worldly estate wherein it has pleased God to interest me with, I dispose the same as followeth, So long as Mary J. Newton remains single and during her life time I give and bequeath to her, the said property. Fifty acres of land and which she lives with house and furniture, also fifty acres of land joining the above mentioned land, commencing at a gum tree and then following the drain to a live oak on the River shore, said drain divides my land from James Newtons land, this land I purchased from Edward Newton Jr. I also give and bequeath to Mary J. Newton the following slaves, boy Amos, girls Francis & Sarah during her life time, and at her death or marriage it is to be equally divided to among the surviving heirs, that is James J. Newton, Ann M. Craig & Pondered J. Newton, should either of the three named heirs die first, then said property is to be divided with either of the three that lives the longest. I also give and bequeath to my deceased sister Elizabeth Burris her heirs and assigns one Spanish milled dollars.

In witness whereof I have this day set my hand and Seal this the twenty fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one in presence of

Alfred Craig

William J. Newton

John J. Newton Seal