

In the name of God. Amen!

I Benjamin Mott of the County of New Hanover in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and being desirous to arrange my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity, to do, I do make and publish the following for my last will and Testament.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Mott, all the real estate of every nature and kind, belonging to me, where so ever the same may be, to be held and enjoyed by my said wife during her life, and upon the death of my wife Mary, I give and devise said real estate of every kind what so ever, and where so ever, the same may be, to my son Benjamin Mott, to him, his heirs and assigns, forever.

I give and bequeath to my wife Mary, all and singular, my personal property, of every nature, kind and description, including my slaves, my stock, of all kinds, my household and kitchen furniture, my farming tools, implements and vehicles, such debts as may be due me, and all such personal property as be on hand at the time of my death, to be held, used, and enjoyed by my said wife during her life; and upon the death of my said wife, I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin my household and kitchen furniture, my plantation tools, implements, and vehicles, and farming utensils of all kinds; and I give and bequeath the residue of my property, of every kind, to such of my children as may be living, and such of my grand children whose parents may be dead, such grand children to represent in the distribution of the residue of my property their respective parents, and to take thereof per stirpes and not per capita. It being my will that upon the death of my wife, the residue of my personal property, after the portion or part thereof which is herein bequeathed to my son Benjamin specifically, has been received by him, shall be distributed among my next of kin, in the same shares and in conformity with the provisions of the laws of this State, by virtue of which the estates of intestates are distributed. I have heretofore placed in the hands of my son in law Thomas Williams, a negro slave named Joe, and it is my will and so direct that said slave Joe shall pass under my will, as a part of my personal property, giving my wife entire control over said slave during her life, and after her death, that he be

distributed as above directed.

Thereby constitute and appoint my wife Mary Mott sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the second day of June A.D. 1849.

Signed and published by the said Benjamin Mott, as and for his last Will and Testament in our presence, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

James Holland
Wm. Wright

his
Benjamin Mott. Seal
mark

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court

March Term 1850

This paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Mott deceased is exhibited in open Court, and duly proven by the oath of William A. Wright one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: Whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the last Will and Testament of said Benjamin Mott, and as such sufficient to pass the property therein bequeathed, and it is ordered to be recorded and filed, at some time Mary Mott the Executrix therein named, duly qualified as such.

Teste

L. H. Marsteller, Clk.