

State of North Carolina

I Bernard Foster of the Town of Wilmington, State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner, and form following;

I desire that my executor hereinafter named, shall pay all my just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands, as part and parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my niece Ann Powers during her life the house and lot at this time occupied by me in the Town of Wilmington on the South side of Prince Street, between Front and Second Streets, together with all my household and Kitchen Furniture. I also give and bequeath to my said niece, three negro slaves viz. Sarah, Leah & Mary Jane, also five shares of the Capital Stock of the Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road Company, and my gold watch; To Have and To Hold, the said real and personal property during her life to her sole and separate use, free from all claim or control on the part of any husband she now has or may hereafter have, and after her death the whole of the said property to go to such child or children as she may leave surviving her, but if she should die childless then I will and direct the said real and personal property to be equally divided among the children of my niece Margaret J. Ryan, or if she should have but a single child at the death of my said niece Ann Powers, then the said property to go exclusively to such child.

I give and devise to my niece Margaret J. Ryan during her life, the house and lot now owned by me on the North side of Market Street between Third and Fourth Street; also the house and lot on the South side of Brunswick Street between Second and Third Streets; Also the warehouse on the South side of Dock Street between Front and Water Streets; also my negro slave Henrietta and twenty shares of the Capital Stock of the Wilmington and Weldon Rail Road Company; To Have and To Hold, the said real and personal property during her life to her sole and separate use, free from all claim or control of her husband now living or any that she may hereafter have, and after her death the said property to go to such child or children as she may leave surviving her.

I give and bequeath to my sisters Bridget Buchanan and Margaret Seaward, and to my nephews and niece Margaret Keely, Ann Seaward, Marsella

Seonard. Cornelius Seonard. Patrick Seonard. Nicholas Seonard and Bridget Keeley children of my said sister Margaret, and to my nephew Matthew Kelly, now residents of Ireland the sum of Seven thousand dollars to be equally divided among the said legates, so that each of them shall have an equal share of the said sum which is to be transmitted to them respectively free from all expense or charge in the way of exchange or otherwise, and to be sent to them by my executor as soon as possible after my death; but if my said sister Bridget should die before the said sum is divided as herein directed, then I will and direct, that her share of the money, shall be paid to my niece Margaret Keeley or her representatives if she should be dead.

I furthermore will and direct, that all the property owned by me at the time of my death and not herein devised and bequeathed, be sold as soon as may be conveniently at public auction and the money accruing from the sale of the same, as well as any money that may be left and remaining in the hands of my executor after the payment of the said sum of Seven thousand dollars, to my relatives in Ireland as hereinbefore specified, be equally divided between my nieces Ann Peters and Margaret Ryan, or such children as either of them may leave surviving and representing them.

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend James H. Ryan my executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments, by me at any time heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I the said Bernard Sawyer do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28th day of July. A.D. 1858.

Signed, sealed, published, &c. Bernard Sawyer Seal
declared by the said Bernard Sawyer to be his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Thos. H. Brown
John Dawson
J. J. Hedrick

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New Hanover County Court. Decemr. Term 1862.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Bernard Baxter deceased, was exhibited in open Court, by James H. Ryan the Executor therein named, and offered for probate, and the due execution of the same by the said Bernard Baxter, was proved by the oath and examination of John Dawson and J. J. Hedrick, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it is considered by the Court that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of Bernard Baxter, and sufficient to convey the bequests therein named. It is ordered that the same be recorded and filed. At the same time James H. Ryan, the Executor therein named, appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as such.

Teste Samuel J. Bunting Clerk
Jm. Wooddy Deft. Clerk.

In the name of God, Amen!

I Cyrus S. Van Amringe of the town of Wilmington State of North Carolina, being in good health of body, and of sound and disposing mind and memory (praised be God for the same) and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity, so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it; and my body to the earth to be interred at the direction of my Executors hereinafter named. And as to such worldly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to intrust me, I dispose of the same as followeth.

It is my will and desire that all my just debts, and the charges of my funeral be paid and discharged by my executors hereinafter named and appointed, out of my estate as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

I give devise and dispose of all my estate, real and personal (save what shall be necessary for the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses) in the following manner.

I give and bequeath unto