

I Bryan S Koonce of the County  
of New Hanover State of North Carolina being of sound  
mind, but aware of the uncertainty of life he make pub-  
lic and declare this to be my last will and testament

After Commending my Soul to God and with full  
faith in the atonement made for sinners by his Son our  
Saviour, I desire that after my death my body shall be  
buried in the Town of Wilmington or at the family burial  
place at the Richland, in New Hanover County, as my friends may  
prefer, but if my burial should be in Said Town of  
Wilmington and my family should remain in said  
Town I wish my executrix hereinafter named to purchase a  
family vault in the Methodist burial ground and have my  
remains deposited therein. It is my will and desire that  
all my just debts should be first paid out of any money  
that that may be possessed by me at the time of my death  
or may come into the possession of my Executrix after my death  
out of any bonds or notes or accounts held by me against others  
and if after the exhaustion of the fund derived from this or any  
other indebtedness to me, there should not be money enough in  
hand to pay the balance of the debts due from me, then  
it is my desire that my Executrix should sell my Negroes  
Alfred and Mahala his wife either at public Auction  
or private Sale as she may desire and if after the sale  
of said Negroes, there should still exist any outstanding  
liabilities of mine, it is my further desire that my  
said Executrix should sell either of my plantations in  
New Hanover as she may think best for my estate, provided she  
should remain in the Town of Wilmington with my family  
but if she should determine to remove to New York, then  
it is my will that she should sell the house and lot  
whereon I now reside in said Town and which I pur-  
chased from John H Currie as well as the tract of land  
in the vicinity of said Town, which I bought from  
Miles Costin and I do hereby authorize and empower  
my said Executrix to sell the said plantations or lots at  
public or private sale as she may prefer for the payment  
of said liabilities. It is also my will and desire that  
all my interest in the schooner Volant which consists  
of one fifth share in said Schooner should be sold  
by my Executrix unless Mr Costin from whom I pur-  
chased said fifth and who owns the remaining four fifths  
should be willing to retake the interest so bought from  
him and refund the purchase money paid him by me  
which amounted to three hundred and fifty dollars

or as I owe him more than that Sum upon the tract of  
 land purchased by me from him My Executors may dispose  
 of said interest to him upon his agreeing to give me credit  
 for the said Sum of three hundred and fifty dollars  
 upon the debt now due from me to him for the land aforesaid  
 as I have recently made large purchases of goods at the  
 North it is my desire that they should be sent back  
 to the persons there, from whom they were bought provided such  
 persons will receive them at a reasonable discount a deduction  
 upon the amount paid by me for them, If however they refuse  
 to retake said goods, then it is my desire that my Executors  
 should continue to employ my clerks Andrew J. Marshburn  
 and Wiggly Mills to dispose of said goods alike at my  
 store in Wilmington and at the Richlands in one lot  
 as speedily and advantageously as possible, unless they  
 should conclude to sell the same at public auction  
 or private sale. After all my debts shall have been paid  
 it is my will and desire that the entire property left  
 shall be disposed of as follows. I devise and give  
 to my wife Ann Koonce the plantation in one lot  
 whereon I last resided provided she should sell the  
 house and lot in Wilmington as herein provided for in  
 order to pay my debts, but if she should prefer keeping  
 said house and lot then I give the same to her in fee,  
 and leave the said plantation or plantations in  
 one lot to be sold for the purposes herein before specif-  
 -ied, I also give and bequeath to my said wife  
 the following Negroes, viz. Wright. Harriett. Gaston. Nancy  
 as well as the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be  
 paid out of any funds that may belong to my Estate  
 after the payment of my debts.  
 all the rest and residue of my property whether real or  
 personal with the exception of the tracts of land purchased  
 by me from Miles Costin and Samuel B. Keory, which I  
 hereby give and devise to my wife in addition  
 to what I have herein before bestowed on her, I give  
 devise and bequeath to my six children to be equally  
 divided between them, as they shall ~~respectfully~~ respect-  
 -ively attain the age of twenty one, and if ~~and if~~  
 any one of said children should die before reaching  
 said age, then it is my desire and will that the  
 share or shares of those so dying should go to the  
 surviving brothers or sisters equally and it is my desire  
 that my said children whose names are  
 Francis, D. Koonce, Mary Elizabeth Koonce



Leah S Mooney Edward B Mooney John A Mooney and Bryan S Mooney and to whom hereby give and devise all my property of every kind after the payment of my debts and the receipt by my wife of that portion of my estate herein given to her should remain with their mother and continue to live with her unless she should deem a change of residence advisable for any one of them at any time after my death. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Ann Mooney my lawful executrix to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Bryan S Mooney do hereunto set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1852

B S Mooney Seal

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Bryan S Mooney as his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence subscribe our names as

A B Rothwell

A J Markburn

State of North Carolina } December Term  
New Hanover County Court } 1852

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bryan S Mooney is exhibited in open Court and duly proven by the oath of A J Markburn one of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the last will and testament of said Bryan S Mooney and is sufficient to convey the property therein devised and is ordered to be recorded and filed. Teste

at same time Ann Mooney the executrix therein named duly qualified as such Teste

Daniel Dickson Clerk