

State of Marsh Mills of the County of New Hanover
and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and
memory but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly
existence do make and declare this my last will and
Testament in manner of form the following

First, That my Executor herein after named shall
provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses
together with my just debts out of the moneys that may first
come into his hands as a part & parcel of my estate

Item 1st I give & bequeath to my daughter Thankful
Wells my Negro woman Grace to have and to hold forever

Item 2^o I give & devise to my son Leonard the lands on
which he now lives together with all the buildings and other
improvements to have and to hold all his natural life and at
his death to be divided in equal shares between all his children

Item 3^o I give and devise to my son Leonard my Negro man
Andrew to have and to hold all his natural life and at his
death to be shared equally among all his children

Item 4th I give & bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Boney
One Negro child boy called Lewis to have & to hold forever

Item 5th I give & bequeath the increase of my Negro woman Grace
(above bequeathed to my daughter Thankful) to the children
both of my son Leonard and my daughter Thankful in
equal proportions

Item 6th If there be anything not mentioned in the above
will of my estate I will & desire it to be sold and divided
between all my children

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
trustly friend Dr Robert H. Tate my lawful executor to
all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & Testament
according to the true intent & meaning thereof of the
same hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all
other wills Testaments by me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I the said Catharine Mills
do hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th day of June A.D.
1855

Witnessed

Geo B. Sigford

James H. Alderman

Catharine Mills ^{her} mark

State of North Carolina } September Term 1855
New Hanover County } This paper coming purporting to
be the last will & Testament of Catharine Mills as such
offered for probate and is duly proven by the oath of James H
Alderman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such
considered by the Court to be & contain the last will & Testament
of said Catharine and as such considered by the Court
sufficient to convey the bequests therein made and
ordered to be recorded at the same time R H Tate appeared in
open Court & was duly qualified as executor thereto

Fate
Saml R Bunting CLK

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County }

To all who shall see these presents
that I John D Jones of the County and State aforesaid send
Greeting. Knowing that being in perfect health and memory
but mindful of the uncertainty of all human enjoyments
and desirous of providing in season for the disposition of
my worldly estate after my decease. I do this thirteenth day
of January 1853 at Wilmington in the County and State
aforesaid, make ordain and declare the following to be
my last will and Testament. It is in the first place
my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral
expenses be paid; for that purpose I authorize and
request my Executor hereinafter to be named, to pay
and discharge the same out of the first monies
which shall come into their hands as a part and parcel
of my Estate. It is secondly my will and desire that
my whole estate real and personal of every kind and
character and revenue the same may be situated shall
be equally distributed upon my decease, between my
two daughters Cornelia A wife of the Honorable Waddy
Thompson of South Carolina and Caroline A Jones of the
County of and State aforesaid and in case of their death
their heirs and assigns respectively, the said Caroline
And the said Cornelia, to share and share alike;
And the said estate to be preserved to their separate use
for that purpose I give devise and bequeath to William
Butler Thompson of South Carolina, the one undivided
moiety or half part of my lands and of all my negroes
and of all my real and personal estate to have and
to hold the same to him and to his heirs and assigns -
forever in trust nevertheless that he shall take rise and