

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 & Testaments by me heretofore
 made. In witness whereof, I the said William Marshall
 do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 5th day of October
 A.D. 1852.

William ^{his} Marshall Esq
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Signed, Sealed and published
 & declared by the said
 William Marshall, to be his
 last will and Testament, and in
 the presence of us, who at his
 request, and in his presence, do,
 subscribe our names as witnesses
 thereto.

Witness Geo. W. Langer
 Joseph A. Parker

I Cornelius Murphy 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 publish this
 my last Will and Testament in manner and form following; That is
 to say.

First That my executors (herein after named) shall provide
 for my body a decent burial, pay all funeral expenses, together with
 my just debts, however, and to whomsoever owing out of the money
 that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my
 estate.

Item - I give and devise to my beloved wife Margaret Murphy
 the tract of land whereon I now reside including the plantation
 and houses to have and to hold to her the said Margaret Murphy
 for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for, and
 in lieu of her dower and thirds of, and in all my real estate, bounded
 as follows.

Beginning at a stake at Morris Creek opposite the timber landing near Busby Ford
 the line of lot No. 1. in a deed of gift made by myself to James A.
 Murphy to the line of the land conveyed by myself to Charles M. Murphy
 by deed of gift, thence with the line of said land to Saml Lewis
 line, thence with Lewis line to Joseph Hicks line thence with Hicks

lines to S. B. Riverbark's lines, thence with Riverbark's lines to the main run of Morris Creek, thence down the main run of Morris Creek to the first station.

Also, a tract of land on the North side of Red-bank Branch, adjoining the lands of Mary Henry and others, described in a deed from Mat H. Murphy and Robert C. Murphy to myself.

Another piece or parcel of land on the North side of Turkey Bay adjoining the lands of Mat H. Murphy and others, described in a deed from Col. Ant. Souders to Margaret Henry.

I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Murphy my stock of all kinds, Horses, Cows, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, my Log-Carriage, Family Carriage, and harness, &c. &c. &c. I also have one set Blacksmith's tools, One set Cooper's tools, One Locomotive, One Cook-House, Wind-mills, Wind Stoves, Spinning machine, Saddles and Bridles, my Library, two feather beds and bed furniture, &c. &c. All the crops of provisions and Moral Stores of which I may be possessed at the time of my decease, all my kitchen furniture, and all my household furniture except beds to be hers and used for her support and maintenance, as she may think proper during the term of her natural life with the privilege to buy and sell stock as she may find necessary.

It is my will and desire that at her decease all the personal chattels mentioned in the foregoing bequests be equally divided among all my children.

Item - I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Murphy the following negroes, viz. Sam, Bill, Cynthia, Eleanor and children Emily, Martha, Bob & Louisa, Celia and Children Moses, Sarah, Fanny, and all the increase of the aforementioned negro-women, to be hers and at her disposal, during the term of her natural life, at her decease, it is my will and desire, that all the slaves mentioned in the bequest to my wife be equally divided among her own children, but they are required to pay over to my daughter Elizabeth J. Murphy, or her legal representatives, the sum of three hundred dollars in cash.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine J. McDuffie, one negro woman named Sally and all her children and a negro boy named Romeo, the lot of negroes named in this bequest to my daughter Catharine Jane includes all the share or interest intended, for her, in any slave property.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Carson P. Murphy one negro boy named Joe, to be his, and at his disposal.

Item - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth J. Murphy one negro boy named Harry, to be hers, and at her disposal forever.

It is my will and desire that those of my children to whom I have not given a share in my lands, viz. Catharine Jane Mc Duffie Hanson, H. Murphy, Elizabeth A. Murphy, Cornelius S. Murphy and Mary E. Moore, shall receive the sum of five hundred dollars each, which sum, if not paid during my natural life, I direct to be paid by my executors after my decease.

It is my will and desire, that all the moneys due me shall be collected, and together with the cash which may be in my possession at the time of my decease, shall be equally divided amongst my children, and my wife, share and share alike equally. Said division to be made within twelve months after the probate of this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret ten shares of the stock of the Commercial Bank of Wilmington, N. C. to be hers during the term of her natural life, at her decease to be equally divided among all my children.

I give and bequeath eight shares of stock in Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, to all my children, share and share alike, equally to be divided with my other property within twelve months after the probate of this will.

Whereas my youngest son is a minor, my will and desire is that my wife Margaret Murphy and my son C. W. Murphy are hereby appointed guardians of my said son, until he arrives at the age of twenty one.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute, and appoint my sons Hanson S. Murphy, James A. Murphy, John H. Murphy, and Cornelius S. Murphy my lawful executors 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, the said Cornelius Murphy, do hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of June, A.D. 1852.

Cornelius Murphy - Seal

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

John Alderman
J. W. Alderman
James F. Bland

Whereas, J. Cornelius Murphy have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date the third day of June A.D. 1852, and have thereby made sundry devised and bequests, according to the then existing circumstances of my estate, but which circumstances having now materially changed, I do, by this my writing, which I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my said Will to be taken and construed as a part thereof will direct. And I do hereby give and devise to my wife Margaret Murphy the following negroes Clara and Child, named (Alia) and Clara's increase to be hers, and at her disposal, during the term of her natural life, and at her decease, it is my will and desire, that the above named negroes, together with those left in the second Item of my said will, and all the increase of the female negroes left in this and the afore-mentioned Item, be equally divided among her own children to be disposed of by my executor, as directed in my said Will and testament, of which this Codicil is hereby declared to be a part.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty-fourth day of July, A.D. 1855.

Cornelius Murphy Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Cornelius Murphy to be his codicil or part of his last will and testament in presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Quas Alderman
J. W. Alderman

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court, December Term, 1857.
This paper writing, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Cornelius Murphy, is exhibited in open Court, and offered for probate, and is duly proved by the oaths of Owen Alderman and James S. Bland, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the Codicil thereto attached was also proved by the oath of C. Alderman and J. W. Alderman the subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such considered to be and contain the last Will & Testament, with the codicil thereto annexed of said Cornelius Murphy, and sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed, at the same time Cassius F. Murphy and John W. Murphy the executors therein named appeared in open Court and were duly qualified according to Law.

Teste

Saml R. C. Bunting, Clerk