

The last will and Testament of Daniel S Sanders of the county of ~~Spencer~~ ^{Spencer} and State of North Carolina.

I Daniel S Sanders considering the uncertainty of life and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish, and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

First, I direct that all my debts shall be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary F Sanders eleven negroes, eight of whom shall be ~~consist~~ ^{consist} of Paris and family, if they should be living at my death, and if not so living, the deficiency to be made up out of the other negroes of my estate of equal value with those of the said family who may die before this bequest is to take effect, which value is to be ascertained and decided on by my Executors, and I also give her my negroes George, Nelson, and Scumpz, to constitute the full number of eleven as aforesaid. And I hereby expressly will and direct that the said negroes herein bequeathed to her, exclusive of, and in addition to, that portion of my estate which as one of my heirs and Distributives she would be entitled to claim in the ultimate division of my property, the bequest of the said negroes as heretofore stated, being made to her for the purpose of equalizing the share of ~~my~~ the said Mary, with that heretofore given to my Daughter Christiana out of my estate.

Third, I give and bequeath to my Grandson Simon W Sanders the three following negroes ^{but} if the said Simon should die before arriving at the age of twenty one, then I will and direct, that the said negroes shall go to the children of my daughter Christiana, to be equally divided among them. Fourth, after the payment of my debts and the settlement of my estate, I will and direct that the entire residue of my ~~estate~~ ^{estate} negroes remaining after the satisfaction of the foregoing bequests, with the exception of Bob and Dick Grant, shall go and be equally divided between my two daughters Mary F, and Christiana; And I also will and direct that all the charges and expences attending upon the support and education of my said daughter

Mary F Sanders, whether in the way of tuition board
clothing or in any other way that her necessities and con-
fort may require, shall be paid during the term of two
years after my death, or until final settlement & division
between them. Of my estate, out of the proceeds
thereof, I give the sum of \$1000 to her for her maintenance
and education until she shall have received a liberal
education, and profits accruing or realized therefrom,
provided said education shall not have been
completed, or she may not have married prior
to my death.

Fifth, I do hereby nominate, constitute and app-
oint James M Stevenson, John A Sanders and
John F Spicer, executors of this my last will and
Testament, but as my son-in-law J M Stevenson
is more familiar with my business than the other
executors herein named, it is my will and desire
that he the said J M Stevenson shall be permitted
to have the control and management of my
entire estate, including the property hereinbefore
bequeathed, for the purpose of settling said estate
within the two years prescribed by law, and if
after the expiration of the said two years my estate
shall be wholly relieved from its indebtedness,
then it is my will that the legacies herein named
shall receive the bequests given to them respectively,
and that all the rest, residue and remainder of
my estate and effects, whether consisting of lands,
stock, distilleries, or any thing else whatsoever,
or any thing wheresoever situated and not herein-
before disposed of, shall go to and become the
property of my son-in-law James M Stevenson, and
I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto him the
said James M Stevenson his heirs and executors
and administrators, all and singular the said res-
idue and remainder of my estate for his use behoof
and benefit forever.

In Witness whereof I the said
Daniel S Sanders, have hereunto set my hand and
Seal, this the 13th day of January A.D. 1854

Daniel S Sanders (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Daniel S Sanders to
be his last will & testament, in the presence of us, who have here-
unto subscribed our names as witnesses, in the presence of and at his request
William A Berry & John M Stevenson.