

State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover, County Court } December Term 1857

This paper, writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Buttrick deceased, is exhibited in open court and duly proven by the oath of J. D. Poisson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: Whereupon it is considered and adjudged by the Court, that the same is the last Will and Testament of said Elizabeth Buttrick, and as such ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time George Davis the Executor therein named duly qualified as such.

Teste

L. H. Harstetter, Clk.

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I, Duncan Clark, of the State and County aforesaid, 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 and form following, that is to say,

First. That my Executors hereafter named, shall provide for my body, a decent burial suitable for the relations and friends and pay all funeral expences, together with my just debts howsoever, and whosoever, owing, out of the monies, that may first come to their hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my loving wife, Mary, Clarke the dwelling house and part of my lot in Wilmington on New Street, and part of the lot south of the said house, beginning at the centre where a large gate stood near the Wood house on New Street and runs southward according to the plan of the town of Wilmington to Mrs. Tibbitts lot near the Necessary house, thence Westward as far as the lot closed in, thence Northward to New Street, thence with the street line Eastward to the beginning, but to be left to Catharine Ann, at her death.

Also I give and devise to my wife, the plantation whereon I now live, with negroes and stock of all kind that is now on the plantation and tools of every kind that is on the plantation, until my youngest daughter will become twenty one years of age.

Also I give and devise to my daughter, Mary Ann Hines, part of my lot in Wilmington on Third Street, and under the letter B. 178. from Bowditch's corner, to the stable gate, thence West to the beginning, then North as far as my lot goes, thence to the beginning.

Also I give and devise to David my son the long house

the end of it is toward New street, in Wilmington, with the lot of ground east and south of it, with the stable and its lot, joining my wife's lot, and Mary Ann Thines's lot, Mr. Jabbitts's lot, and Hartfield's lot.

Also, I give and devise to my son James, sixty acres of land more or less, on both sides of Smith's Creek, joining John Sanders and the Barwick lands, near the long causeway patented by one Peter Smith.

Also, I give and devise to my daughter, Eliza Watson, the plantation whereon she now lives in Bladen County, 100 acres more or less, joining William M. Kay and Mrs. Farago's lands and Timothy Peterson's lands, and the Mill old swamp.

Also, I give and devise to Margaret Priest my daughter, 120 acres of land in Bladen County, between the Horse Shoe swamp and Lamb's branch, joining the lands of Daniel's and the McChairs.

Also, I give and devise to Duncan my son 120 acres of land be the same more or less, near the Double branch, joining Angus Black and Daniel B. B. Kithins lands, after sister, Kelly's death, this is in Bladen County.

I Also, I give and devise to John and David my sons, the lands that is Southwest of the branch, that runs south of the plantation whereon I now live and joining Lewis Lane's lands, beginning at the mouth of a gut on Prince George's creek, above the mouth of Simmons's creek, and running with the said branch to the said Lane's line, and with Lane's line to the beginning.

Also, I give and devise to John my son the corner, of my lot in Wilmington on New Street and Second Street 66 feet square, or to the centre of the Well according to the plan of the town.

Also, I give and devise to Sarah Williams my daughter, on Second Street, part of my lot N^o 128 joining John Black and James T. Miller's line 66 feet.

I Also, I give and devise to Molly my daughter, from the centre of the well near New Street and to New Street with the black's line, and Sarah Williams's line to James T. Miller's line on the South and with his line to the house lot, thence to New Street and thence to the beginning. Also I give and devise to Molly my daughter, one half of that lot of land I bought of Timothy Peterson, the South part of it, beginning at a spring near the branch, and near the house called Peterson's spring, and runs with the Mill road to the Mill dam, and to the run of the Creek, and with the Mill creek to an old bridge on the creek, thence with an old cart road to the line, thence with the line to a white bay in a branch, thence with the branch to the beginning.

Also, I give and devise to Benjamin my son, a mill seat from the flat landing as far, as he can back, water, up the branch that runs on the east side of my field.

Also, I give and devise to my son Benjamin and Batharine Ann my children, the plantation whereon I now live, after their Mothers death; but if either of the said children should die, the one that lives of them is to be the heir, of the other, and if both of them should die, the plantation shall be divided among those of them that of my family, of boys that live about here; south of the house and garden shall be Batharine Ann; the houses and the north part of the field is to be Benjamin; the boundary of the plantation is not known. The land back of Moley is to be divided between John and David and Benjamin; the part next to Moley is to be Benjamin, but you will go to the run of the Mole Creek; If any of the heirs should want to sell their part of the land, they will give a chance to some or all of my children to purchase it.

My will is that Rail Timber, and Fire Wood is to be given for the use of the plantation whenever, it is most convenient to get it, and those that settle about the plantation of my family, is to have a chance to cultivate inside of the field, until they have some time to open land of their own, south of the house, they will tend.

The household furniture and all the rest of my concern is to remain as it is, until Batharine Ann my daughter will arrive to the age of twenty one years in full. If Moley should get married she is to have a Cow and a bed. When Batharine Ann is at the age of twenty one years, my stock, and household furniture is to be sold or divided as the heirs please, and give equal portions to all my heirs of what is sold of mine, except Mary Ann Kins and heirs; and if any of my heirs is dissatisfied with the portion they will get from me, I request of my executors to take it back from such a one, and sell it for the use of the other heirs, and give the one dissatisfied what the law requires.

Also my will is that the debts due to me should be collected, if there should be any surplus over, or above the payment of debts and expences, paid over, to my wife and children, and is theirs forever.

And as my son and daughter, will not arrive at the age of twenty one years in some time, my will and desire is, that their Mother will rule over them, until they become of age. And I do hereby constitute my trusty friends Benjamin Liles and John H. Black, and Mary Black my wife, my lawful executors to all intent and purposes, to execute my last will and Testament according to the true meaning of the same and ever.

part and every clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring
utterly void, all other Wills and Testaments by and thereafter made.

In Witness whereof, the said Duncan Black, do hereby
set my hand and seal this day.

Signed and published and
declared by the said Duncan
Black, to be his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us
who at his request, in his presence
and in presence of each other,
do subscribe our names as
witnesses thereto. June 14th 1855

Duncan Black, Seal

James T. Miller,
L. H. Marshall,

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court

December Term 1855

This paper, purporting to be
the last Will and Testament of Duncan Black, is exhibited
in open Court, in which John H. Black, Benjamin Lile and
Mary Black, are named as executors: And it appearing to
the satisfaction of the Court, that the testator, the said Duncan
Black, is dead; that the paper, writing is the last Will and
Testament of said Duncan Black; And it further appearing
to the Court that Benjamin Lile one of the executors is also
dead; and Mary Black, executrix to said Will, coming into
Court and declaring, qualifying as executrix to said Will.
It is therefore ordered by the Court, that the said Will and
Testament be registered according to law, and that said
John H. Black be permitted to qualify as Executor to the same
and in open Court he is qualified accordingly.

Teste

L. H. Marshall, Clk.,

Christen
named for
Mrs John H. Black Sr.
Witness of Christen