

State of North Carolina

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This paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Alfred Shepard is exhibited in open Court and duly proven by the oath of W B Jones & James Grant the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such considered by the Court to be the last will & Testament of said Alfred Shepard & sufficient to convey the bequests therein made at the same time Charlotte Shepard the Executrix therein appeared in open & was duly qualified as such according to law

Teste
Sam^l R^d Blomberg Clerk

In the Name of God Amen

On the Wills of New Arrivals
I Eliza Claudia Bradley widow of the late ~~Richard~~
Bradley of the Town of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina being of sound
and disposing mind and memory knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty
of the time thereof and being desirous to settle all my worldly affairs whilst I
have strength and capacity to do so do make public and declare the following
as my last will and testament to wit I give devise and bequeath all
the real estate of every nature and kind of which I may be seised and possess at
the time of my death to my Executors herein after named or to such of them as may qualify
to execute this my last will and testament to be sold by them either at private sale or by
public auction upon such terms as to them shall seem best and the proceeds of all such
sale they shall divide among my heirs at law in the same shares and proportions
as though I had died intestate. I give and bequeath a certain Negro Slave
named Sandy to my five sons viz Richard, James A, Henry W, Charles W, and
Edward O and in the event of the death of any one of my said sons leaving a
Child or Children, such Child or Children are to be entitled to the share
or interest of my son so dying. I give and bequeath all and singular
my household and kitchen furniture to my three daughters viz Christian
Mary G. and Lucy B and in the event of the death of any one of my said
daughters leaving a Child surviving such Child or Children shall be
entitled to the share of my daughter so dying. I give and bequeath
to my Son Charles W Bradley twenty shares of the Capital Stock of
the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road Company to be held by him
in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Lucy B
during her life and upon her death for the use and
benefit of such Children as she may leave surviving her.
I give and bequeath to my son James A Bradley five shares of the
Capital Stock of the said Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company
to be held by him for the sole and separate use of my daughter
Christian during her life and upon her death for the use and

benefit of her next of kin, I give and bequeath to my son Charles W. Bradley five shares of the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of Wilmington and also five shares of the Capital Stock of the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road Company

I give and bequeath to my son Richard Bradley ten shares of the Capital Stock of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company the foregoing disposition of Bank Stock and Rail Road Stock have been made with the view of equalising the general division of my property made among my children hitherto

I give and bequeath five shares of the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of Wilmington to the following named persons in the shares and proportions following viz to Rebecca Green Bradley daughter of the late John Bradley two shares, to my grand daughter Eliza Claudia Wingate and Eliza Bonny Jewett each one share and to my grandson Walter Wingate the one remaining share. I give and bequeath to my grand children Eliza Claudia Bradley, Richard Brady Wingate and Richard Bradley Jewett to each and every of them one share of the Capital Stock of the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road Company

I give devise and bequeath my pew in St James' Church to my son Charles W. Bradley and my daughter Lucy B. Jewett

It is my will and I do direct that the division of my household and Kitchen Furniture which may be required by any person to effect the disposition I have herein before made of it shall be made by my Executors or such of them as shall qualify to execute this my last will and Testament and that in making such division my executors shall value the different articles and shall not sell them as a means of ascertaining their value, I give devise and bequeath all the residue of my property and estate of every nature and description to my Executors or such of them as may qualify to execute this my last will and Testament to be equally divided among next of kin in the same shares and proportions as though I had died intestate In testimony of all which I have hereunto subscribed my name this the twelfth day of January A.D. 1853 and I have Prominently Constituted and appointed my sons Richard Bradley, James W. Bradley and Charles W. Bradley as the Executors of this my last will and Testament

Signed Published and declared by the said Eliza Claudia Bradley as and for her last will and Testament in our presence who at her request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Ch. Bradley

W. A. Wright
J. H. Wright

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court September Term 1854

This paper writing is exhibited to the Court and is duly proven by the oath of M. A. Wright one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such considered by the Court to be the last will and testament of C. L. Bradley & sufficient to convey the bequeaths therein made. Let the same with this certificate be recorded & filed

Teste

Sam^l R. Brantley Clerk

In the Name of God Amen

Be it remembered that I Elizabeth H. Ashe the Widow of Col Samuel Ashe being possessed of a sound and disposing and fully realizing the great uncertainty of life do publish and declare the following paper writing as my last will and Testament

I leave and bequeath to my beloved grand daughter Betty and Mary Moore two Negro girls named Leah and Hannah the Children of my Woman Penny. To my grand sons Gray A. Moore and John Ashe Moore I give my Man called Abram the son of Easter

I give and bequeath to my grand son William H. Ashe the eldest son of John A. Ashe & my daughter Dennis to Samuel Ashe his 2^d son a boy called Robert To Gaston his third son a boy called Henry To my

Daughter Betty I give a girl called Mary the above mentioned Negroes Dennis Robert Henry & Mary being the Children of my Woman Easter I give and bequeath to my son William I Ashe my man Will and a woman called Nancy the wife of Tom I also give and bequeath to him in fee all my right and title to the Catfish place being that situated purchased by me from the said William and my daughter Susan H. Grove the said purchase being properly evidenced by regular deeds of conveyance from each of them. I give and bequeath to my

son Thomas H. Ashe my man Jack son of Old Jack and Sam and do release to him all the claim of indebtedness held by me against him I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan H. Grove my Negro Woman called Penny and her children with the exception of Leah and Hannah previously disposed of by this will.

I give and bequeath to my son Dr Richard Porter Ashe my man Richard the son of Virtue and man Prince now lived out in Georgia but with the condition that my son Richard is to allow and permit my daughter Sarah Grove shall to purchase the said man Prince by paying for him the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars I give and bequeath to Dr Ezekiel Hall of Knoxville Georgia the following

Negroes Old Jack and his wife Jan and their daughter Ann with her Children now or here after born hereafter on the express trust that he is to hold the said Negroes for the sole and exclusive use of my