

In the name of God. Amen:

I, Esther, Coxeter, of the town of Wilmington in the County of New Hanover, in the State of North Carolina, being aged and infirm in body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to arrange my worldly affairs, whilst I have strength and capacity so to do, do make, publish and declare the following, as and for, my last Will and Testament.

Thereby constitute and appoint my friends John A. Taylor of the town of Wilmington, and the Rev. Charles Betts of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Executors of this my last Will.

I give and devise all and singular my lands and tenements, wheresoever the same may be situated, to my Executors aforesaid, and to the survivor of them and the Executors of such survivor, to be held by them upon the trusts, and to and for the uses following, that is to say, That during the life of my niece Lucy Higgins wife of Theophilus Higgins my said Executors or the survivor of them or the Executor or Executors of such survivor, shall receive the rents and profits of my real estate, and having retained so much as shall be necessary to pay and discharge all taxes due thereon annually, and all such charges and expences for repairs made thereon, shall at such periods of each year, and in such portions as to them may seem expedient and proper, pay over the residue of such rents and profits to my said niece Lucy Higgins for her sole, separate and peculiar use and benefit, and the receipt of said Lucy Higgins notwithstanding her coverture shall be a sufficient discharge of my Executors or the survivor of them or the Executor, of such survivor, for all sums so acknowledged to have been received; and upon the death of the said Lucy Higgins, my Executors aforesaid or the survivor of them, or the Executor, of such survivor, shall continue to receive said rents and profits of my real estate; and after having appropriated such part thereof as may be required to pay and discharge all such taxes as may from year to year be due thereon, and all other expences of every nature and kind, which may be incident to or necessary in connection with said real estate, shall appropriate the residue to the maintenance and education of such child or children, as my said niece may have surviving her, and upon the marriage or arrival at full age of any one of such children, my Executors or the survivor of them, or the Executor of such survivor shall convey all such lands and tenements to all the children of the said Lucy

Higgins then living, to be held by them as tenants in common, I give and bequeath to my Executors aforesaid and to the survivor, of them, and the Executor, of such survivor a certain negro slave named Senah, and all and singular my household and kitchen furniture of all kinds whatsoever, to be held by them for the sole and separate use of my niece Lucy Higgins during her life, and upon the death of said Lucy Higgins, said slave Senah, together, with so much of said furniture as may then remain, shall be conveyed to such child or children as the said Lucy Higgins may leave surviving her.

I give and devise to Julia Love wife of Edwin Love, my Pew in St. James' Church, in the town of Wilmington, the same being on the southern side of the centre aisle of said Church, and designated by the number twenty nine (N^o 29) -

I give and bequeath to Lucy Caroline Higgins and Ipe Adolphia Higgins daughters of my niece Lucy Higgins, and to Walter Ringold Love son of Edwin Love, the three shares of the capital stock, of the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road Company, standing on the books of said Company in my name, and I hereby direct my Executors to transfer one of said shares to each of the legatees named in this clause of my will, to be held and enjoyed by them respectively in severally.

It is my wish and I do direct that the debts which I may owe, together, with all such charges and expenses as will necessarily arise upon the settlement of my estate, shall be paid from such money as I may have at the time of my death, from such debts as may be due me and from such property as I may be entitled to, which is not herein before specifically bequeathed; and should there remain from these sources, after the payment of my debts, the sum of One hundred dollars, then and in that event I bequeath the sum of One hundred dollars to Julia Love wife of Edwin Love.

I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my property to my Sister, Mary Betts.

In testimony whereof I Esther Coxeter, have to this paper writing, containing my last will and Testament, subscribed my name this the first day of June A.D. 1849.

Signed & published by the above named
Esther Coxeter, as for her last will & Testament
in our presence who heard at her reading & saw
her sign & in the presence of each other,
subscribed our names as witnesses there to.

Esther Coxeter

Wm. C. Anderson