

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County

I, James Sampson, of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First- That my executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for body a decent burial, suitable to my condition, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, whatsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate, and my Executors are hereby authorized to sell and convey, as they think best, any of my estate, not specially herein otherwise disposed of, for the payment of my just debts.

Item 1st I hereby direct my Executors to convey the following negro slaves to any persons, whom my executors think best, and upon such terms as they think right and proper, to wit: Hannah Jones. (Neph's wife) Maria Green, David Merrick & Virgil McKee.

Item 2. I direct that a part of a lot on Transwick Street, be conveyed by my Executors to such persons as they may choose; and, that a lot on Third Street, North of the N. & W. R. Road, be conveyed by my Executors, upon the payment of one hundred and twenty five dollars, to any person George Merrick may designate.

Item 3^d I direct that a lot between Sixth & Seventh Streets, be transferred by my Executors to such person or persons as they deem right and proper.

Item 4th I direct, that no rent be collected from Pella Sampson, and that she be permitted to live in the house she now occupies, until her death, and I request my Executors to hold the said lot for that object.

Item 5th I do hereby release my Executors from all accountability, respecting the above property, contained in Items one (1) two (2) three (3) and four (4) and give them full power to convey the same as they see fit; and upon such terms as they deem best; and this I so order, for the reason that I do not desire any of my descendants or representatives to enjoy the same or the proceeds of the said property.

Item 6th The residue of my estate both real and personal, I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Fanny Sampson, to have and to hold the same during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided among my children.

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Item ^{4th} I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends Thomas C. Miller and S. M. West, my lawful executors, to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I, the said James Sampson do hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of April, A. D. 1861.

James Sampson

Signed, Sealed, published,
and declared by the said
James Sampson to be his
last will and testament,
in the presence of us, who
at his request and in his
presence do subscribe our names
as witnesses thereto.

H. A. Sagg,
John Utley.

State of North Carolina } County Court
New Hanover County, } Term Term 1861.

This paper, writing, purporting to be and contain the last Will and Testament of James Sampson, dead is exhibited in open Court, and propounded for proof, and is duly proved by the oath of H. A. Sagg and John Utley, both the subscribing witnesses, and is considered by the Court to be and contain the last Will, and Testament of said James Sampson, in every respect and sufficient to convey the bequests therein made. At the same time S. M. West and Thomas C. Miller, the executors therein named, appeared in Court and were duly qualified as such. Ordered that the same be registered and filed.

Testo.

Saml. R. Bunting, Clk.