

State of North Carolina
 Town of Wilmington

In the Name of God, Amen.

I James Purch of the Town of Wilmington State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory do make publish & declare this as my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Namely - I give devise & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Eliza for & during her natural life or so long as she remains single & unmarried my house & lot which I now live said house & lot situate on Walnut Street between Third & Fourth Streets in the Town of Wilmington aforesaid And after the death or marriage of my said wife Mary Eliza I give devise & bequeath the said house & lot above mentioned unto my three children Benjamin S. William S. and John O. Bellamy Purch to be Equally divided between them I give devise & bequeath unto my said wife Mary Eliza for & during her natural life or so long as she shall remain single & unmarried my negro girl Caroline And after the death of my said wife I give devise & bequeath said negro girl Caroline unto my aforesaid three children above named to be Equally divided among them.

I give devise & bequeath unto my said wife Mary Eliza for & during her natural life or so long as she shall remain single & unmarried all of my household & Kitchen furniture together with all other property of every kind whatsoever either real or personal which I may be possessed of or entitled to And after her death or marriage then I give devise and bequeath said negro said household together with all my household & Kitchen furniture and all other property of all and every kind whatsoever which I may be possessed of or entitled to either in law or in Equity to my three children above named.

And I the said James Purch do hereby make constitute and appoint my worthy & much esteemed friend Dr John O. Bellamy of the Town of Wilmington aforesaid as my Executor to this my last will & Testament and I first direct that my said Executor pay all my just debts before any other requirement of said will be executed.

And I the said James Purch do hereby authorize and empower my said Executor Dr John O. Bellamy

to sell said House and lot and said negro said
Household & Kitchen furniture as his judgment & discretion
be deemed best, and most advisable & that his is
hereby authorized and empowered to make full & legal
title for the same & that if in his discretion he deems
best to sell said negro and from any debts or if he deems
it best to sell said House & lot & purchase one of a cheaper
Character I hereby authorize & empower him to do as
aforesaid, only that after paying my debts as aforesaid
that he make such disposition of his said discretion & judgment
is best securing to my wife the interest in the aforesaid prop-
erty or annuity Arising from the sale thereof after
paying my just debts for & during her natural life or
widowhood as aforesaid, and after death or
marriage then securing the same to my aforesaid
Three Children aforesaid.

In Witness Whereof I the said James Runch doth hereunto
set my hand & seal this the twenty third day of July
one thousand eight hundred & fifty two

Signed sealed acknowledged
& declared as his last will & testament
before us N W Harris
Thos Miller

James Runch

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County Court } September Term 1852

This paper writing purporting to
be the last will & Testament of James Runch is exhibited
in open Court & duly proved by the oath of Thos Miller
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto - Whereupon it is
Court ordered by the Court that the same is the last will
& Testament of the said James Runch and as such
sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed &
ordered to be recorded & filed, at same time John D
Bellamy the Esquire therein named duly qualified as such
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Sam Dickson Clerk

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