

## State of North Carolina

I, James Owen of Wilmington North Carolina do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following.

First My will and desire is, that my executors hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts.

Item. I do give, and bequeath to my daughters Sophia and Eliza, my slave Polly & her two children with all her future increase, whether the child or children be born to her during my life or after my death, to have, and to hold, the said slaves to my said named daughters during their joint lives, as tenants in common, and to and for the life of the survivor of them, and after the death of both my said daughters, should my grand children Eliza and Rose Parry or either of them survive my said daughters, then and in that case I give the said slaves with their increase to the said Eliza & Rose Parry, or such of them as may survive my said daughters.

Item. The remainder of my estate of whatsoever the same may consist, or wheresoever the same may be situate, of which I may be possessed at the date of my death, it is my will and desire, should be equally divided among, all my children to wit. Thomas, Mary, Sophia, Margaret, and Eliza, share, and share alike.

Item. It is my will that my executors hereinafter named, should have letters testamentary granted to them, by the Judge of Probate for the County of Greene, in the State of Alabama, on the production of the will & the probate thereof being made, without being required to give bond and security as directed by the laws of that State. That my said executors be clothed with full power to collect the debts due me, that they continue to hire out the negroes in Alabama at private or public hire as they may choose - to remove them or such of them as they shall desire so to do to the State of North Carolina - to sell any or such of them as they shall elect so to, do at public or private sale for cash or otherwise - and the proceeds arising from the sale of said shares to distribute among my said children share and share alike.

Lastly, I do nominate constitute and appoint my son Thomas R. Owen, and my son in law James A. Dickson, Executors to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty three.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared to be the last will and testament of James Owen in the presence of us who at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

James Owen (Seal)

Marger London  
Jas. J. Miller

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions  
 New Hanover County } June Term, 1867.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of James Owen, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, by Thomas A. Owen, one of the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof, by the said James Owen, is proved by the oath and examination of Mauger London, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said James Owen, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Thomas A. Owen, executor as aforesaid, duly qualifies as such, by taking the oath required by law.

Teste

Wood D. Clerk.

Registered July 16<sup>th</sup> 1867.  
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State of North Carolina

New Hanover County, May 15<sup>th</sup> 1867.

I hereby constitute and ordain this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Annabella Moore, all my property of whatever kind, or wherever situated to her sole use and benefit, except (50) acres of land wherever he may select when he becomes twenty one (21) years of age, so that it may not be cleared or ditched, twenty five (25) acres which must be on the hill, and twenty five (25) acres in Big Lyon, which I hereby give and bequeath to my nephew Bedford Moore. I hereby name my beloved wife Annabella as my executrix. It is furthermore my wish and will that there shall be no venue, or any of my property sold after my death, but that my executrix shall pay my just and lawful debts with the notes and accounts that will be due my estate.

John I. Moore (Seal)

In presence of  
 John I. Croom  
 W. C. Croom

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County, Sept. Term 1867.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of John I. Moore deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court, by Annabella Moore, the executrix therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said John I.