

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County

March 9- 1859.

I, Sott Croom, of the County aforesaid, being feeble in body, but of perfect mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, publish, and declare, this instrument of writing, my last Will & Testament, in manner and form as following.

First. I give & bequeath all the property I possess, both real & personal to my beloved wife Mary J. Croom & my two children, Ellen O. & Margret C. S. Croom, after all my just debts are paid.

2nd. It is my will and desire, that at the expiration of two years, after the qualification of my Executor hereafter named my property left after paying my debts, to be equally divided between my wife and children above named.

3^d. It is my will & desire, that if my Executor should deem advantageous to my heirs and widon, he may sell any of my estate, either personal, or real, he applying the proceeds thereof to their interest.

4th. I do hereby constitute and appoint my particular friend John Jones, Executor of this my last Will & Testament, to every part and clause thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal in of each of us we subscribed as witnesses, in his presence at his request.

Sott Croom

W. S. Sarkins
Wm. Croom

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court, March Term, 1859.
This paper writing is propounded for probate by John Jones, the Executor therein named, and is duly proved by the oaths of W. S. Sarkins and William Croom, both of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such, considered by the Court, to be and contain the last Will and Testament of Sott Croom, in every respect, and as such sufficient to carry the bequests therein made. At the same time John Jones, the executor therein named appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as such. Let the same, with this certificate be registered.

Test. Saml R. Swartz, Clerk.