

In the name of God Amen. I Louis Paget Senior,
being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and aware
of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do
make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, in
manner and form as follows, viz,
I give and devise to my friends Genl Edward B. Dudley and Owen
Holmes or the survivor of them, the heirs, executors and administrators
of such survivor, a certain tract or lot of land (with a brick house thereon)
situated on Second Street in the town of Wilmington for the following uses
and trusts (viz) The lower half of said house and a lot (beginning in
Second Street to make the division) in trust for the use and benefit of
my son William and his heirs. The other, or upper half of said
house and lot, to be sold by them or the survivor of them, the heirs,
executors and administrators of such survivor, for the payment of my
debts; provided and on condition that my wife Rachel will not pay
and discharge them; but if my debts are by my said wife Rachel
paid off and discharged, then and in that event, the upper half of
said house and lot to be in trust for the sole use and benefit of
my said wife Rachel for and during the time of her natural life;
and upon the event of her getting married, then in trust for and during
the term of her widowhood only; and upon the death or marriage of
my said wife Rachel, then in trust for the use and benefit of my son
William and my daughter Josephine and Christian Paget and their
heirs; and upon the death of either of them, then in trust and for the
sole use and benefit of the survivor or survivor of them.
I also give and bequeath to my friends Genl Edward B. Dudley and Owen
Holmes, their heirs and executors, my negro boy Thomas (an apprentice
you see, Nathan Green) or the survivor of them, the heirs and executors
of such survivor, in trust for the use and benefit of my son William
and his heirs, and upon his death without issue living, then in trust
for the use and benefit of my daughter Josephine and Christian &
their heirs, the survivor of them and heirs of such survivor.
I also give, bequeath and devise to my friends Genl Edward B. Dudley
and Owen Holmes, their heirs, executors and administrators or the
survivor of my friends, the heirs and executors and administrators of
such survivor, my negro slaves & tentine, Sampson and black Mary
and her future increase from the date of this my last Will & Testament,
and all my lots of land with the improvements thereon situated on Front
Street, below the residence of Genl Edward B. Dudley, and also three
acres of land, in the suburbs of the town of Wilmington, near or ad-
joining the lot or land of one Hunt, and also all my household
and kitchen furniture of every description; all of said negroes, lots
of land, household and kitchen furniture, in trust for the
use and benefit of my two daughters Josephine and Christian, and
their heirs; and upon the event of the death of either of my daughters without

if living at the time of her death, then said property to be in trust for the use and benefit of the survivor, and the heirs of such survivor, I give, bequeath and devise to my friends Gen^l Edward B. Dudley and Owen Holmes, the survivor of them, the heirs, executors and administrators of such survivor, all the balance and residue of my property, in trust for the use and benefit of my wife Rachel.

It is my will and desire that the property which I have bequeathed and devised to Gen^l Edward B. Dudley and Owen Holmes or the survivor of them, in trust for the use and benefit of my son William should be rented and lived out until he arrives at the age of twenty one, and then placed in his possession and by him managed, provided and if my friends Gen^l E. B. Dudley and Owen Holmes or the survivor of them, or the heirs, executors and administrators of such survivor, should deem it proper, and expedient; but it is expressly my will and desire that no part of said property should be liable for debts of any kind or description.

The reason why I have made or bequeathed nothing in this will to my son Louis Paget is, and my daughter, Mary Ann, is that the former, has already received an ample portion of my estate, and both he and my daughter, Mary Ann have been extremely rude, insulting and unkind to me their father.

I do hereby bequeath and devise all the property, both real and personal specified in this will, to my friends Gen^l Edward B. Dudley and Owen Holmes, their heirs, executors and administrators, upon the death of my son William and my daughters Josephine and Christiana, unless they or the survivor of them have expired living at their death or death of such survivor, by a legal marriage.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, published and declared this to be my last will and Testament, in the presence of John A. Taylor, and Charles B. Morris.

Signed, sealed and published

in the presence of

John A. Taylor,
C. B. Morris

Louis ^{his} Paget Esq^r
Witness

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County }

County Court
December Term 1839

The execution of this will of Louis Paget was proved by John A. Taylor, subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded.

Witness

Thos H. Davis. Clk