

In the name of God. Amen. I Margaret J. Hand in the County of New Hanover & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make and ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say.

First, That my Executors hereinafter named, shall convert all my personal estate into money, by public or private sale, as they may seem proper, and divide the proceeds among my relations in the following manner.

Item 1st. I give and devise to my affectionate Brother William J. Hand, six hundred and fifty dollars, to be his and at his disposal, absolutely forever.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my affectionate sister Anna M. James, six hundred and fifty dollars, to be hers, and at her disposal, absolutely forever.

Item 3^d. I give and devise to my affectionate sister Martha J. Brown, a negro slave named Molly, aged about eighteen and one Bureau, to be hers, and at her disposal, absolutely forever.

Item 4th. I give and devise to my affectionate sister Julia C. Armstrong, Two Hundred dollars, to be hers, and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item 5th. I give and devise to my affectionate Brother Jeremiah Hand, Eight hundred dollars, to be his, and at his disposal absolutely forever.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath unto to Hinton Brothers and Josephine Brothers, one hundred and fifty dollars, to be equally divided between them, and be theirs, and at their disposal absolutely forever.

Item 7th. And that the expenses of Miss Mosey Hudworth to be paid by James Brown, through her natural life, & that the expenses for her support be deducted from my Estate.

Item 8th. I give and bequeath to Newkirk Southland and John H. Conran, Deacons of Hopewell Church, one hundred dollars, to be appropriated to the use of that Church.

Whereby naming to, constitute and appoint my said brother-in-law, James, Executor of my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof, I Margaret J. Hand, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the twenty third day of March, A. D. 1855, in this the forty seventh year of my age.

Margaret Hand. (Seal)

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Signed, published and declared
by the said Margaret S. Hand
as and for her last Will and
Testament, in our presence who, at
her request, have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto.

J. T. Bloodworth
Isaac James

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court. June Term, 1858.

This paper writing is exhibited in open Court by James
Brown, and offered for probate, and is duly proved by the
oaths of Timothy J. Bloodworth & Isaac James, both the
subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such considered by the
Court to be and contain the Last Will and Testament of
Margaret Hand, and as such sufficient to convey the
bequests therein made. At the same time, James Brown, the
executor therein named, appeared in open Court, and was
duly qualified as such according to law.

Test.

Sam. R. Punting, clk.