

In the name of God Amen

I Maria I Holmes being of sound and disposing Mind and memory do make ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say.
Item, It is my Will and desire that my Executrix herein after named pay all my just Debts, especially a Debt to my beloved Brother Major Theophilus H. Holmes amounting to about Eight Hundred Dollars with Interest thereon if he shall charge the same, for Money loaned from time to time, from the Year 1831. to this date; also a Debt of about Two hundred Dollars to my beloved Brother Henry C Holmes for money advanced in like manner as the above named debt, the money to be raised by the sale of the Slaves herein after named or a part of them at the discretion of my Executrix.

Item, I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Sister Mary Norfleeth Holmes my Negroes Betsey and her Children, William, Harriet, John Esther Garner, and Anna. also the undivided moiety or half of a House and Lot in the Town of Pittsborough Chatham County, owned jointly by myself and my said Sister Mary, to her and her heirs and Executors administrators and assigns forever.

Item, I constitute and appoint my said Sister Mary N. Holmes sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this the 26th day of March A.D. 1848.

Signed Sealed published and declared in presence of us.

James H Dickson
Lucian Holmes.

Maria I Holmes (Seal)

State of North Carolina } September Term 1848
New Hanover County Court }

This Paper Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Maria I Holmes dec'd was exhibited in open Court and duly proven by the oath of James H Dickson one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the Last Will and Testament of the said Maria I Holmes and as such ordered to be recorded and filed; at the same time Mary N. Holmes the Executrix therein named duly qualified as such.

Teste L. H. Marsteller, Clerk.