

House hold & Kitchen & plantation tools (Except two beds) and Furniture, one for my wife and the other for my two children before named) & if there should be any of the proceeds left after paying my debts it is to be equally divided between my wife & children. Lastly I hereby constitute & appoint my friend George W Moore my Executor to this my last will & testament to every part & parcel thereof, hoping he will attend to the same in witness whereof I the said William Croom have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 27th day of June. A.D. 1859.

Signed Sealed in the presence of each of us and at his request
as witnesses
W. S. Luskens
H. Croom

William Croom (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Now Heard County Court September Term 1859.

The foregoing paper writing was exhibited in open Court, and was duly proved by the oaths of William S. Luskens one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such admitted by the Court to be true and contain the last Will & Testament of William Croom, and sufficient to carry into effect the bequest therein made. Let the same be registered & filed, let the same be entered Geo W Moore the executor therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified.

Jed
J. M. Bunting clerk

In the Name of god Amen.

I Martha Boyles of the County of New Hanover & State of North Carolina, being of Sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this to be my last Will and testament in manner & form following That is to Say,

First. That after my decease, my body shall be decently buried without ostentation or unnecessary expense, and that my funeral expenses be paid by my executor hereinafter named.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna Willey wife of Henry W. Willey during her natural life seven negroes viz. Cheley, London, Leager, Sarah, David Sampson and Bell, to have and to hold during her natural life

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter, Mary Jane Shepard wife of John Shepard eight negroes, viz. City, Morris, Lott, Siddy, Rebecca, George, Peter & Jane to have and to hold, to her her heirs and assigns in fee simple.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Henry W. Shepard Son of my grand daughter three negroes viz. London, Leaid & Bill. except the life estate of my daughter Anna Willey devised in a former item of this my will to have & to hold together with the increase of said negroes in fee simple forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto John Council Shepard Son of my grand daughter four negroes viz. Chisley, Sampson, Sarah & David except the life estate of my daughter Anna Willey devised in a former item of this my will to have and to hold together with the increase of said negroes in fee simple forever.

Item and whereas Henry W. Shepard Son of my Grand daughter is a minor and will not arrive at the full age of twenty one years until the 25th day of November 1859 And also John Council Shepard Son of my Grand daughter will not arrive at the full age of twenty one years until the 8th day October 1861. Now therefore if the life estate of my daughter Anna Willey should cease before the said minors should arrive at the full age of twenty one years it is my will and desire that then their father John Shepard take into care and custody the said negroes until they should arrive to the full age of twenty one or at such other time as they may call for them. And I do hereby appoint my friend John Shepard my sole executor of this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have signed. Martha Dingles hath hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of December 1849. Signed Sealed published & declared by the said Martha Dingles to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Martha Dingles

David Williams
Saml. Plager

State of North Carolina

Amherst County Court Septm 1859

The foregoing paper writing was exhibited in open Court. And duly proved by the oaths of David Williams & Saml. Plager both the subscribing witnesses thereto and as such considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and testament of Martha Dingles and sufficient to carry the bequest therein made. Let the same be registered at the same time John Shepard the executor therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified as such.

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Saml. Plager clerk