

In the Name of God Amen.

I Richard Bowden of the state of North Carolina and County of New Hanover being Sick in Body, but of sound disposing mind and memory, knowing the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of life do make and proclaim this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz, ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

In the first place after the payment of all my just Debts by my Executors herein after to be named; I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Aley Bowden and all my Children namely, Eliza, Katharine, Richard Tate, Sarah, Margaret, Martha, Emily, John, Owen, Jesse Bannerman Hester Ann, Morris Cowan, Susan Hand, Amanda Player, Halsted Ashe and Andrew McIntire, all my property Real, Personal and mixed to be equally divided share and share alike when the two youngest Children Halsted Ashe and Andrew McIntire shall arrive at the age of twenty one years and further should the two youngest Children named above die before arriving at the above age, then the next youngest Child arriving at the above age say twenty one years; ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

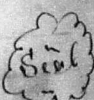
In the second place it is my Will and desire that all my property named above should be rented and hired and managed to the best advantage by my Executors hereinafter to be named for the purpose of raising funds to raise ^{and} educate ^{and} clothe my family. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

It is further my Will and desire when any of my Children arrives at the age of twenty one years that my Executors if they have any surplus funds in hand over and above what is required to clothe board and educate them, to advance to the said Child or Children the said surplus funds and the said amount to be deducted from his or her share with lawful interest when there shall be a division. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Again it is my Will and desire that my Executors would continue the suits now pending in the Superior Court of the County wherein Robert N. Bowden is Plaintiff and John Walker, John Priggy and — Garrison Defendants being separate suits wherein I am security for the said Robert N. Bowden for their maintainances. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

And lastly I do hereby appoint my Beloved Brother John C. Bowden and my friends David McIntire Executors to this my last Will and Testament and desire them the said John C. Bowden and David McIntire to act as guardians to my Children. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Given under my hand and Seal the 11th day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Forty Eight Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of
William I Hand Senr.
Morris Cowan

Richard Bowden 

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

This Paper Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of

Richard Bowden dec'd is exhibited in open Court, and duly proven by the Oath of William I Hand Esq one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the last Will and Testament of said Richard Bowden and as such ordered to be recorded and filed, at the same time John C Bowden and David McIntire the Executors therein named duly qualified as such.

Teste

L H Marsteller, clk.

In the name of God Amen I Mary Bludworth of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but strong in mind do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

1st I give and bequeath unto my Nephew John A Bludworth my Negro Girl Luda Prisilla daughter of my Negro woman Julia to him and to his heirs.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Jeremiah Hand and my Negro Mary Ann daughter of my Negro woman Amade Prisilla to him and heirs.

3rd I give and bequeath unto my Niece Margaret I Hand my Negro woman Amanda Prisilla to her and her heirs.

4th I give and bequeath unto my Nephew William A Bludworth my Negro woman Julia and her Children namely Eliza, Peter, Andrew, Amira & Francis.

I also give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Nephew William A Bludworth the Land whereon I now live containing two hundred Acres with all the improvements

with the consideration that my aforesaid Nephew William A Bludworth pay to the Board of foreign Missions the sum fifty dollars to be paid by Annual payments of ten dollars untill the whole of the above sum of Fifty Dollars is paid.

It is my desire that my friends give me a decent burial and the expenses be paid by legatees in proportion to their Legacy. Also all my just debts.

I do constitute and appoint my Nephew William A Bludworth my lawful Executor to execute this my last Will and Testament to all intents and purposes.

I do hereby publish and declare this my last Will and Testament this the 27th day of February 1847. Signed Sealed published and declared by the testatrix to be her last Will and Testament in the

presence of

Duncan Henderson }
T. J. Bloodworth }

Mary Bludworth

Seal

Wm A. Bludworth }
Jeremiah Hand } Exec^{rs}

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County Court }

September Term
1848

This paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary Bludworth as produced to Court and duly proven by the Oath of Duncan Henderson and T. J. Bloodworth the subscribing Witnesses thereto whereupon it is considered by the Court that the same is the last Will and Testament of said Mary Bludworth and as such ordered to be recorded and filed; and William A. Bludworth the Executor therein named duly qualified as such.

Teste L H Marsteller