

In the name of God Amen: I Sarah Mason of the town of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina being ill in bodily health but of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God! do make ordain and publish this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made

First, I do commit my soul to God who gave it; and my body to the earth, to be interred in a decent and becoming manner; and I do desire that my Executor hereinafter named shall cause a handsome Monument to be erected to my memory, and shall defray the expences thereof, and of my funeral as herein after directed.

Second I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Niece Susan Beach widow and Relict of Silas C Beach and to theirs, Executors & Administrators and assigns forever my house and lot on Second Street in the town of Wilmington which I bought of William Wilson and whereon I now reside, together with all the improvements thereon; also one Negro girl named Susan.

Thirdly I give and bequeath the Note which I have and hold of James T. Miller for the sum of five hundred dollars or thereabout with interest, to my beloved Niece Ann Elizabeth Dukes, her Executors administrators and assigns.

Fourth I give and bequeath unto my beloved Nephew Henry L. Myrover of Fayetteville and to his Executors administrators and assigns, my Negro slave John.

Fifth I give and bequeath unto my beloved Niece Catherine Myrover, daughter of James H. Myrover and to her Executors administrators and assigns my Negro slave Kitty Ann.

Sixth I give and bequeath unto my beloved Niece Betsey Myrover daughter of Henry L. Myrover and to her Executors administrators and assigns my Negro slave Mag.

Seventh I do will and desire that all my household and kitchen furniture shall be sold by my executor hereinafter named for the purpose of erecting a Monument to my memory and defraying my funeral expences as directed in the first clause of my will.

Eighth I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Nephew Thomas H. Howey and to his Executors administrators and assigns forever my Negro Slaves Judy and her Children Lucy and Jane, Damon son of Jane, Mary and Peter also all the rest and residue of my personal property of every kind and description including Money, Notes and Bonds; but it is my desire and I do hereby earnestly request of my said Nephew that my said slave Judy shall not ever be held to any hard or laborious service but that he will suffer her to have and control her own time as much as the laws of the State will allow.

Ninth I do hereby Nominate and appoint my Nephew Thomas H. Howey to be sole Executor of this my last Will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty seventh day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty.

Signed published & declared by the testator as her last Will in the presence of us who in her presence and at her request have subscribed the same as witnesses

M^{rs} A Taylor

Wm Thompson

Sarah Mason Seal

State of North Carolina }
New-Inver County Court } June term 1850

This paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah Mason deceased was exhibited for probate at March term 1850 of this Court and duly proven by the Oaths of *M^{rs} A Taylor* and *William Thompson* subscribing Witnesses thereto; is again exhibited in open Court and there being no objections made;

It is considered by the Court that the same is the last Will and Testament of the said Sarah Mason and as such ordered to be recorded and filed.

Teste L. H. Marsteller Ck