

will and testament of the said Catharine Robeson, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Alfred Martin Executor as aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Jest.

Wood & Colk. Co. Ct.

A sleepless night hath made me aware I have left undone what ought to be done. I hope if I have no other will this will do with two such Daughters as I have My estate before it is divided by the law are made subject to these request. One thousand dollars to Mr. Mauger London's youngest daughter Eliza Wright, five hundred to Mrs. Fanny Mallet, five hundred to the same fund as Mrs. Eliza A. Wright's thousand goes to & five hundred in Anna Wright's name to the same fund also a small house for Adeline as long as she lives then return to the estate or heir. May God hear & accept this my will

S. C. London

(in sound mind)

Mr. P. K. Dickinson & Mr. John L. Holmes Executors

United States
Internal Revenue
Stamp. One Dollar.
P. B. W. J. Clark
Co. Commr.
Richmond, 1865.

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, December Term 1865

This paper writing without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah E. London, deceased, is exhibited for probate in open Court by P. K. Dickinson & John L. Holmes the Executors therein named; and it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Alice H. Dickinson & Louisa G. Holmes that the said will was found among the valuable papers and effects of the said Sarah E. London after her death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of three competent and credible witnesses, to wit, Mauger London, Samuel J. Person and Louisa G. Holmes that they are acquainted with the hand-writing of the said Sarah E. London having often seen her write & having had frequent correspondence with her by letters, and verily believe the name of the said Sarah E. London subscribed to the said will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof, are in the handwriting of the said Sarah E. London. And it is further proved by the evidence of the three last mentioned witnesses, that the said handwriting is generally known to the acquaintances of the said Sarah E. London. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will & testament of the said Sarah E. London; and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed. And that the Executors therein named qualify upon giving bond in the sum of

fifteen thousand dollars with Saml. J. Person and Robert H. Corran sureties.

Teste

Wood J. Clerk County Court.

In the name of God, Amen!

I Eli W. Hall of the town of Wilmington State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind & memory, but knowing the uncertainty of life, do make publish & declare this to be my last will and testament.

Item first. I direct that my Executors herein after named shall as soon as may be convenient pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Item second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret J. Hall her Executors, Administrators and assigns absolutely, all my household & kitchen furniture, including my silver of every description, Piano, Pictures & Portraits. My negro slave Louisa with her children & further increase. My negro slave Laura with her future increase from the date of this my will. Two Thousand dollars in cash and ten shares of Wilmington & Manchester Rail Road stock.

Item third. I give and bequeath to my daughter Maggie Dawson my negro slave Alice, daughter of Laura's (to equalize her with her sisters, to each of whom I their grandfather Hall gave a servant before his death) to her her Executors Administrators & assigns.

Item fourth. It is my will and desire that as soon after my death as may be practicable my Executors shall sell for cash or otherwise at public or private sale, my house and lot (my late residence) and office on Front Street in the town of Wilmington with my iron safe, Office furniture and Law Books, and with the proceeds thereof first purchase a smaller house and lot, suitable to the pecuniary condition of my estate, for a residence for my family. The title to be taken in the name of my wife for life with remainder in fee simple to my children now or hereafter born, and to the issue of such as may be dead, (such issue to represent the parent, and stand in the place of such parent if living) as co-equal tenants in common, the balance of such proceeds, if any, after payment of debts & legacies to be invested and go into the general fund of my estate to be disposed of as herein after directed. It is my will that in the selection of a residence the wishes of my wife should be consulted so far as may be practicable.

Item fifth. The rest and residue of my estate (including the balance of proceeds of sale of of House & Lot so above referred to) I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret J. Hall.