

State of Virginia. County of Stafford March Eleventh 1862

I William Croom a private in Company C. First Regiment of North Carolina State Troops and from the County of Henderson and State of North Carolina. Stationed at Camp Bee in Stafford County, in the State of Virginia being of sound mind and body, but considering the uncertainty of life, and desirous of disposing all my worldly possession both real and personal to such persons as I desire to have the same. So make this my last will and Testament. I desire and request that my Executor to be hereafter named, shall in case of my being killed, seek out and if possible find my body and carry it to my Native County in the State of North Carolina and then to bury it in my Father's grave yard being and situated on the land belong to my Father's minor heirs.

I desire also that my Executor shall out of the monies due me from different persons, pay all lawful and just claims, that any and every person may have or hold against me.

I direct that all my real and personal estate of whatever description, save and except my Negroes or Slaves, shall be sold to the highest at public auction, and that money or proceeds derived therefrom, shall at the expiration of Six Months from the date of said Sale, be equally divided between my Brothers Pele Croom, Joel Croom and my Sisters Catharine Moore wife of Isaac Moore and Susan Dawson wife of Josiah Dawson. I desire also that the sale of the above mentioned property, shall take place three weeks after my death, or as soon after as it is convenient or possible, desiring my Executor to use his best judgment with regard to said Sale.

I desire that my Negroes or Slaves, shall be hired out from year to year, at public auction to the highest bidder he giving good and sufficient security for the same, and the said Negroes or Slaves to be thus hired out until such time as my youngest brother Joel Croom shall have arrived at the age of Twenty One years. Then at that time or as soon as possible the said Negroes or Slaves and their issue together with the money or proceeds of their hire be equally divided share and share alike between my Brother Pele Croom Joel Croom and my Sisters Catharine Moore wife of Isaac Moore and Susan Dawson wife of Josiah Dawson. I nominate and appoint Aaron W. Lank as my Executor, and desire and request him to do and act as such. Witness my hand

and Seal this eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord
 One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Two
 Signed & sealed in the presence of
 O. Fennell Jr 3 Wm Croon (Seal)
 H. L. Fennell 3

State of North Carolina

Kerr Stokes County Court June Term 1864.

A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of William Croon decd. is exhibited in open Court and offered for probate by John Jones, and the due execution thereof is proved by two of O. Fennell Jr one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and as such considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and Testament of Wm Croon, and sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed. It further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that A M Squitt the executor therein named is dead. John Jones was then for duty qualified as administrator of said Croon with the will annexed, by taking the oath prescribed by law, Let the same be recorded and filed - Test

Samuel Bunting Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I John M Marshall of the State of North Carolina and of Stokes County, being of sound mind and good memory. (Blessed be God). do this 16th of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and Sixty two make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following, that is to say, I give to the heirs of little Susan Jane Applewhite deceased fifty dollars to be equally divided among them, and to sister Helen M Bridger wife of James I Bridger I give all my negroes, and lands, stock, of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, to her body. My just debts and funeral expenses to be paid first of all and then the balance to be divided as I have above written. And I hereby make and Ordain my friend James R Corbett Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof, I the said John M Marshall here