

Being. (by the blessing of God) at this time, in possession of a sound mind and memory, and having a desire to dispose of what property I am possessed of. I do by this my last Will & Testament (setting aside all others) give unto my beloved wife, Maria Theresa Love the following property, viz. The Corner and lot in which we now live in the Town of Wilmington, at the corner of Front & Mulberry Streets, with all the household & Kitchen furniture, and also the following Negroes, viz. Adam, Hezekiah & their Son Peter and Pray, Minerva, & their children John, and Lizzie, all of the above property to be possessed and enjoyed by her during her natural life, and after her decease, the said property to be equally divided among my children viz. William, Thaddeus, Eliza, John, Edwin, Armond, Mary and Thomas. I have already given to my children what I could, until their mothers decease. My Son William, I hereby appoint as my Executor, to this my last will & testament, to do and to execute, all things as described in this will, and also, if I should leave any debts unpaid, I wish him to set aside as much of the Negro hire, as will pay them, or if I should leave any money, pay them with that, & the balance, if any, to be given to your mother. And now my dear children, what my dear Mother, said to your Mother & me, so say ^{you} to you, God bless you my dear children.

Witness my hand & seal this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & fifty five.

Witness

Wm. J. Love Esq.

Thos. J. Love..

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court, Sept: Term 1862.

A paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William J. Love deceased, was offered for probate as such by Wm. J. Love Jr. and John D. Love, it being proved to the satisfaction of the Court by Wm. J. Love and John D. Love that said paper writing was found by them after the death of said Wm. J. Love among his valuable papers and effects, and it being further proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the said Wm. J. and John D. Love and also by John McRae, that the said paper writing in all its parts, including the signature thereto is in the proper hand writing of said Wm. J. Love, it is considered by the Court and it is so adjudged, that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said Wm. J. Love, and the same is admitted to probate as such. — Whereupon Wm. J. Love Jr. duly qualified as Executor of the said will — and it is ordered, that letters testamentary issue to him.

Teste Saml. R. Pomitting Clerk
Jas. Wooddy Dy. Clk.