

In the name of God Amen
 I John Trague of North Carolina
 knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and
 being of sound mind and memory and my intellectual faculties
 being unimpaired blessed by God for the same do this fifth day
 of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and twenty three for the better settling of my estate
 after my decease make and order the following instrument
 of writing to be my last will and testament
 Respecting all things

First my will is that all my just debts be punctually
 paid by my Executors to be hereafter appointed
 Secondly I leave to my beloved wife Martha Trague
 my children William Trague Elizabeth Robinson
 Anna Eliza, John Robinson, John Elbert, Margat Horning
 Polly Charles & Ephie Robinson Equally share and share
 alike of the monies that I may die possessed of together with
 all the outstanding debts by bond or otherwise except one
 dollar to each of my Grand children who are the children
 of my deceased daughter Rebecca Robinson & Maria Charles
 or in addition to the above legacy I give to my Grand daughter
 Rebecca Robinson who I have named in my family one share
 known by the name of Oliver Roddick & build one half furniture
 one sheet of drawers one Table one spinning wheel one
 pillow and one patch plate one pot one oven one Smoothing
 iron one set of knives & forks & one cow & calf which
 which is to be paid over to the said Rebecca on her marriage
 or arriving at the age of Ephie and is not to come out
 of her marriage one hundred or debt due but out of
 the other part of my estate
 Thirdly I give to my beloved wife Martha Trague
 in addition to what is above given to her all the real
 of my estate real & personal to be at her free use
 and disposal during her natural life and whatsoever
 but if the said Martha Trague should again marry
 or otherwise at her decease then the land and premises
 I now live is to come to my daughter Peggy Horning
 and to her heirs and assigns forever but in case my
 wife should give money to be divided of which
 except one brass saddle & bridle two cows & calves
 one cow & furniture two chairs & spinning wheel one book

one Shovel one Smoothing iron four Shap Iron Chaw
 Fourthly - my will is that of my wife Phoebe Trague
 Mary or otherwise at her decease that then my Black
 servant man should have his freedom and that I
 have to an injunction to my Executors to make application
 to the Superior Court to have the same accomplished
 according to act of assembly in such cases made
 and provided and to please all lawful ways
 and means to compensate the same and that all
 expenses and costs that may arise in pursuance of
 the same shall be chargeable to my estate and paid
 by the same

Lastly I do hereby order nominate & appoint my
 Son William Trague & my Son in Law John Horning
 Co-Executors of my will with full power and
 authority to carry the same into effect
 The above will being
 Read over to and declared
 and pronounced by the Testators
 in his last will & testament
 in the presence of the
 Underwriting Witnesses
 Attest
 Johnathan Moulton
 Moses South Cove

State of North Carolina
 John Trague County
 My Commission Expires
 The Execution of the last will and testament
 of John Trague of which the foregoing is a true
 copy was duly proven in open Court by Moses
 South and ordered to be Recorded which is
 done accordingly
 John R. Moore
 by W. H. H. H.