

Lydia Fincher's will

State of North Carolina Union County In the name
of God amen. Lydia Fincher widow in & of the County
& State aforesaid being now in health & weak of body
but of strong mind & memory do declare this to be my
last will & testament. 1st I resign my soul into the
hands of Almighty God who gave it. 2nd I con-
-sign my body to Mother earth to be interred in a decent
& christian like manner, and as to my worldly property
which it pleased God to bestow on me I do hereby
dispose of in the following (viz) First I will & put in trust
into the hands of my son Silas A. Fincher all of my landed
estate containing (194) one hundred & ninety four acres together
with the domicile & all rights, members & hereditaments and
appurtenances belonging for use, behoof, benefit & advantage of
my son James E. Fincher for & during the term of his the said James
E. Fincher's natural life & at & after the death of him the said
James E. Fincher, then the said land together with all the rights,
members, hereditaments & appurtenances, remainders & reversions
to descend go to & remain unto my son Silas A. Fincher his heirs &
assigns forever. Further I do will & put in trust into the hands
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my said son James E. Fincher for & during the term of the natural
life of him the said James E. Fincher, the following property viz one
negro man named Willis & one young bay mare my present
crop of corn & fodder one good bed & bed furniture & all of my
house hold & kitchen furniture except three beds I also give
six fat hogs & one cow & calf & at & after the death of him the

Lydia Finchers will continued
said James E. Fincher all of the aforesaid chattels personal
to be sold & the proceeds to be equally divided between my
children Silas A. Fincher Eliza Horsey, Permelia Horsey &
Lydia Crane or their legal representatives.

Secondly I will & bequeath unto my daughter Lydia
Crane one negro girl Alla for & during the term of her natural
life then to her bodily heirs, but if the said Lydia Crane shall die
leaving no bodily issue, then the said negro girl Alla to return
& be sold & the proceeds equally divided among my legal heirs.

Thirdly I will that all the residue of my estate consist-
ing of three beds & furniture, my part of the cotton crop, hogs
cattle & sheep & other articles not before disposed & one negro
woman Katy be sold & after paying all my just debts the balance
to be equally divided between my two daughters Eliza Horsey
& Permelia Horsey.

Fourthly I will & bequeath unto my son James E. Fincher
twenty five bushels of wheat in addition to the aforesaid bequests
which wheat is to be taken out of the crop on hand.

Fifthly and lastly I do hereby constitute, nominate & appoint
my son Silas A. Fincher my lawful executor to see that this my
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Signed sealed & acknowledged

in presence of us

Lydia Fincher (Ed)

(Jest) J. C. Mappes (jurat)

Arvin Walker

Richard Bonds

State of North Carolina Union County
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1846. This instrument of writing the last will & testament of Lydia Fincher was produced in open court & was proven in due form of law whereupon Silas A. Fincher the executor therein mentioned was duly sworn according to law.

W. Stewart C. C. C.