Richard Bass last will & testament

In the name of God. Amen

I Richard Bass of the State of North Carolina and County of Union being weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the Same Calling to mind the mortality of my body and it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Declare this my last will and testament in form & manner following that is to Say Principally & first of all, I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent and Christian manner Suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends nothing doubting but what I Shall receive the Same and as touching Such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, my will and desire is that it be disposed of in manner following

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Bass all my lands with their improvements including the house and plantation where on I now live for and during the term of her natural life

" 2d I give and bequeath unto my wife all my life estate of every description Horses, Cattle Hogs and Sheep for her Support and benefit and not to be disposed of in no other way for and during the term of not-

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3d " I give and bequeath unto my wife all my house hold & Kitchen furniture and the Crop and Stock of provisions on hand or that may be on hand at the time of my death. for and during the term of her natural life

4th " I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah A Bass free priveledge of living with her mother and using such things as is above bequeathed to her for her support so long as she remains a Single woman or till the death of her mother

5th My will and desire is that at the death of my wife my lands be Sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds of the Same be equally divided between all my daughters to them and their bodily heirs forever

6th My will is that all my life estate be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds of the Same be equally divided between all my heirs both Sons & daughters with the exceptions of my daughter Martha Helms My will is that Twenty five Dollars of her equal part be retained & paid over to my Son Andrew A Bass

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Item 2d

to them and their heirs forever

Item 7 I give my executors herein after named full power to collect such debts as will or may be due me and to sell such things of my perishable property as will enable them to settle my business and to carry this my last will and testament into complete effect to its full intent and meaning and to do and perform such acts as may seem to them fit & proper in carrying out the same

8th I Hereby appoint my sons Andrew J Bass and John C Bass my executors with full power to carry the provisions of this my last will and testament into complete effect in witness where of I have unto set my hand and seal. This the 21st day of April in the year of our Lord 1862

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Attest

A W Bass

D H Bass

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions
Union County } July Term 1866

Then the foregoing was admitted to probate in due form of law On the oath of A W Bass a Subscribing witness thereto and recorded as the last will and testament of Richard Bass dec.

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