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Elizabeth Gail's Will

I Elizabeth Gail, Slave of the County of Yaddo and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, that I give and bequeath to my Grand Son William D. Traquar the sum of five dollars. And further that I give to my fair children who are all living named as follows to my Grand Son Brown, Margaret H. Hunter Alice Elizabeth Gail, John T. Gail, each an equal share in my remaining property both Personal and Real Estate. And further my Will is that my land be so divided that Margaret Hunter shall have her house & lot where she now live, and further that Alice Elizabeth Gail shall have my Home House where I now live allotted to her. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend D. Williams my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same. I am witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Gail do sign unto at my hand and seal this the 5th day of June 1895.

Elizabeth G. Gail
signed and sealed

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Elizabeth Gail Slave to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Attest

T. C. Myers
C. D. Williams

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State of North Carolina, }
Yaddo County, } In the Superior Court

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Gail Slave, decd, is exhibited before me, the undersigned R. C. Holton, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County, by F. D. Williams, the subscriber therin named, and the date execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Gail Slave by the oath and examination of H. Myres & C. D. Williams, the subscribing attwys thereto; who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Gail Slave That the said Elizabeth G. Gail in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date on the 5th day of June 1895 acknowledge the signing the said paper writing. And the deponent further saith, that the said Elizabeth Gail Slave the testator of aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, desirous the said paper writing to be subscribed by her, and exhibited, to be her last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will, as an attesting witness thereto and at the request, and in the presence of said testator. And this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Elizabeth Gail Slave was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent, and further that deponent say not, surely sworn and subscribed, this

7th day of September 1895

befor me R. C. Holton Esq.

T. C. Myers
C. D. Williams
