

In the name of God amen: I Henry Clay of North Carolina do make, ordain and publish the following as and for my last will and testament; hereby revoking and annulling all former wills and wills by me heretofore made.

I give and devise to my wife, during her life, the occupation of Ashland, with the exception of the piece of land therein after devised to my son John, and also, during her life, all my slaves except those heretofore or hereinafter otherwise disposed of, without her being liable to any account for the profits thereof. I also give to her in fee all my furniture, plate, library, carriage and horses, and such of my other household working tools, milch cows and other live stock, as she shall select and choose to retain, but upon this condition viz that, either during her life, or by her last will and testament she dispose of the same among our children and our descendants, in such way as she may think proper, to her own sense of their kindness, affection and obedience. If she die without making such disposition, the same shall be considered as part of my residuary estate.

Should my wife not desire to reside at Ashland at my death, I will and direct that a house and lot to be built, or rented for her wherever she may prefer to

before the death of my wife, or if she shall desire to remove from Ashland, I will and direct that the same estate and of all my slaves bequeathed to her, except she may choose to retain during her life, and also if of the above mentioned personal property which is bequeathed to her which she may consent to be sold, shall be made by her executors, upon such terms as they may judge and find

I invest my executors with full power and authority to sell and convey any part of my estate, real or personal, to be situated, not herein specifically devised and bequeathed, that given to my wife and not disposed of by her, after her death or before if she require it, or if as above mentioned she desire to remove from Ashland. But I require the concurrence of such sale of all my executors who may qualify or be sworn when it is made.

In the event of the removal of my wife from Ashland, and a consequent sale of that estate and other property as herein provided for, I direct that the proceeds of sale be loaned out upon good and sufficient security, and that the accruing interest thereon be regularly paid to my wife during her life, to be disposed of as she may think proper. And upon her death, out of the principal such pecuniary bequest as an annuity directed as to be paid, and the remainder to pass to my residuary estate. If either of my sons should purchase Ashland, two thirds of the purchase money may, during my wife's life, remain in her hands for paying annually interest thereon; and the estate continue bound for the said two thirds and the interest thereof

H. Clay