The Will of Stanley Griffin Hamilton of Union County North Carolina, 1891

State of North Carolina

Union County

I Griffin S. Hamilton of the County and State aforesaid 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.

Item I That my Executors (hereinafter named provide for my body a decent burial Suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all my Just debts however and whosoever being.

Item II I give and devise to my beloved Wife Louisa Hamilton all of my home tract of Land on which I now live Supposed to contain two hundred and thirty five acres and bounded as follows, vis. On the north by the lands of T. A. Helms, on the East by the Edwards tract of my lands on the South by the Thomas Ross lands and on the West by W. G. Long and others lands and also another tract adjoining the above named tract on the North, on the East, and South by the Jemima Ross Dower lands and supposed to contain thirty three acres during hr natural lifetime. I also give unto her during her natural lifetime all my household and kitchen furniture, all of my Horses and Mules, all of my cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry and other live Stock all of my Wagons, carts, Buggies and vehicles of all kinds, all of my Farming, Blacksmith, Carpenter and other Tools Cotton Ginns and all other machinery all of the stock of provisions and provisors on hand at my decease and she shall have full privilege to sell or otherwise dispose of any of the here in before mentioned personal property as She may choose to do, in order to Equalize the advances by me here before made to My Six hereinafter name children Vis, Martha E. Liles, James T. Hamilton, Joseph E. Hamilton, Mittie C. Hamilton, Lula D. Hamilton, and Stanley E. Hamilton all of which I desire to shear Equal and alike. She shall have power to sell my property personal to supply her…….

Item III I give unto my Daughter Sarah E. now intermarried to A. C. Davis all of the property heretofore put into her possession (both real and personal) by me and Estimated by me to be worth Eight hundred dollars which is to be her full distributed shear of my Estate both Real and personal.

Item IIII I give unto my Son William all of the property both Real an Personal, hereforto put into his possession by me as his full distributive shear of all my property both Real and Personal and Estimated by me to be worth eight hundred dollars.

Item V I will that my Son Marshal W. Hamilton have all the property both Real and Personal heretofore put into his possession by me as his full distinctive shear of all of my Estate both Real and Personal and estimated by me to be worth eight hundred dollars.

Item VI I give unto my Daughter Martha E. now intermarried to William D. Liles that tract of land The Edwards land or the portion thereof Lying North of the Colege Road and also the portion of the same tract West of the Gold Mine Road and adjoining the Colege Road and supposed to contain one hundred and twenty five acres…and all of the personal property heretofore put into her possession by me and supposed to be worth Six hundred dollars.

Item VII I give unto my Son James T. Hamilton the tract of land known as the Ellis Godwin tract on negro head Creek and bounded on the North by Lafayette Staton on the East by T. A. Helms on the South by H. M. Houston and on the West by the Sarah L. Yarborough Tract and supposed to contain one hundred and sixty acres and also all of the personal Property heretofore put into her possession by me and Estimated by me to be worth four hundred dollars.

Item VIII I Give unto my son Joseph E. Hamilton a tract of Land Bounded on the South by the lands of H. M. Houston, on the West by the same, on the North by D. N. Liles on the East by an Eight acre lot bot from T. W. Griffin by me, and supposed to contain Eightyfive acres also a second tract which adjoins the 1st described tract on the West, and on the North by the lands of L. N. Liles and on the East and South by the Ellis Godwin Tract and supposed to contain eight acres and also all of the personal property heretofore put into his possession by me and Estimated by me to be worth Seven hundred dollars.

Item IX I give unto my Daughter Mittie Hamilton all of the Jemima Ross Tract of Land Except that portion of it disposed in item one of this will which is bounded as follows on the North by my home Tract refered to in Item one of this Will, on the East by the Thomas Ross Lands, on the South by the M. W. Hamilton Lands on

the West by the Home lands and supposed to contain Sixty Seven acres and also all of the portion of the Dower lands of Sarah Hamilton dec'd allotted to me in the devision of said dower lands which is bounded on the North by the Joseph E. Griffin Land on the East by the Jas W. Hamilton lot of said Dower-Lands on the West by Will Yorks land. This lot is supposed to contain severty eight acres and is valued by me at Six hundred and fifty dollars.

Item X I give unto my daughter Lula D. now intermarried to Marcus L. Sinclair all of the remainder of the Edwards Tract of Land that is the portion Lying South of the Colege Road and West of the Gold Mine Road that portion of the said Tract lying West of the Gold Mine Road and adjoins the lands of Z. T. Griffin, Thomas Ross, and others and supposed to contain one hundred and thirty acres and also all the Personal Property heretofore put into her possession by me and estimated by me to be worth six hundred dollars.

Item XI I give unto my son Stanley E. Hamilton all of the lands hereinbefore devised to my beloved Wife Louisa Hamilton after her death all of Which Lands are fully described in item one of this will and estimated by me to be worth eight hundred dollars.

Item XII I will that after the death of my beloved Wife Louisa Hamilton that all of my personal property be put up and sold at Public auction for cash after due notice of such sale by my hereinafter named Executors and that the proceeds of such sale be distributed as follows that is to say that if during my Wifes lifetime she shall not be able to Equalize the advances of the following named of my children Vis Martha E. Liles, James T. Hamilton, Joseph E. Hamilton, Mittie C. Hamilton, Lula D. Sinclair, Stanley E. Hamilton, then and in that case my Executors are to Endeavor to distribute the proceeds of such sale in such a manner as to give Each one of said deficients a fair and proportionate part and in case there should then remain a surplus that is to be Equaly divided between the Six hereinbefore mentioned children in this item.

Item XIII I hereby constitute and appoint my Sons William A. Hamilton and James T. Hamilton my lawful Executors to Execute and carry out any and all of the provisions of this my last Will and Testament to all intents and purposes. In

witness whereof I the said Griffin S. Hamilton do hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifth day of March A D 1891.

G. S. Hamilton (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the Said Griffin S. Hamilton to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witness thereto.

W. A. Griffin

A. R. Edwards