

1861-028  
Isle of Wight Co.

Chancery Causes, George G. Pierce + wife vs Sarah Lester etc

Minerva ~

Nervy ~

Milly ~

Almeda ~

Harrison ~

Camilla ~

Jacobs ~

Nerva ~

Manerva ~

Will: 1850, Andrew Lester, Isle of Wight Co.

To the worshipful County Court of the County of Wright Co  
in Chancery sitting humbly complaining sheweth  
to the Court your complainant George G  
Pierce & Judith Ann his wife late Sester  
Suing by the said George G. Pierce as her next  
friend that on or about the day of  
1850 Andrew Sester departed this life in the  
County aforesaid having previously made &  
published his last will & testament which  
after his death went at the February Term  
1850 of the County Court of said County was  
truly admitted to probate as will appear  
from an office copy of said will with certifi-  
cate of probate annexed marked C and  
herewith filed as a part of this bill that by  
the fourth Clause said will the testator  
bequeathed the residue of his personal estate  
to his widow Sarah Sester to be kept & managed  
to the best advantage for the benefit of his four  
children Judith Ann <sup>Louisa</sup> ~~Louisa~~ Marthaj  
& Missouri J Sester to be divided between  
them as each child respectively attained  
the age of eighteen years that the said Judith  
Ann your complainant as aforesaid has  
intermarried with the said George G. Pierce &  
has attained twenty one years of age that the  
residue of said estate which under the Clause  
aforesaid went into the hands of the said widow  
consisted in part of the following negro Minerva  
(or Mary) Miley Almada Harrison Camilla  
& Jacob which negroes the said Sarah Sester  
widow as aforesaid are still in her possession  
under the provisions of said Clause that your  
complainant having attained eighteen years of  
age is entitled to have one fourth of said negroes  
allowed to her under the provisions of the aforesaid  
Clause of said will

That she is without remedy at law & can  
 only be relieved by the aid of this most honorable  
 court of chancery where matters of this sort are  
 cognizable, & this end your complainants pray that  
 the said Sarah Lister Louisa Lister Martha  
 J. Lister & Missions of Lister the last three  
 infant offsprings of Andrew Lister ~~by former order~~  
 appointed their guardian ad litem to defend  
 them in this suit may be made further defendant  
 to this bill & be required to answer the same  
 & that by a decree of this most honorable Court  
 Commissioners may be appointed & allot  
 to your complainants one fourth part of the  
 negroes aforesaid & that such other & further  
 relief may be granted as the nature of the  
 case may require & to the Court may seem  
 just & your complainants will ever pray &c.

Hayden

I have authorized the institution of the  
 above suit - George, J. Pierce

Pierce wife & the  
 07 } Lister & others } Chancery

Complaints filed  
 Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1858.  
 Rice, and J. T. filed  
 reply: decreed.  
 = ap. 5 1858 report filed  
 for exception  
 = ap. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1859. report of  
 sale of negroes  
 Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1861. final  
 decree.

To the Honorable County Court of Isle of Wight  
in Chancery sitting, humbly complaining  
sheweth to the Court your complainants, George  
P Pierce & Judith Ann his wife late Lister, the  
said Judith Ann suing by the said George P Pierce  
as her next friend, that heretofore your said com-  
plainants filed their original bill in this Court  
charging that Andrew Lister by the residuary  
clause of his will bequeathed the residue of his per-  
sonal estate to his widow Sarah Lister to be kept &  
managed to the best advantage for the benefit of his  
four children Judith Ann, Louisa, Martha J,  
Missouri J Lister, to be divided between them as  
each child respectively attained eighteen years of age -  
that said Judith Ann, had intermarried with the  
said George P. Pierce & had attained twenty one years  
of age - that the residue of said personal estate con-  
sisted in part of the following negroes, Missouri, Mary  
Milby, Alameda, Harrison, Camilla Negroes, which  
negroes were charged to be in the possession of the  
said Sarah Lister widow as aforesaid of the testator -  
that said complainant were entitled under the provis-  
ions of said will to have partition made of said ne-  
groes & the portion (one fourth) of the said Judith  
Ann allotted her & ~~she~~ <sup>they</sup> prayed for a decree for such  
allotment - that said Sarah Lister & the infant  
children Louisa, Martha J & Missouri J Lister  
Legatees as aforesaid were made parties defendant to  
said bill - the latter answered by A P Young

appointed their guardian ad litem to defend them  
in said suit & the said Sarah Leter answered in  
person admitting the allegations of said bill & consent-  
ing to a decree for the allotment aforesaid, & this court  
by a decree in said original suit of the January Term  
1834, appointed commissioners to allot the said  
complainants one fourth of said negroes - that by the  
report of said commissioners filed at the April term  
of this court it appears that such allotment  
cannot be made without a sale of one of said slaves -  
in tender consideration whereof & for as much as your  
complainants are without remedy at law can only  
be relieved by the aid of this worshipful court of chan-  
cery where matters of this sort are cognizable to  
this end your complainants pray that the said Sa-  
rah Leter & the said infants Louisa Leter, Martha  
J. Leter & Maria J. Leter by some one appointed their  
guardian ad litem to defend them in this suit may be  
made parties defendant to this bill & be required to an-  
swer the same & that by the decree of this worship-  
ful court a sale of one of said negroes may be direct-  
ed & commissioners appointed to allot your com-  
plainants one fourth of said slaves & to so distribute  
the proceeds of said sale as to equalize your com-  
plainants portion as aforesaid & that such other  
& further relief may be granted in the premises as to  
the court may seem meet, & the nature of the case  
may require & your complainants will ever pray

Hayden Jsg -

Pierce & wife } In  
vs } Chancery  
Gentry & als }

Amended Bill

To the Worshipful County Court of Isle of Wight  
in Chancery sitting. The Answer of Sarah Ester  
widow of Andrew Ester, dec'd to the bill of com-  
plaint in said court exhibited by George P. Pierce  
& Judith Ann his wife, against her & others -

This defendant reserving all right of exception  
to the said bill of complaint for answer thereun-  
to saith that she admits the truth of the gener-  
al allegations of said bill, as to the death of her  
late husband Andrew Ester, the ~~provisions~~ of his  
will & the provisions of the fourth clause  
of said will leaving in the hands of his widow  
the remaining part of his personal estate for the  
benefit of the four children named in said  
clause, to wit, Judith Ann, Louisciana, Markham  
& Missouri Ester, ~~which said children~~  
~~there to have their proportionable share allotted~~  
them by the said widow as they respectively attain-  
ed eighteen years of age - that said Judith  
Ann has attained twenty one years of age. & has  
intermarried with the Plaintiff George P. Pierce  
that the three other children mentioned in  
said clause are still living but under age, that  
under said clause she has as widow of her said  
husband received & has still in possession for the  
benefit of said children, the following negroes,  
Minerva (a Nerva) Milly, Almada, Harrison,  
Camilla, & Jacob, one fourth of whom the said  
Judith Ann under the provisions of said clause  
is entitled to have allotted her & she has no objec-  
tion to the prayer of the complainant's bill for the  
appointment of commissioners to allot to said  
Judith Ann one fourth of said slaves, & having  
answered she prays hence to be dismissed with her  
costs in this behalf expended -

Signed - Sarah Ester

Isle of Wight County, to wit;

I W<sup>m</sup> E. Barnes  
a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the  
State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Sarah Lenter  
whose answer is hereto annexed personally appeared  
before me & made oath to the truth of the statement  
contained in said answer to the best of her knowl-  
edge & belief: Given under my hand as justice of  
the peace for the county aforesaid this 29 day  
of December 1857

W<sup>m</sup> E. Barnes J.P.

Pence  
Wife }  
as } In Chancery  
Lenter }

Sarah Lenter  
Answer

To the worshipful County Court of the of Wight Co.  
in Chancery sitting the joint & several answers  
of Louisa Martha & Missourie & Leatrice in-  
fant orphans of Andrew Leatrice by Chas. P. Young  
their guardian ad Litem to the bill of Complaint  
in said Court exhibited by George G. Pierce &  
Indeth Allen his wife against them

These defendants jointly & severally answering say  
that they know nothing of the allegations in said  
bill contained that they are infants under twenty  
years of age & submit their interest in the premises  
to the protection of this worshipful Court of Chan-  
cery & having answered pray leave to be dismissed  
with their costs in this behalf offered

Signed

Chas. P. Young go<sup>on</sup>  
ad litem

Pierce & wife } for  
27 }  
Sisters } Chancery

Infant Answer  
"

To the Worshipful County Court of Isle of  
Wight in chancery sitting. The Answer of  
Sarah Lester widow of Andrew Lester dec'd,  
to the bill of complaint in said court exhibited  
by George P Pierce & Judith Ann his wife against  
her & others.

This defendant reserving all right of exception  
to the said bill of complaint for answer thereunto  
saith that she admits to be true the allegation of  
said amended bill that a sale of one of the negroes  
mentioned in said bill is necessary to effect  
the allotment to the Plaintiffs of one fourth  
of said negroes & she hereby consents to the  
decree prayed by said amended bill for  
the sale of one of said negroes, & the allot-  
ment to the Plaintiffs of such portion of the  
proceeds of sale as may be necessary to equalize  
the portion of the slaves assigned them -  
& having answered your complainant  
prays hence to be dismissed with her costs  
in this behalf unreasonably expended -

Signed -

Sarah Lester

Pierced wife } In  
as } Chancery  
Gertie et al }

Answer of Sarah  
Gertie to Amended  
Bill —

The joint & several Answer of Louisa Luter  
Martha J Luter & Missouri J Luter ~~Martha~~ <sup>Martha</sup> ~~Martha~~ <sup>Martha</sup>  
of Andrew Luter by N P Young their guardian  
ad litem to the bill of complaint in this court exhibi-  
ted by George P Pierce & Judith Ann his wife against  
them & others -

These defendants severally answering say that  
they are infants under twenty one years of age & sub-  
mit their interests in the premises to the protection of  
this worshipful court, & having answered they hence  
to be dismissed with their costs in this behalf expended

Signed -

N. P. Young

Pierce wife }  
as } in Chancery  
Gentle's - }

Infants Answer  
to  
Amended Bill

Pierce <sup>vs</sup> wife

Lester & al<sup>s</sup> - This cause this day came out to be again heard on the papers formerly read, & on the report of sole of Geo S Pierce & of W<sup>m</sup> E Baues Edward Rawls & A R Butler, commissioners of division under the decree herein of July Term 1839, was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the court confirming said reports to which no exceptions were filed doth adjudge order & decree that said reports be confirmed & that the report aforesaid of partition be held firm & binding between the parties & the court doth further adjudge order & decree that the parties to this suit contribute mutually to the unpaid costs of this suit if any -

Peices <sup>sup</sup> ~~sup~~ In  
Lentixals } <sup>to</sup> Chaucy

Rough Sleever  
Feb. - Jan 1861  
To be entered

J. P. Jordan

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Pierce & wife  
G. W.  
Lester

This day came the plaintiffs & filed their bill, & on their motion at P. Young our appointed guardian ad litem to the infant defendants Louisa, Martha & Maria of Lester & Thompson the said at P. Young is such guardian ad litem filed the answer of said infant defendants & the defendant Sarah Lester widow of the said Andrew Lester filed her answer to which former answer the plaintiffs reply generally & the cause coming on the heard upon the bill said answers general replication to the former & exhibits filed & was argued by counsel; in consideration whereof the court took advice order & decree that Messrs E Barnes, Alfred R Butler, Edward Rawles, and Benjamin Eley -

who are hereby appointed special commissioners for that purpose any three of whom may act to proceed to value the slaves in their proceedings mentioned to wit Minerva (or Mary) Nelly, Almida, Harrison Camilla & Jack & allot one full equal fourth part thereof to the plaintiffs having regard in such allotment to <sup>quantity &</sup> quality & equality & make report to court of their proceedings under this decree.

Pierce & wife for  
47 }  
Sexton } Chaucery

Rough record

Lang Town 1868

To be entered

Geo. W. Currier

At a County Court held for Isle of Wight County  
On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1858.

Pierce & wife

Against  $\frac{3}{3}$  M. Chancery  
Sister Hall:  $\frac{3}{3}$

Plff.

Defts.

This day came the plaintiffs & filed their bill  
and on their motion - N. Young was appointed Guardian  
ad litem to the infant defendants, Louisa, Martha J. &  
Mifsonia J. Lester & thereupon the said N. Young as such  
Guardian ad litem filed the answer of the infant defendants  
(and the defendant Sarah Lester - widow of the said Andrew  
Lester - filed her answer - to which former answer the  
plaintiffs reply generally; And the Cause coming on  
to be heard upon the bill - said answers - general replications  
to the former & exhibits filed, and was argued by Counsel:  
On Consideration whereof - the Court doth adjudge order and  
decree that William E. Barnes, Alfred R. Butler  
Edward Rowles and Benjamin Eley who are hereby  
appointed Special Commissioners for that purpose - any  
three of whom may act - to proceed to value the slaves  
in these proceedings mentioned - to wit; Menerva, Wiley,  
Amada, Harriett, Camillar and Jacob, and allot  
one full equal forth part thereof - to the plaintiffs; having  
regard in each allotment - to quantity & quality, and  
make report to Court of their proceedings under this  
Decree. -

A Copy  
Teste.

H. C. Latimer Clk

Pierce & wife  
vs.  
Lester

George I Peice & Judith Ann his wife. Pltffs

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Sarah Lester, Louisa Lester, Martha I Lester  
Missouri J Lester, the last three infants by  
N P Young their guardian ad litem.

This day came the Plaintiffs & filed their amended bill & on their motion N P Young was appointed guardian ad litem to the infant defendants Louisa Martha I & Missouri J Lester, & thereupon the said N P Young, as such guardian ad litem, filed the answers of said infant defendants to said amended bill, & the defendant Sarah Lester widow of the said Andrew Lester filed her answer to said amended bill, to which answer of the infant defendants the plaintiffs replied generally & she came coming on to be ~~again~~ heard upon the papers ~~for~~ read & upon the report of W<sup>m</sup> E Barnes, A R Butler & Edward Rawls commissioners for partition of slaves made under a decree herein of <sup>Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1838</sup> ~~Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1838~~ & the amended bill & answer thereto of a said was argued & counsel on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order & decree that George I Peice — who is hereof appointed special commissioner for that purpose proceed to sell at public auction at the court house of this county on some court day the slave Minerva on a credit of six months except so much for cash as will pay the costs of this suit after giving at least twenty days notice of the time & place of sale by advertisement at the court house door of this county on some court day previous to the day of sale. Should the purchaser of said negro desire to pay cash in stead of executing his bond, the said commissioner is hereby authorized to receive the same — ~~But~~ make report to court of his proceedings under this decree returning with said report

The Bond for the purchase of said negro Matheua  
which Bond shall be executed payable to said George  
S. Pierce as commissioner with sufficient security  
payable six months from date with interest from date —  
& the court doth further adjudge order & decree  
that W<sup>m</sup> E Barnes, Alfred R Butler, Edward Rawls  
& Benjamin Eley who are here appointed special  
commissioners for that purpose any three of whom  
my act do proceed to value the slaves in their  
proceedings mentioned, to wit: Wiley, Alameda, Har-  
rison, Camilla & Jacob & allot as near may be  
one equal ~~part~~<sup>fourth</sup> of said slaves to the Plaintiffs  
George S Pierce & Judith Ann his wife — & distribute  
the net proceeds of sale of said slave, so as to  
equalize the share of said George S Pierce & Judith  
Ann his wife, so as to make said share one equal  
~~part~~<sup>fourth</sup> of said shares ~~having~~ regard to quantity  
& quality — But the effect of this decree shall  
be suspended until the said George S Pierce shall  
execute & deliver in the clerk's office of this court  
a bond with sufficient security payable to the com-  
monwealth of Virginia in a penalty of \$15000  
conditioned for the faithful performance of this  
decree —

Pierce wife }  
as } her Chancery  
Gentry & others }

Rough Draft  
Feb Term 1839

To be entered -

Geo. W. Carroll

Papers taken by  
Mr. Hayden at  
July, Oct. 1839  
A. P. P.

At a County Court held for Isle of Wight County

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1859.

George G. Pierce & wife P.

Plff

Against

Wm In Chry

Lester and wife & als.

Defth.

This day came the plaintiffs & filed their amended bill and on their motion N. P. Young was appointed guardian ad litem to the infant defendants. Louisa. Martha J. and Mirriam J. Lester. filed the answer of said infant defendants to said amended bill. & the defendant Sarah Lester - widow of the said Andrew Lester filed her answer to said amended bill, to which answer of the infant defendants - the plaintiffs replied generally. & the Cause coming on to be again heard upon the papers formerly read. Upon the report of William C. Barnes. A. R. Butler & Edward Rawls. Commissioners for partition of Slaves made under a decree herein of January term 1858. and the amended bill and answers thereto - & replications aforesaid it was argued by Counsel. On Consideration whereof the <sup>Court</sup> doth adjudge order and decree that George G. Pierce who is hereby appointed Special Commissioner for that purpose proceed to sell at public Auction - At the Court house of this County on some Court day previous to the day of sale. Should the purchaser of said Negro - desire to pay Cash instead of executing his bond, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to receive the same, and make report to Court of his proceedings under this decree - returning with said report, the Bond of the purchaser of said Negro - if taken, which Bond shall be executed - payable to the said George G. Pierce as Commissioner with sufficient Security -

payable six months from date. With interest from  
date. And the Court doth further adjudge order &  
decrees, that Wm. C. Barnes. A. R. Butler, Edward  
Rawls. & Benjamin Eley who are hereby Appointed Special  
Commissioners for that purpose (Any three of whom may  
act, do proceed to value the slaves in the proceedings  
mentioned. to wits. Wiley. Almeda, Harrison, Camula  
and Jacob and allot as near as may be - one Equal  
~~fourth~~ <sup>fourth</sup> part of Said Slaves to the plaintiffs. George G. Pierce  
and Judith his wife. And distribute the net proceeds  
of Said Sale of Slaves, so as to Equalize the Share of  
Said George G. Pierce & Judith Ann his wife - So as to  
make Said Share one equal ~~fourth~~ <sup>fourth</sup> part of Said Slaves,  
having regard to Quantity and Quality. But the effect  
of this Decree shall be Suspended until the Said George  
G. Pierce shall execute and deliver in the Clerk's office  
of this Court a bond with Sufficient Security payable  
to the Commonwealth of Virginia in a penalty of  
\$1500.00 Conditioned for the faithful performance  
of This decree.

Hefy

Teste.

J. C. Latimer Dc

Geo. G. Pierce & wife

Wm. W. W. W. W. W.

Deputy Clerk

Aug. 1. 1839  
filed & record.

March 7<sup>th</sup> 59 - Received of George G. Pierce  
Ten Dollars my fee in above suit -

C. B. Hayden

In obedience to a Decree pronounced in the County Court  
of Isle of Wight bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1838  
for the purpose of Dividing the Slaves belonging to  
the Estate of Andrew Sceter Decd. we the undersigned  
Commissioners have proceeded to value said Slaves  
I we find it impossible to <sup>get</sup> the Plaintiff's Share of s<sup>d</sup>.  
Slaves without making sale of ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Slaves  
Given under our hands this 16<sup>th</sup> of January 1838

M. E. Barnes  
A. M. Butler com<sup>r</sup>  
Edmund Marks

Pierce strike

27 4 Corn's  
3 Report

Lester Sal.

1858

april 5. Rtd. Spind  
for exceptions

msop

In obedience to the decree pronounced in the County Court of Isle of Nigbt. Appointing me the Commissioner to sell a negro Girl Manervy belonging to the Estate of Andrew Vester Decd. I have sold 2<sup>d</sup> negro at public at the Court house on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March it being Court day, and Amos Harrell being the last bidder became the purchaser for the sum of \$ 720.<sup>00</sup>. Which 2<sup>d</sup> Harrell paid the money in preference to giving Bond

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Cost of said decree   | \$ 15.00        |
| Paid auctioneer       | 50              |
| Commission on \$ 720. | <u>23.40</u>    |
|                       | <u>\$ 38.90</u> |

Leaving a net balance of sale of 2<sup>d</sup> negro \$ 681.<sup>10</sup> also of which is respectfully submitted

Geo, G. Pierce

Price  
knife  
Lester } In Chawing

Report of Comr  
Michigan of Sale

Ap. 4. 1859 filed

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Pursuant to a decree of the County Court of  
Isle of Wight bearing date the 7th of February  
1859 appointing Commissioners therein mentioned  
to value the Slaves named in said decree, and  
allot one equal fourth part to Geo. L. Pierce.  
We the undersigned Commissioners have  
valued the slaves viz. Milly \$700. Almedia \$700  
Hanson \$550. Camilla \$400. Jacob \$350.  
and have allotted to the sd. Geo. L. Pierce and  
Judeth Ann, his wife, girl Almedia valued  
at \$700. also one hundred and nineteen dollars  
75 cents from the sale of the negro Girl  
Manerva sold by a decree to make a division  
of said slaves, which makes said share one  
equal fourth part of said slaves, and have  
paid over to Sarah Lester widow of Andrew  
Lester Decd \$561.  $\frac{35}{100}$  it being the balance of  
the net proceeds of the sale of said negro  
All of which is respectfully submitted

Wm. E. Barnes  
Edmund Rawls  
A. C. Butler

Comrs.

Received \$119 <sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> it being the amount due  
me from the sale of Eric Manerva to make my  
one fourth equal share of sd. Slaves  
Geo. G. Pierce

Received \$561. <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> it being the net balance  
of the sale of the Eric Manerva after paying  
Geo & Pierce his portion

Sallie Lester

Manerva }  
as }  
Substant.

Report of Particulars  
of Slaves -

Know all Men by these Presents, That we George G. Pierce  
William C. Barnes & Edgar Rawls.

are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of Fifteen  
Hundred Dollars. to the payment whereof, well and truly  
to be made, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly  
by these presents. As witness our Hands and Seals, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March  
in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Fifty Nine

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, by a Decree of  
the ~~Court~~ <sup>County</sup> Court of Isle of Wight County, pronounced on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February  
in a cause depending in the said Court, in which George G. Pierce wife  
and others are

Plaintiff, and

and Lester wife &c. are

Defendant, the

above bound George G. Pierce was appointed a special  
Commissioner to to sell at public auction at the Court House of  
this county on some court day to sell the Negro Manum  
in the proceeding mentioned for cash, or on six month  
credit. (and if sold on credit to return said  
Bond with his report of proceeding to Court.

Now, if the above bound George G. Pierce shall faithfully discharge  
his duties as Commissioner under the said Decree, then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise  
to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
in the presence of

J. C. Latimer Dto.

George G. Pierce 

Wm C. Barnes 

Edgar Rawls 

Pierce  
20. Glenn. Bros  
Lester

March 7, 1889  
Cy. d. Filed.

I Andrew Sester of the County of Isle of Wight & State of Virginia - do make - ordain - constitute & appoint - this to be my last will and testament - in the manner & form following to wit. -

First, it is my will and desire that all my Just debts be paid. Secondly, I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Caroline V. Sester - One Seventh part of my Estate, to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly; I leave to my wife Sarah Sester during her natural life - the following property to wit; My home land and plantation - with five or ten acres of the old tract of land; four Negroes viz, Tim, Livia, Margaret & Mary - and all of Margaret's increase, A parlor & Kitchen furniture or such part as she may think proper to keep, One Horse viz & harness, Cart and wheels, All of my sheep, Two Sows and Pigs, Ten Hens, One Ox, two Cows & calves, forming utensils, One years provisions, One barrel of brandy & one barrel of Vinegar. Fourthly; I leave in the hands of my wife - the remainder part of my personal estate - to be kept & managed to the best advantage, for the benefit of my four last Children. To wit Ann, Livia, Martha J, & Missouria J Sester, And as each Child arrives to the age of Eighteen years, Then my wife Sarah Sester will give off their proportionable part of my estate.

Fifthly; I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha J Sester One hundred & fifty dollars for the purpose of schooling her. Sixthly; I give & bequeath to my Daughter Missouria J Sester - One hundred & fifty Dollars for the purpose of schooling her.

Seventhly; It is my will and desire that my Executors sell all of my other land with the remaining part of my Crop, Stock - plantation utensils and such part of my household & Kitchen furniture as she may not think proper to keep. Eighthly. At the death of my beloved wife, I give & bequeath to my four Daughters, Judith Ann, Livia, Martha J, and Missouria J Sester - all of my real & personal estate - that I.

bound to my beloved wife - to them & their heirs forever.

Lastly; I do nominate my wife Sarah Lexter my whole and sole Executrix - to this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other and former wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof - I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August - One thousand Eight-hundred and forty Nine. Signed, Sealed

published and executed  
in the presence of us.

Saml B. Roberts

Arthur <sup>lin</sup> Beal

Jesse D. Connell

Andrew Lexter Seal

In the County Court of Isle of Wight County  
February 14<sup>th</sup> 1850. The last will and Testament of Andrew  
Lexter decd. was proved by the oaths of Saml B. Roberts  
Arthur Beal and Jesse D. Connell the subscribing witnesses  
thereof, and ordered to be recorded; and the executrix therein  
named - having in writing presented to Court, refused to  
qualify - and appointed that Jesse D. Connell may qualify -  
as administrator with the will annexed; and on the  
motion of the said Jesse D. Connell - who made oath  
and together with William E. Barnes his security - entered  
into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$8000.  
Conditioned as the law directs, Certificate is granted  
him for obtaining letters of administration on the  
said decedent's estate with the will annexed in due  
form of law.

Teste.

A. G. J.

Teste.

N. F. Young

J. C. Latimer & Co

Andrew Sester?

Will

Mary

Henry Sester  
or  
Sester

Exhibit with Complaint  
and bill.