

Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of Charles Angel - written July 17, 1773, Surry Co., NC

PREFACE: Wife Sibbela and all thirteen children are mentioned in Charles' Will. It was written on July 17, 1773 and recorded in Court May 1776 at which time his Estate went into probate. I am placing his death in the winter of 1775/ 1776. In May 1777, the "Sale of Estate" record shows a roster of Charles' belongings sold to his children. Charles owned a large plantation which straddled the Dan River in now Stokes Co., NC near current Pine Hill. Sibbela and Charles were the Executors. Sibbela received the land south of the Dan River and Charles received the land on the north side. Sons John, Josiah and James were still minors and all the daughters were married except Rebecca. Three daughters, Barbara, Frances and Jemima married "Hansly" men whom I believe were the sons of Benjamin Hensley and Elizabeth of Albemarle > Halifax > Pittsylvania and Henry Co., Virginia. The original document spells "Hansly" the same for all three. My line comes through Barbara Angel who married Sgt. Henry Hensley who moved to the Cane River area of Buncombe Co., NC (now Yancey). [-bbpytel@yahoo.com](mailto:bbpytel@yahoo.com)

In the name of God Amen.

I, Charles Angel of Surry County in North Carolina, Planter being in perfect health of Body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God. Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul unto the hand of Almighty God that give it and my Body recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my execs. Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I will Receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life. I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form (viz.) First, I give to Sibbela my dearly beloved wife that part of my Plantation that I now live on lying on the South side of the Dan River with all the Improvements thereon by her freely to be possessed and Enjoyed during her life time And at the expiration of her life I give the Same part of my Plantation with all the land belonging to me on the south side of the Dan River to my son Lawrance freely to be possessed and enjoyed by him. Also I give to my son Charles all that part of my plantation lying on the North side of Dan River joining Noble Ladds land with his horse and saddle, his gun and one cow and calf freely to be possessed and enjoyed by him. Also I leave to my daughter, Rebeca her bed and one Cow and Calf and the rest of my personal Estate after all my debts is paid. I leave to be divided equally between my other three sons John, Josiah, and James each of them to receive their part as they come of age. Also I leave to each of my daughters that is married (viz) Mary Ozborn, Jemima Hansly, Elizabeth Cooke, Nancy Pierce, Frances Hansly, Sibela Hutchens, and Barbra Hansly one Shilling Sterling. And I likewise Constitute make and ordain Sibbela my wife and Charles my son the sole Execs of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other Testaments, wills, legacies, and execs. by me in anywise before named. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 17th day of July 1773.

Charles "X" Angel ((seal))

Witness Present:

Matt Warnock

William Carmichall

Joseph Carmichall

North Carolina Surry County May Court 1776

Matt Warnock one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Charles Angel made Oath that he saw the Said Charles Angel Publish & Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. That he was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that the same time he saw William Carmichall & Joseph Carmichall sign the same as Witnesses and on Motion it was order to be Recorded.

Recorded Accordingly Viz. Jo Williams Clk.