

said Commissioners be careful to fix nothing more than a fair cash valuation on the negroes then. It is my will that my negro man Parker at my death be set free from servitude and that my son William is hereby enjoined to take special care of him and that he be permitted to remain on the farm of said William where I now reside and also will to said Parker one hundred & fifty dollars to be paid to him as his necessities may require but if said Parker should die before said sum is all expended then the remainder is to be considered as apaid to my Executors and for distribution among my said children. Lastly I revoke all Wills heretofore made by me and appoint George J. Wood, Rufus Wood and William J. Wood my Executors all or any one or more who may qualify under this will shall possess all the Power given the three and I direct that no security be required of either of them who may qualify. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1853

J. M. Woodlock  
W. J. Woodlock  
Stephen Radcliff  
John M. Kelston

William J. Wood (Seal)

This Codicil is my will to wit that I will to my wife Elizabeth Wood in addition to what is named in said will the income which said Deloma Masters after have to her use and at her death absolute disposal

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1853  
J. M. Woodlock

William J. Wood (Seal)

It is further my will that if either of my children now alive should die before I should that the portion of my estate that would have fallen to them if alive belonging to their children. Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1853 John Barrett

Barnes County, N. D. January Term 1887.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the Last will & Testament of Wm. J. Wood dec'd with the Codicils thereto attached, having been produced in Court and said Will shown in due form of Law by the Oaths of Wm. M. Woodlock & J. M. Radcliff subscribing witnesses thereto, & continued proof of the validity, was again produced in Court & the Court being satisfied that Elizabeth Wood widow of said Deceased has departed this life, that the Estate of said Deceased has been distributed according to said Will, whereupon the same was ordered to be archived (in which further proof of said Codicils) as the true Last will & Testament of said Wm. J. Wood, dec'd.

Attest  
Davis. Lockwell Clerk

Wm. J. Wood

I Erasmus Wilson being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament revoking all others after the payment of all my just debts I give and bequeath to Catherine J. Wilson my beloved wife all my Estate of whatsoever kind real personal and mixed & as hereby constitute and appoint William Ellis Executor & Catherine M. Wilson my wife Executrix of this my last will and testament and direct that they shall not be required to give security as such and that they do with all my debts as they think proper my last request is that nothing about my person shall be exposed to public sale & that my hand & seal this second day of June 1849 signed & acknowledged by Erasmus Wilson (Seal)

Erasmus Wilson  
Wm. Frank

Barnes County, N. D. June Term 1856

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Erasmus Wilson dec'd was produced in Court and proved in due form

of Law by the Courts of the S. S. Nelson & Wm. Frank  
 subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon the same  
 was ordered to be recorded as the true last will  
 & testament of said Alexander Nelson ago  
 David Lockell Clerk

Dickerson  
 Will

Last will and testament of Joel Dickerson made  
 by him this the second day of May A.D. 1858  
 Eight hundred and forty eight years of age all men  
 by this that I hereby do as follows  
 One hundred and more for life to my wife as long  
 as she remains a widow and at her death to  
 become the property of my son Wm. Dickerson  
 which is to remain as the premises till her  
 death and also Julia Ann Dickerson to  
 remain on the premises while single also ten  
 acres that I purchased from Wm. Dickerson  
 lying between the street and the rail road  
 to my son Wm. Dickerson my son Albert  
 Dickerson is to own the tract that he  
 now occupies 30 acres and also two hundred  
 acres lying in Warren County to be divided  
 between my daughters named as follows  
 Laura W. Boulton Martha S. Nelson Helen  
 B. Nelson Julia Ann Dickerson my  
 daughter Julia Ann Dickerson is to have the  
 amount of \$36.00 thirty five dollars instead  
 of her land call for 100 also a mare  
 bridle and saddle also a feather bed  
 and bedding to put her at ease with my  
 other daughter also to my son Wm.  
 Dickerson eight head of Lard all per-  
 ishable property and at my death the  
 proceeds of the sale after my debts is paid  
 to be equally divided 25% the said Wm.  
 Dickerson had to support his mother until  
 death it is my wish that Helen W. and  
 Julia Ann Dickerson should pay Nancy  
 Martha their portions & which be paid  
 See hereby appoint Albert B. Nelson

Dickerson my son to be my executor  
 Test  
 J. Morris  
 Valentine Leroy

Barren County Court 2d March Term 1858  
 The foregoing writing purporting to be the last  
 will & testament of Joel Dickerson dead being  
 hereunto before partially proven in due form  
 of Law by the Court of Valentine Leroy sub-  
 scribing witness thereto was at that time  
 again produced in Court & the same writing  
 at attestation of J. Morris the other subscribing  
 witness was proven by the Court of said  
 Leroy whereupon the same was ordered  
 to be recorded as the true last will &  
 testament of said Joel Dickerson dead which  
 is accordingly done  
 David Lockell Clerk

S. W. Harrison  
 mcd

Samuel W. Harrison being sensible of the uncer-  
 tainty of life, and wishing to make a disposition  
 of all the property that God has thought proper to  
 vouch safe unto me do, make and publish my  
 last will and testament as follows to wit  
 First my will is that my wife Mary Harrison re-  
 main in my family residence it being the place  
 I now reside upon until my son Alexander Nelson  
 Harrison arrives at the age of Twenty one years,  
 and then said residence including all the ground  
 deeded to me by Dennis Lockhart in 1827 suppos-  
 ed to be 20 acres be sold my said wife having  
 her dower out of the proceeds of the sale of said  
 residence and land, and it is further my will  
 and desire that the said dower interest of my said  
 wife shall be paid over to the Judge of the Barren  
 County Court who is hereby authorized to select and  
 appoint some suitable and discreet persons to take  
 charge of said fund for me and to manage said  
 fund for the best interest and advantage of my said