

one-half to Franklin and the other half to John
Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson,
Samuel Crandal the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50).

And it is my wish and desire that the property that
I have given to my younger children in Item 3rd
remain in common between them for their sup-
port and education until the youngest of them
arrive to be eighteen years of age. Item My execu-
tor hereinafter named, to sell my great Pat and
buggy and harness and apply the proceeds
to paying such legacies as have been bequeath-
ed & if any remain after settling the estate it
is to be paid over to Item the 5th and I do hereby
nominate constitute and appoint my son David
J. Grimes executor of this my last will and tes-
tament. Signed, sealed published and deliver-
ed in the presence of

James Grimes 

Entered before signed
one hundred acres of
land to D. J. Grimes that
I bought of N. Nimlow.
Witness Daniel Evans
Durram Lewis

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and
Bladen County } Quarter Sessions

Nov. Term A.D. 1866.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will
and testament of James Grimes deceased, is
exhibited in open court by David J. Grimes
the executor therein named, and the due ex-
ecution thereof by the said James Grimes is
proven by Durram Lewis one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the
Court that the said paper writing and every
part thereof is the last will and testament of the
said James Grimes, deceased, and the same
is ordered to be recorded and filed. And

thereupon the said David J. Grimes executor as
aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the
oath prescribed by law.

J. Blue, Clk
J. A. Richardson, Sec.

State of North Carolina }
Brunswick County }

I George W. Ballentine a resident
of Bladen County, State of North Carolina but
serving at the present time in the army as corpo-
ral in Capt. Lait's company of Artillery stationed
at Fort St. Philip, Brunswick County, State of North
Carolina being mindful of the uncertainty of
human life do hereby make this my last will
and testament I now being in full health of
body and mind, appointing thereto as executor
Hugh E. McCollum of Bladen County, N.C.

First: It is my desire that all of my lawful debts
be paid to do which enough of my personal
property will be sold if necessary.

Second: I give and bequeath to Fagloom Mc-
donald in trust for the benefit of my mother Catherine
Ballentine during her lifetime the residue of my
real and personal estate, and on her death
to revert to my lawful heirs.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal at Fort St. Philip, N.C. this
third day of July in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred & sixty-two

George Lait, Witness
D. H. Clark

G. W. Ballentine 

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Then, was the within Will, duly proven by the oath of George Sait one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

N. Blue, clk.

my daughter Catharine D. Murchison during her life and after her death the trust to terminate and vest in fee as tenants in common of her three children by her last marriage viz: Eliza Francis now called Ida Lucy, and Isaac Alexander Murchison. I also give unto my son Clement G. Wright, and his heirs, in trust, all the negroes sent to Little River, for the use and support of my said daughter Catharine D. Murchison now in possession of Duncan Murchison her husband, held by him subject to my order. See his written acknowledgement during her life and after her death to be equally divided between all her children, the trust then terminating. I also give in trust to my son Clement G. Wright and his heirs for the sole and separate use of my said daughter Catharine D. Murchison the negroes now named, as the number she now has the use of falls short in value to those in possession of my daughter Ann Eliza McDiarmid, viz: Mary and her two children Caroline the daughter of Joseph Harritt, the granddaughter of Patsy and Cassady sister of Caroline, also Joshua and his wife Dilly and all her children and also one third of all my negroes on my Walker's Bluff and Lisleburne plantations with their present and future increase during her life and after her death the trust to end and to be equally divided amongst all her children, but in the division I wish Jane Fairley to get, Joshua and his wife Dilly and all their children, but at their full value in apportioning to each their respective numbers.

I give unto my daughter Ann Eliza McDiarmid and her husband, David McDiarmid during their lives all the negroes now in their possession and known as a part of my Bladen stock of negroes with present and future increase also one third

In the name of God Amen—
 This is the last will and testament of Isaac Wright of the State of North Carolina and county of Bladen, made this 15th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, in his own hand writing—

First: I give unto William Fulton, Elizabeth Moorhead, Imogene, Isaac Wright and Matilda Amelia children of my deceased son Moorhead Wright of Red River and State of Arkansas all my negroes on my plantation known as the White Place except Isaac and Orion. Isaac Wright named after me, to have a negro girl his choice, extra if either should die leaving no living child or children his or her share to vest in the survivors, unless the deceased should leave a child, to represent him or her. What is given to the females is for their sole and separate use, benefit and behoof independent of the marital rights.

Second: I give in trust to my son, Clement G. Wright and his heirs my Lisleburne plantation and the adjoining tracts above and below for the sole and separate use benefit and behoof of

Third: