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In The Name of God Amen. I John T Hilliard being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory do this eighth day of September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: I give and bequeath to my brother in law Isaac Hilliard the following negroes to wit: Quinny and her child Albert and Rhoda and her child now an infant not named, to him and his heirs forever.

The remainder of my estate both real and personal I give and bequeath to my brother Robert C. Hilliard, he paying all my just debts, now if my said brother Robert C. Hilliard should die without lawfull issue then it is my desire that the property given to him should go to my aforesaid brother in law Isaac Hilliard with the condition that out of the same he educate my two half brothers Edmond and Thomas C. Arrington and my half sister Felicia Arrington. I do further nominate and appoint my brother Robert C. Hilliard executor to this my last will and testament this day and date above written.

issue interlined
Witness
Jno. Arrington
Benj. A.W. Arrington

John T. Hilliard

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The foregoing will and testament of John T Hilliard was offered for probate and the execution thereof duly proven by the oath of John Arrington, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

and is recorded. Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

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In The Name of God Amen. I Francis Rackley Sr. of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do this the twenty third day of June in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit first,
Item: I give my beloved son Francis Rackley four hundred acres of land beginning in the great branch and then running up a small branch through the Silas old field from that line strait across south to Thomas Joiners line.

Item: I lend to my beloved wife Cherry Rackley the balance of the land where I now live her life time and then I give it to my beloved son Laman Dew and one gross, all my working tools I leave to be equally divided between my two youngest sons Francis and Lamon Dew. Francis to take first choice. I give to my sons Francis one negro woman

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I leave the Bear branch tract of land to be sold and divided equally between my three daughters Selster Pansy, ~~Ward~~ Ward, and Marget Cherry. I want Francis to stay on the plantation untill he is twenty one years old and then he may take his part to himself and go on his own land, or stay with the rest and take care of the family.

I do hereby appoint my son Francis Rackley executor to this my last will and testament. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date first written.

Acknowledged, signed, and sealed in the presence of
David W Deans
John Deans
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
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his
Francis x Rackley (Seal)
mark.

The foregoing last will and testament of Francis Rackley was duly proven in open court by the oath of David M Deans one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded

Attest Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

Attest Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

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In The Name of God Amen; I Mary Carter of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to god for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Ist. I give my soul to god who first gave it me, Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved friend Nancy Stephens all my tract of land containing fourty five acres more or less to her and her heirs forever also all the crop that is now growing in the said land also one bed and furniture also nine head of cattle also nineteen head of hogs to be equally divided between Nancy Stephen and Merritt Stephens and also I give unto Nancy Stephens all my household furniture and plantation untentils.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Merritt Stephens one cow and calf one choice heifer and one first choice steer.

I also appoint my worthy friend Nancy Stephen executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed my seal this the 11th day of August, 1838.

assigned sealed and delivered
in the presence of us

Attest
Z.B. Billore
W Taylor

her
Mary x Carter (Seal)
mark.

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Nash County November term 1837

The foregoing last will and testament of Mary Carter and duly proven in open court by the oath of Wright Taylor a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

and is recorded. Wm Dozier, C.C.C.