Buckner Williams' Will

In the name of God amen, I Buckner Williams of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being in a low & debilitated State of health but of Sound & disposing mind blessed be God, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament Viz

Item 1st I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Williams all my property now in my possession and not heretofore given away by Deed of gift Vizt the following negroes, to wit, Hal, Fanny & Jack, House hold & Kitchen furniture Stock of every description Say Horses Cattle & Hogs all my provisions on hand together with every article & description of property to her & her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 2nd I further give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary Williams all debts now due me, after paying my just debts,

Item 3rd I nominate and appoint Daniel B Boykin Executor of this my last will and Testament Given under my hand & Seal this 16th day January in year of Lord 1836.

his
Buckner + Williams (Seal)
mark

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of
R. B. Gary

Northampton County June Court 1836.

This last will and Testament of Buckner Williams decd was exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of law by the oath of R B Gary the subscribing witness thereto, & ordered to be certified and Recorded, whereupon Daniel B Boykin the Exr therein named qualified as the law directs

Teste Wm Bottom Clk

Norman Branch's Will

In the name of God Amen, Norman Branch of the County of Northampton in the State of Northcarolina being in perfect sense & sound memory & understanding thanks be to almighty God for the same & calling to mind the Certainty of death do make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form as followeth. Item I give unto my beloved Wife Christian Branch all my negroes. Osin, Jack & Thorne, & Mingo & Ben & William & little Ben & Winny & Sally & Easter & Milly & Moses & Mason & Ebbelina & Alley & Angy & all my lands & my Stock of all Sorts & house hold & Kitchen furniture after paying all my just debts & all my Crops of this my last Will & Testament, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal 28th September 1830.

Norman Branch (Seal)

Northampton County December Court 1836

This paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Norman Branch decd was exhibited in open Court and Matt Calvert, Lewis T Knight & John R Drake being duly sworn deposeth & saith that they verily believe the said paper writing & every part thereof to be in the proper hand writing of the said Norman Branch decd and Saml Calvert being duly sworn deposeth & saith that the said paper writing was found amongst the valuable papers & effects of the said Norman Branch decd. It is therefore ordered by the court that the said paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of the said Norman Branch decd be recorded & on motion administration with the will annexed on the Estate of Said N Branch decd be granted Christain Branch, who entered into bond in the penalty of fifteen thousand dollars with Saml Calvert & John T Branch Securities conditioned as the law directs, whereupon the said Christain qualified as admx with the will annexed of the said Norman Branch decd according to Law

Teste Wm Bottom Clk

Temperance Grants Will

In the name of God Amen. I Temperance Grant of Northampton County being weak in Body but of Sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following:

First, my Will & desire is that a certain negro Girl that I drew from my Fathers Estate by the name of Rosetta if she should live should be kept & supported with all her increase by my son John C Grant & James B Grant & Esther Grant & Wesley Grant or the surviving part of them until such time as said negro & her increase can be divided in four shares. then my desire is that one fourth part of said negroes already before named, should goe to my son Johns Children one fourth to my son James Children, one fourth to Esther & one fourth to Willey & if either of my Children should die before said division can take place that said negro & increase should goe to their heirs if any or the surviving part of them. as the true intention is that they should be kept in the Family.

Second & Last; I do hereby appoint my son James B Grant Exor to this my last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this sixth day of July 18 hundred & thirty four.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged
in presence of
Sh. Grant.

her
Temperance + Grant (Seal)
mark

Northampton County December Court 1836.

This last will & Testament of Temperance Grant decd was exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of Law by the oath of Shadrack Grant the subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be certified & Recorded

Teste Wm Bottom Clk