

of S. W. H. and W. L. L. the two subscribing witnesses
thence and agreed to be recorded whereupon Martha Pittman
the testatrix thence named appeared in open Court and took the oath
prescribed by law as Executrix to execute said Will, whereupon
letters Testamentary were ordered to issue.

J. C. H. 1811

Nelson P. Lile, Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I, Nelson P. Lile, of the County of Jones
and State of North Carolina, do make publish and declare the following
to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and declaring
void any and all other wills or wills by me at any time heretofore made
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Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son Edward N. Lile, the tract of
land whereon he now lives, containing about seven hundred and sixty
acres, to have and to hold the same during his natural life, and
at his death to be equally divided between such of his children as
may be living at the time of his death, and the issue of such as may be
then dead, such issue to represent their deceased parent or parents.
I also give and bequeath to my said son, two negroes, named Jack
and Camels, and their increase, both such as are now born and
such as may be born after the date of this will.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah, wife of James B.
Cumberlin a negro woman named Lucy and her four children
viz. Hannah, John, Mary and Velly, and all their present and future
increase that may be born after the date of this will, to have and
to hold said negroes, to and for her sole and separate use and benefit
and not to be subject to the debts, contracts, incumbrances, or
control of her said husband James B. Cumberlin, or any future
husband she may have, during her natural life, and at her death
then said negroes and their said increase to be equally divided
among such of her children as may be then living and the issue of
such as may be dead, such issue to represent their deceased parent
or parents, and if my said daughter Sarah should die leaving no
children nor the issue of such then surviving, then said negroes and all
their said increase to go to and being absolutely to my son Edward N. Lile
and his legal representatives.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my said daughter Theodora, and her grand
daughter of my daughter Laura, one negro girl named Stella, and if
my said daughter should die leaving no child or children nor the issue
of such, her surviving, then said negro and her future increase from
the date of this will to be equally divided between my son Edward
N. Lile and my daughter Laura, her, said Laura's, share to be subject
to the same limitations and restrictions, mentioned in the 2^d clause
or Item of this will.

Item 4th I give, devise and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth C. Lile, during
her natural life or widowhood, the following real and personal property
to wit, the plantation whereon I now live, containing about seven or
eight hundred acres, and all the improvements, houses, outbuilds, all my
household and kitchen furniture, all my farming tools, all my stock
of cattle, horses, mules, hogs, & poultry, all my crop of every kind that may
be on hand at my death, my carriage and harness, and the following negroes
viz. Jordan, Billy, Anne, Hannah, and her two children viz. Sam and Peter,
Ruth and her three children viz. Ann, Phil, and Luke, and all increase
which may be born after the date of this will, and in case of her death
or marriage of my said wife, then all the property both real and personal
herein devised and bequeathed to her, I devise and bequeath to my son
Edward N. Lile and my daughter Laura, equally, to be divided between
them, my son Edward's share of the real estate to be held by him during his
natural life and at his death to be equally divided among his children
and the issue of such as may be dead, such issue to represent their
deceased parent or parents, and my said son, Sam of the negroes, and
other personal estate to vest in him absolutely, and the share both real and
personal of my daughter Laura, to be subject to the same limitations and
restrictions, mentioned in the second item of this will, and in case it shall
become desirable, and it shall be agreed to by my said wife and my
children Edward and Laura I think, authorize and empower my Executrix
hereinafter named to sell all or any part of the real estate herein devised
to my said wife, at any time during the life of my said wife, either by
public or private sale as they may think best, and on such terms, as my
Executrix shall deem advisable, and I authorize my Executrix to execute
a letter in fee to the same, and the proceeds of said sale, I desire my Executrix
to have safely received in such way that my said wife shall enjoy the same
interest or profits accruing therefrom in the same way and upon the same
conditions, she would have held and enjoyed the land, and on her death or
marriage then said proceeds of sale and the unsold proceeds interest or profits
thereof to be disposed of in the same way the land itself would have been

had it remained unsold, it is further my will that the personal property other than the negro herein bequeathed to my wife during her life or widowhood, that my Executrix should not sell any part of the same during the life or widowhood of my said wife, except as may become necessary to meet the current expenses of herself and family, and that my said wife either as Executrix or otherwise shall not be accountable for any part of the same, except such as may be on hand at the time of her death or marriage and its natural increase.

Item 5th I desire and do direct that all the Bank Stocks which I may now at the time of my death shall continue to be so held by my Executrix during the natural life or widowhood of my wife, and the dividends and profits arising therefrom my Executrix shall draw from time to time as the same may become due and payable and the same she shall divide into three equal parts, and pay over one third thereof to my son Edward P. Litch, and one third to my daughter Sarah, taking her receipt for the same, the third third part or remaining due to my said daughter to be subject to the same limitations and restrictions mentioned in the second item of this will, and at the death or marriage of my said wife the whole of said Bank Stocks and all dividends or profits that may be due and unpaid on the same to be equally divided between my son Edward and my daughter Sarah, her share to be subject to the same limitations and restrictions mentioned in the second item of this will, the remaining third of the dividends and profits accruing during the life or widowhood of my said wife she is to retain for her own use.

Item 6th All the real estate of which I may be seized and possessed and not herein before disposed of I desire to my said wife during her natural life or widowhood, and then over in the same manner to the same persons as are provided and directed in the foregoing real estate as set forth in the fourth item of this will, together with the same authority to sell if deemed advisable.

Item 7th All the money that may be on hand at the time of my death and all the debts that may be then owing to me, together with all the residue of my estate I desire and direct to be equally divided between my said wife, and my son Edward and my daughter Sarah, for my said wife to use and enjoy the interest and profits arising from the share allotted to her during her life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage, the principal and any unpaid interest and profits of said share to be disposed of under the same limitations & restrictions, as provided for

Edward hereinbefore in the fourth item of this will and the share of my son Edward to be subject to the payment of an account shown against him of \$2102.70 for a stock of goods, and also such note or notes of his as may be found in my possession at my death, my son Edward is not to pay any interest on any part of said indebtedness until the same is settled; and the share of my daughter Sarah to be subject to the same limitations and restrictions mentioned in the second item of this will, the whole of the property disposed of in this item to be subject in the first instance to the payment of any debts I may be owing and my funeral expenses, and a sum of money, not exceeding four hundred dollars, which I desire to be expended under the direction of my son Edward in the erection of a durable monument over my grave.

Item 8th I do nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth P. Litch, sole Executrix of this my last will and testament. Signed sealed published & declared by William P. Litch, and Helen P. Litch the foregoing first page to be and contain his last will and testament in our presence, who each attested the same in his presence & at his request and in the presence of each other this 17th of October 1858.

A. B. Smith
Wm. Smith

State of North Carolina } Court of Chancery
Superior Court } Term 1859
Then the foregoing last will and testament of William P. Litch was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Wm. Smith a subscribing witness thereto, and the hand writing of William P. Litch the other subscribing witness, was duly proven by the oaths of Wm. Smith and Joseph White, Deacons, being sworn, whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded. — Whereupon Elizabeth P. Litch appeared in open Court and took the oath of qualification according to law to execute said will, and letters testamentary were ordered to issue.

J. C. Coppage, Clerk

Elizabeth Little, last Will & Testament
State of North Carolina

Swain County 3^d. Elizabeth Little, of the County and State aforesaid do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me as follows.

- 1st I give and bequeath unto my son George W Little the sum of five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.
- 2^d I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Little five shares of Stock in the Merchants Bank of South Carolina at Charlot to him and his heirs forever.
- 3^d I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Bennett the sum of five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.
- 4th I give and bequeath unto my son William Little the sum of five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.
- 5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Little five shares of Stock in the Merchants Bank of South Carolina at Charlot to him and his heirs forever.
- 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Stanback five shares of Stock in the Merchants Bank of South Carolina at Charlot to him and his heirs forever.
- 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Little a negro woman by the name of Frij Colton to him and his heirs forever.
- 8th I give and bequeath unto my son Franklin Little a negro boy by the name of George to him and his heirs forever.
- 9th I give and bequeath to my daughter Little a negro woman by the name of Mary, also my Cotton Gin, Wheat Fan & Truck and all the boxes and trunks in and about the Lin house, and also all the boxes, barrels, and millions that are in and about the said mill tale measure and half bound to him and his heirs forever.
- 10th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Andrew Little five shares of Stock in the Merchants Bank of South Carolina at Charlot, to him and his heirs forever.
- 11th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Charlotte Steele the sum of five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.
- 12th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Little and Ann Little and my son John Little all of my household and kitchen furniture and all the boxes, in and about the Smoke house, meat house & butter house and share alike to them and their heirs forever.
- 13th I should a crop be planted on my farm at the time of my death

or any part of it, my will is that he receive, and manage and keep, remain on said farm until the same be cultivated, gathered and the proceeds equally divided between my son, George W Little, Thomas Little, Elizabeth Little, Andrew Little and John Little and my daughter, Elizabeth Little, Mary Little, Ann Little, Andrew Little and Charlotte Steele by sale or otherwise by my Executor herein after named in any way he may think best. The balance of my property not heretofore disposed of in this my last will and Testament I wish equally divided by my Executor herein after named by sale or otherwise as he may think best equally between my son, George W Little, Thomas Little, William Little, Franklin Little and John Little and my daughter, Elizabeth Stanback, Mary Little, Ann Little, Charlotte Steele and Charlotte Steele.

14th I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son George W Little Executor to this my last will and Testament given under my hand and seal this day of July 1864.

Witness my hand and seal in the presence of Elizabeth Little (Sister) who being the same in the presence of

Witness, P. Richardson
W. W. Little

2^d March 1864

State of North Carolina, Court of Chancery and Quarter Sessions
Swain County, 3^d July Term 1864

Then the foregoing last will and Testament of Elizabeth Little was duly proven in open Court by the oath of P. Richardson a subscribing Witness thereto, who also proved the hand writing of W. W. Little the other subscribing witness thereto, whereupon said Will was ordered to be read and was duly qualified according to laws by said said Will, and letters testamentary ordered to issue.

P. J. Crippedge Clerk

Elizabeth Little, last Will & Testament

State of North Carolina, 3^d Elizabeth Little, of the County and State of North Carolina do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others, with hereof made by me, as follows.

- 1st I give and bequeath unto my son George W Little the sum of five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.
- 2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas L Little five shares of Stock in the Merchants Bank of North Carolina at Cheraw to him and his heirs forever.
- 3rd I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Bennett the sum of five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.
- 4th I give and bequeath unto my son William Little the sum of five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.
- 5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary W Little five shares of Stock in the Merchants Bank of North Carolina at Cheraw to him and his heirs forever.
- 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Stanback five shares of Stock in the Merchants Bank of North Carolina at Cheraw to him and his heirs forever.
- 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Little a negro woman by the name of Fizz Costas to him and his heirs forever.
- 8th I give and bequeath unto my son Frank Little a negro boy by the name of George to him and his heirs forever.
- 9th I give and bequeath unto my son John Little a negro woman by the name of Mary, also my better bed, chest of drawers and all the boxes, and trunks in and about the bedroom, and also all the boxes, barrels, and milliners that are in and about the great mill tale measure and half barrel to him and his heirs forever.
- 10th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Andrew Little five shares of Stock in the Merchants Bank of North Carolina at Cheraw, to him and his heirs forever.
- 11th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Charlotte Steele the sum of five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.
- 12th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Little and Anna Little and my son John Little all of my household and kitchen furniture and all the boxes, in and about the smoke house, meat house & cellar share and share alike to them and their heirs forever.
- 13th Should a crop be planted on my farms at the time of my death

for any part of it, my will is that the negroes, and negroes and horses, remain on said farms until the same be sold, and the proceeds thereof equally divided between my son, George W Little, Thomas Little, John Little, Frank Little and John Little and my daughter, Elizabeth Little, Mary Little, Ann Little, Andrew Little and Charlotte Steele by and to be received by my Executor hereinafter named in any way he may think best.

14th The balance of my property, not heretofore disposed of in this my last will and Testament I wish equally divided by my Executor hereinafter naming date or otherwise as he may think best equally between my son, George W Little, Thomas Little, William Little, Frank Little and John Little and my daughter, Elizabeth Stanback Mary Little, Ann Little, Andrew Little and Charlotte Steele.

15th I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son George W Little Executor to this my last will and Testament given under my hand and seal this day of March 1854 signed & sealed in the presence of Elizabeth Little (sister) of the testator the same in the presence of

Witness, O Richardson
H A Seal

Elizabeth Little (sister)

2^d March 1854

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Queen County, 3^d July Term 1854

Then the foregoing last will and Testament of Elizabeth Little is duly proved in open Court by the oath of O Richardson a subscribing witness thereto, who also proves the hand writing of H A Seal the other subscribing witness thereto, whereas said will was ordered to be read when George W Little the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified according to laws to execute said will, and his Testamentary, ordered to give

R J Coppedge Clerk

Isaac Phillips Last will and Testament

In the name of God, Amen, I, Isaac Phillips of the County of Sumner State of North Carolina do make publick and declare the following to be my ~~last~~ last will and Testament hereby revoking and declaring ~~and~~ all and every other will or wills by me at any time heretofore made

1st I desire that all my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid by my Executors, out of the first money that shall come into their hands after my death - belonging to my estate

2nd I devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly during her natural life or widowhood the following property, to wit: One Hundred and twenty five acres of land lying on the east side of Little Brown Creek to be conveyed and divided to two, to wit: to include the dwelling house where I now live and the out house, (these belonging to a negro woman named Mary and a negro girl named Sarah, a negro man named Daniel and a negro woman named Katy, and her three children Sam, Ben and David, and all the increase the said Sarah and Katy may have between the date of this will and the time of my death and all the increase the said Sarah may have hereafter and also give to my wife the sum of five hundred dollars more, to be paid to her by my Executors, also all the balance of the cash, money which may be remaining on hand at my death and the payment of my funeral expenses, and just debts, and the above legacy of five hundred dollars, said money, legacy, to be my own absolute property.

3rd I give my Son John Phillips, the sum of Ten dollars, in addition to what I have heretofore given him to be paid by my Executors, hereafter directed

4th I give to my Son William Phillips, the sum of Ten dollars, in addition to what I have heretofore given him, to be paid by my Executors, hereafter directed

5th I give to my Son Thomas Phillips the following property, to wit: All parcel of land which I now own lying on both sides of the road going to Little Brown Creek, containing about some hundred acres, Subject to the devise of One Hundred and twenty five acres, herein before given to my wife Polly during her natural life or widowhood, which is part of said tract, also one negro man named Edmund and a negro woman named Sarah and all the increase which said Edmund and Sarah have had and all the money purchased between the date

of this will, and the time of my death, the said Sarah to be subject together with her said increase, to the bequest herein before made of them to my wife Polly during her natural life or widowhood, the said Thomas Phillips to hold said lands and negroes Subject to the above exceptions to him and his heirs forever, excepting one acre of land including the green yard situated on said tract of land

6th I give and bequeath to my Son Jackson Phillips, my negro boy, Duffin and after the death or marriage of my wife Polly, my negro boy named and my negro woman Katy (wife of Daniel) and all the increase which she has heretofore had, and all she may have between the date of this will and the time of my death to him and his heirs forever.

7th I devise and bequeath to my daughter Sally Gaddy, child, Son and a half acre of land, adjoining Thomas, of Thomas, Gaddy, & others, on the waters of Jones Creek whereon she formerly lived, also one negro woman named Lydia and her increase from the date of this will to the time of my death to her and her heirs forever

8th I devise heretofore executed a deed of gift to my daughter Mary a negro woman named Abby and her increase in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Eliza wife of Peter Lowery, separate from her said husband, & to her heirs, child, and her lineal said heirs

9th I give and bequeath to my said wife Polly all my household and kitchen furniture

10th At the death or marriage of my wife Polly, I direct that the negro woman Sarah herein before given to my said wife during her life or widowhood be sold by my Executors and the proceeds of said sale equally divided between my three daughters, Sally Gaddy, Mary Gaddy, and Eliza Lowery

11th I direct that my Executors proceed to collect and all the debts that may be owing to me at the time of my death, whether by bonds, notes, upon accounts or otherwise and the proceeds thereof I give to my said three daughters, Sally Gaddy, Mary Gaddy, and Eliza Lowery, equally, to be divided between them after the payment of the money legacy to my wife mentioned in the 2nd clause of this will.

12th The residue of my Estate, Consisting of my real estate, stock of any kind, crops and other personal property not herein before specifically bequeathed I direct to be sold by my Executors, and the proceeds equally divided between my three daughters.

13th In the event of my said wife Polly dying during my life time then the five hundred dollars in money, and the balance of ready money on hand at my death I direct to be equally

divided between my said three daughters, and if either of my said three daughters should die during my life, leaving no lawful issue then surviving then all the property and effects herein after given to them shall go to the survivor or survivors, and their legal representatives. 11th I direct that the legacies of Ten dollars each in the 3rd and 4th items of this will mentioned, be paid to the said legates out of the proceeds of the sale of the residue of my property in the 14th Clause mentioned, before the same is divided.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my two sons, Thomas Phillips and Jackson Phillips and my friend George W. Little Executors, to this, my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I Jacob Phillips, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of August 1833 Signed Sealed published and attested in presence of us who have subscribed the name of witnesses in his presence and at his request the date above stated.

Carl Tandy,
Patrocks Roggen

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
of Alamog County, July Term 1837

Then the foregoing last will and Testament of Jacob Phillips was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Carl Tandy, and Patrocks Roggen the two subscribing witnesses, then and ordered to be recorded, whereupon Thomas Phillips, one of the Executors therein named was duly qualified as Executor of said will and Testament and obtained letters testamentary of the Court.

J. C. Coppage 210

State of North Carolina

Alamog County } I George Dunlap of said County State being of full health, but of sound mind, do make and constitute this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all others. In the name of God amen. I shew commend my soul to God who gave it, in hope of his acceptance of eternal life through Jesus Christ my Lord, and in gratitude for temporal blessings bestowed on me, by the gift of all good, I shew dispose of them as follows viz.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Hannah D. one third of my plantation on the South Side of the River, to be laid off so as to include my present residence & all necessary out houses, I also wish her to have two of my negroes of her own choice, & as much of my crop, which may be in hand, when I die, as will be sufficient for an ample support for one year - I also wish her to have as many of my horses, mules, cattle, hogs & such as she wishes, and as much of my household & kitchen furniture as she may wish.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my son Benjamin D. Dunlap, my plantation called the fork, containing 640 acres, more or less, which I bought of James D. Leach.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to my son Joseph D. Dunlap, the balance of my home plantation on the South Side of the River, not willed to his mother, to him this time - and also that part willed to his mother, after her death.

Item 4th My Will I wish is that all my property not willed as above, shall be valued by disinterested neighbors & equally divided among my four children or their heirs, viz. Benjamin D. Eliza Jane Watkins Joseph D. & Nancy Ann McIndenballe & their heirs forever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of June in the year of our Lord 1835 In presence of

Annala Watkins
J. H. Dunlap
P. H. Lewis

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
of Alamog County } January Term 1836

Then the foregoing last Will and Testament of George Dunlap was exhibited in open Court and duly proven upon the oath of Annala Watkins and P. H. Lewis his subscribing witnesses, then and there being no Executor named in said Will eligible of administration with the Will annexed was granted to Christopher Watkins who came into open Court and gave bond and security and was duly qualified as such.

William Morgan's last will and testament.

In the name of God amen. I William Morgan of the County of Marion and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and wishing to arrange all my temporal matters, which in the enjoyment of my natural and mental faculties do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner and form following (Wiz) That and principal of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my friends, and as touching such worldly estate as I have, I have bequeathed to be divided among my children and my wife Sarah Morgan as follows (Wiz) That I give and bequeath to all my just debts be paid out of money or land and so, that my wife and children be at my death satisfied the should in a deficiency of assets the balance to be divided out of my own property.

1st I give and bequeath to the children of John Morgan my wife Sarah Morgan, and to my son David Morgan fifty dollars, one of also give to the children of my son Robert Morgan one hundred dollars.

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Charles Morgan fifty acres of land adjoining of lands of William M. Rushing, beginning at my corner, not to leave Rushing, and running with my line in a Northern direction, where it stands and thence extend to the beginning, so as to make a tract of fifty acres.

3rd I give and bequeath that all of my estate both real and personal be equally divided between my son John C. Morgan and Charles Morgan and my daughter Sarah Morgan after paying all my just debts and funeral charges, and the distribution charges, according to this my last will and testament that the said John C. Morgan and Charles Morgan and Sarah Morgan have possession of all the balance of my estate and use and dispose of the same at pleasure.

4th I do hereby make and ordain my beloved sons, John C. and Charles Morgan my executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of November 1860.

Witness and sealed in presence of
 A. Rushing
 William Morgan

State of North Carolina, County of Marion, and District of Spotsylvania
 Given publicly January Term 1860

Then the foregoing last will and testament of William Morgan

was exhibited in open Court and duly proven by the oaths of Daniel Rushing and William Tinsley Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon John C. Morgan, Charles Morgan, the Executors, therein named, accordingly qualified and their Testaments were ordered to be filed.

13th of July 1860

How Hannah Moores Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen: I, Rosannah Moore of the County of, Swain and
State of North Carolina being of a sound and disposing mind and memory,
but considering the uncertainty of life, do make and declare this my last will
and testament, in manner and form, that is to say: First, that my Executors
(whosoever he named) shall provide for my ^{that} ~~body~~ decent burial, suitable
to the wishes of my relations, and friends, and pay all my debts, to whom
owing, out of the first moneys, that may come into their hands, as part or
parcel of my estate. Second. It is my will and desire

parcel of my estate, second. It is my will and desire
 that all my estate both real and personal, and any and all other
 property to me belonging be sold, and the proceeds, arising therefrom
 be evenly divided among all my children and paid over to them
 in equal proportions, share and share alike to them and each one, my sons
 & friends, then Executors, Administrators, and assigns, absolutely, forever, Elizabeth
 Chapman to be represented by her children, and Sarah B. Westbrook, for
 children, the share of proportions part which would have gone to Elizabeth
 & Chapman but she have survived me to be equally divided between
 Charles; the share of my daughter, William and Cornelia to be paid
 to them, and the share of Thomas and Rebecca to their father, and in like
 manner be divided, & administered but which would have gone to them to
 their mothers share survive me, be paid in trust for my sons, John & Moore
 and William H. Moore, and to be by them expended in the support and education
 of my grand children, Elizabeth Westbrook Sarah Westbrook, Maria Westbrook, Stephen
 Westbrook, Ezra Westbrook and Columbus Westbrook; the same share to be held
 for their common benefit until the youngest survives her, or, if age, when
 the residue of said share, if there be any, may be divided equally between them
 living. And lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons John
 & Moore and William H. Moore my lawful Executors, to all intents and purposes
 to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning
 of the same, and every part and clause thereof - hereby making and bolstering utterly
 void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made,

to which, whist, the said Rosamond Moore, do hereby set my hand and seal, this 10th day of November. A.D. 1807

Respectfully,
 Yours Truly,
 Samuel M. Reed

Liquid sealed, published & declared by the said
Rowland Mowd to be his last will and testament.

Remained Married to her last will and testament

in the presence of us who at his request and
in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses
thereof.

Albert Meyer

Sarah H. Lowmy

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Superior Court } April Term 1860

Dugan County 3 April Term 1860

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Abner M. Moore was read for probate and duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Abner Myers and John L. May, two subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. Whereas John Moore and William H. Moore came into open Court and immediately, jointly as Executors, to execute said will, and letters testamentary were ordered to issue

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Henry Diggs last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen

I Henry Diggs of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and disposing understanding and calling to mind that is appointed for man once to die and after this the judgment do with the 16th day of June in the year of our Lord 1860 make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following form.

I first it is my wish and desire that all my just debts should be paid and in case they cannot be paid without selling property then I wish it to be in the power of my Executor to sell so much of my negro property as he may think proper and with the money arising from said sale pay off all my debts.

(I then signed) all the remainder of my property both real and personal to be kept together on the premises for the purpose of raising and supporting the family my Executor to see that there is no unnecessary waste made of said property and after my children is all raised and educated the youngest child arriving to the age of twenty one years then I wish there should be an equal division of all the property that may be on hand at that time among my wife and all my children each to share and share alike.

And lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my worthy friend William Clark Esq. Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all Wills made by me at any time heretofore declaring this and only this to be my last will and Testament signed sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of the Witnesses who together with himself were all present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Witness My Hand

Henry Diggs Seal

Benjamin Thomas

State of North Carolina, County of Anson and Quarter Session
Anson County, 1 October Term 1860

Then the foregoing last Will and Testament of Henry Diggs was offered for probate and duly proven in Open Court by the Oaths of Wm. H. Cox and Benjamin Thomas the two subscribing witnesses thereto and said Will was ordered to be recorded - Whereupon William Clark was duly qualified as Executor to execute said Will and Letters Testamentary were ordered to issue.

P. J. Coppedge Clerk

John Headers last Testament

I John Headers of the County of Anson & State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory, but being aware of the uncertainty of this mortal life do hereby make certain this to be my last Will & Testament in the manner & form following that is to say - In the first place my will & desire is that my body shall be decently buried to me according to the rites of the Gospel & that I shall pay the charges incident to my funeral, I will my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the funds that shall first come into his hands as part of my Estate -

Secondly my will & desire is that after such debts & expenses are paid all the balance of my property of every kind both real & personal as well as all money, notes & other choses in action belonging to my Estate shall go & belong to my wife, & upon her death & she being deceased then to her heirs forever.

And I do lastly, in account of the trust & confidence I have in my said wife, & sons & them being appointed her sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 1st day of October A.D. 1861 John Headers Seal

Signed Sealed & published in the presence of us, & at the request of the Testator we affix our names as witnesses.

W. H. Glas

W. J. Calhoun

State of North Carolina, County of Anson and Quarter Session
Anson County, 1 April Term 1861

Then the foregoing last Will and Testament of John Headers was offered for probate and duly proven in Open Court by the Oaths of Wm. H. Glas and Wm. J. Calhoun the two subscribing witnesses thereto and said Will was ordered to be recorded - Whereupon Agnes Headers the sole Executor therein named came into Open Court and was duly qualified as Executor to execute said Will, and letters testamentary were ordered to issue.

P. J. Coppedge Clerk

Henry Diggs last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen

I Henry Duggs of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and disposing understanding and calling to mind that is appointed for man once to die and after this the judgment do within the 16th day of June in the year of our Lord 1888 make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following form.

Now first is my wish and desire that all my just debts should be paid and in case they cannot be paid without selling property then I wish it to be in the power of my Executor to sell so much of my Negro property as he may think proper and with the money arising from said sale pay off all my debts.

(Item) Second) all the remainder of my property, both real and personal to be kept together on the premises for the purpose of raising and supporting the family and I desire to see that there is no unnecessary waste made of said property and after my children is all raised and educated the youngest child arriving to the age of twenty one years then I wish there should be an equal division of all the property that may be on hand at that time among my wife and all my children each to share and share alike

And lawfully I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my worthy
friend William Leach Sole Executor of this my last will
and Testament hereby making and making void all Wills made
by me at any time heretofore declaring this and only this
to be my last Will and Testament signed Sealed published
and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament
in the presence of the Witnesses who together with himself were all
present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Witness My Hand
at New York this 10th day of June 1880

Wilbur N. F. Love

Henry Digg, Seal

Benjamin Hinom

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Anson County } October Term 1866

Then the foregoing last Will and Testament of Henry Diggs was offered
and duly proved in Open Court by the Oaths of Wm Cox and Margaret
Anson the two subscribing witnesses thereto and said Will was ordered to be
recorded - Whereupon William Clark was duly qualified as
Executor to execute said Will and Letters Testamentary were ordered
to issue
P. J. Coppedge Clk

J. H. Oppidge CLK

John & Neanders' last Testament

I, John Henderson of the County of Anson & State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind & memory, but being aware of the uncertainty of this mortal life, do hereby make & certify this to be my last will & testament in the manner & form following, that is to say - In the first place, my will & desire is that my body shall be decently buried to me according to Christian custom, & that I will pay the charges incident to my funeral, & all my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the funds that shall first come into the hands of my executor of my Estate -

Secondly, my will & wish is that after such debts repaid, & unpaid, all the balance of my property of every kind, both real & personal, as well as all money, notes & other choses in action belonging to me & late State go. belong to my Wife, & my said Son & all Party devise the same to her & her heirs forever.

And I do testify, in account of the trust & confidence I have in you said
Niece, I am now hereby appoint her to be Executor of this most
Will & Testament -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 2nd day of October, A.D. 1961.

Signed Sealed & published
in the presence of us, & at the
request of the Testator we affix
our names as witnesses,

N. H. Glas

W. J. Black

State of North Carolina, County of Johnston,
 Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions,
 April Term 1861

Then the foregoing last Will and testament of John Headees was offered
for probate and duly proven in open Court by the oaths of S^r William H^{on}
Clap and W^m J. Estlin two Justices of the peace there and ordered
to be recorded - Whereupon Agnes Heade the Executrix then in name
came into open Court and was duly qualified as Executrix to
execute said Will, and being testametary was ordered to open
13. Eppesdodge Clerk

13. Coppin & Co.

Duncan Livingston's Mill

Arth Karolina }

Known hereby, I Duncan Livingston of the State of North Carolina and
County of Anson being of sound mind & memory and in the face of God, declare
the following to be my last will & testament:

Art. 10th I Leguate to my beloved wife, Martha Livingston, all my land lying north of the ridge road, known as my home tract, to have and to hold during her natural life - After her death I wish this tract of land sold & the money equally divided among all my children.

Art (2nd) I wish my Executors Angus and Alexander Livingston to sell my
full tract of land for the purpose of paying my debts -

Art (3^d) I bequeath to my wife, my negro woman Patsy and her three children (born) Samp, George and Daniel, also my negro woman Lucy to have and to hold, during her natural life, then to be equally divided among all my children -

Sept 16th I brought to my wife all my crop of Corn & rye, wheat, Shuck, & straw
- and, also my hogs and cattle & two horses - also my Cart & my Shovel

Art 6th I wish my Executors to sell my present crop of Cotton and the proceeds to assist in paying my debts -

Art 6. I bequeath to my wife all my household & kitchen furniture. I save one bed to each of my daughters, to have and to hold during her natural life, then to be equally divided among my daughters, & then Martha & Susan.

Art. 7. I bequeath to my Son Alexander twenty five dollars in money for the purpose of buying him a horse—

And I pledge to my son Luke Seventy five dollars in money for the purpose
of buying him a horse—

Art 9. I give unto my son Isaac Cook one hundred dollars for the purpose of defraying his expenses at School during a

Apr 10. All articles herein not included I sign with to my wife, during her natural life.

At 11. If the property shown let apart for paying my debt should fall short
of having my house in it

of paying my debt, if should full short of giving my sons back and
Alexander the money I have bequeathed to them, then in that case
I wish my Bo. & S. to be paid.

and my intention to sell my boy Hampton and the proceeds to be set
apart for those purposes—

Nov 12. I appoint my two Sons A. M. & Alexander Livingston as Executors of the
my last Will & Testament, October 5th 1860. *Duncan Livingston*

John H. Smith
H. H. H. H. H.

State of North Carolina } County of Hay & Quarter Sepm. October Term 1861
Anson County } There the foregoing last Will and testament of

Duncan Livingston was admitted in open Court and the execution being duly sworn
 by the oath of Mr. Klop and John Schmitt the two Subscribing witnesses thereunto
 when Angus Livingston and Alexander Livingston the subscribing witnesses
 named were duly qualified to execute said Will and sitting down
 they were ordered to sign and said Will ordered to be recorded

M. Coddridge Clerk

Duncan Livingston's Will

North Carolina }
Anson County } I Duncan Livingston of the State of North Carolina and
County of Anson being of sound mind & memory and in the face of God declare
the following to be my last will & testament.

Art (1st) I bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha Livingston, all my land
lying north of the ridge road, known as my home tract, to have and to hold
during her natural life - After her death I wish this tract of land sold & the
money equally divided among all my children.

Art (2nd) I wish my Executors Angus and Alexander Livingston to sell my
full tract of land for the purpose of paying my debts -

Art (3rd) I bequeath to my wife, my negro woman Patsy and her three children
(wits) Hamp, George and Daniel, also my negro woman Lucy to have
and to hold, during her natural life, then to be equally divided among
all my children -

Art (4th) I bequeath to my wife all my crop of Corn & fodder, wheat, Shucks & cotton
- seed, also my hogs and Cattle & two horses - also my Cart & my Shop tools

Art (5th) I wish my Executors to sell my present crop of Cotton and the proceeds
to apply in paying my debts -

Art 6 I bequeath to my wife all my household & kitchen furniture, Save one bed
to each of my daughters, to have and to hold during her natural life, then to be
equally divided among my daughters, Ellen, Martha & Susan -

Art 7 I bequeath to my son Alexander twenty five dollars in money for the purpose
of buying him a horse -

Art 8 I bequeath to my son Coke twenty five dollars in money for the purpose
of buying him a horse -

Art 9 I bequeath to my son Isaiah Coke one hundred dollars for the purpose
of defraying his expenses at School, during one year -

Art 10 All articles herein not included I bequeath to my wife, during
her natural life -

Art 11 If the property I have set apart for paying my debts should fall short
of paying my debts, or should fall short of giving my sons Coke and
Alexander the money I have bequeathed to them, then in that case
I wish my Executors to sell my boy Hampton and the proceeds to be set
apart for those purposes -

Art 12 I appoint my two sons Art & Alexander Livingston as Executors of this
my last Will & Testament, October 5th 1860.
Duncan Livingston

John H. Smith

John H. Smith

State of North Carolina

Anson County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1861
These the foregoing last Will and Testament of

Duncan Livingston was exhibited in open Court and the execution thereof dispensed
by the oath of John H. Smith the two subscribing witnesses thereto
where Angus Livingston and Alexander Livingston the executors therein
named were duly qualified to execute said Will and Letters Testamentary
were ordered to issue and said Will ordered to be recorded

J. H. Smith Clerk

John Sturdivant Senr's Will

In the name of God: Amen: I, John Sturdivant Senr. of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, do make, publish, and declare the following to be and contain my last will and testament; hereby revoking, and declaring void any and all other Will or Wills, by me at any time heretofore made:

Item 1st My will is that all my just debts be paid out of my crop, money, notes and other evidences of debt owing to me at my death, and out of the hire of the following negroes, which I desire my Executor to keep in possession for that purpose, viz, Dick, Sidney, Anon, Harry, Reuben, Daniel, and old Nancy; and after the payment of my debts, I give, devise, and bequeath to my kind and beloved wife Sarah, the following property, real and personal, to wit, the land and plantation whereon I now live, containing about three hundred and forty acres, and three negro Slaves, viz, Sidney, Eliza, and Minny (that is little Minny) also all my household and kitchen furniture, and so much of my flock of horses, mules, Cattle, hogs, and stock of every other description, and plantation farming tools as she may need and think proper to select and retain; to have said real and personal property during her natural life; and at her death, I give the negro Sidney to my daughter Harriet, wife of David Bennett, subject to the same limitation and restrictions as are herein after provided in reference to the other property given to my said daughter Harriet; and the negro Eliza and little Minny, at the death of my said wife, I give together with their future increase, born after the date of this Will, to my two grand-children, John, Son of H. B. Willingsby, and John W. Son of Holcomb Sturdivant, equally to be divided between them, by my Executor; I also give to my said wife to dispose of as she may think proper, a negro woman named Charlotte and her children now born, and all her future increase, born after the date of this Will, and a negro boy named Richmond.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my son Holcomb Sturdivant three negroes, viz, John (now in his possession) and Nancy and Reuben and their future increase, born after the date of this will, together with all the other property of every description, which I have heretofore given, to him and his heirs;

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza, wife of H. B. Willingsby, seven negroes, viz, Mary, Leon, Calvin, Nancy (Leon's child), Nelson, Adeline, and Keller, daughter of Leon, with their future increase, born after the date of this Will, to have during her natural life, and at her death, said negroes and their said increase to be equally divided between the children of said Eliza, who may be living at that time, and the issue of such as may be dead, as their legal representatives;

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet, wife of David

Bennett, to her sole and separate use, not to be subject to the liabilities or control of her said husband, during her natural life, the following negroes, viz, Anon and her daughter Belle, Jane, and Reuben, and their increase born after the date of this will, and at her death, said negroes and their said increase to equally divided between the children of my said daughter that may be living at her death, and the issue of such as may not be then living, as their legal representatives, and in the event of the death of my said daughter Harriet, leaving no children nor the issue of such, her surviving then said negroes and their said increase to be equally divided among my other children and the legal representatives of such as may not be then living except the children of my son George & William, who are not to have any share of the same, subject to the same limitations and restrictions as are herein provided, in reference to the property herein given to them respectively.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy wife of Arhemiah T. Liles, during her natural life, for sole and separate use and benefit, not to be subject to the debts, liabilities, or control of her said husband, the following negro Slaves, to wit, Harry, Anica, Delia, Hammet, Anderson, Susan, Deborah, and Maria, and all their increase born after the date of this will, together with all the other property heretofore given her by me, and at her death to be equally divided between the children of my said daughter Lucy, and the issue of such as may not be then living, as their legal representatives, subject also to the further limitations and restrictions mentioned in the 6th Item of this will.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances, to her sole and separate use and benefit, not to be subject to the debts, liabilities or control of any husband she may have, and during her natural life, the following negroes, to wit, little Anica, Charles, Wiley, Anson, Eliak, Sandy, and Henrietta, and their increase born after the date of this will, and all the other property heretofore given to her by me, and at her death, should she have a husband her surviving, I give and bequeath one third in value of said negroes and other property to him and the other two thirds of said negroes and other property, and in case she should have no husband her surviving, then the whole of said negroes and other property, I direct to be equally divided between her children and the issue of such as may not be then living, as their legal representatives, subject also, to the further limitations and restrictions mentioned in the 7th Item of this will.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my son David Sturdivant four

negroes, viz, Cain, Ann, Winnyan old woman, and Eli, together with all the other property heretofore given him by me both Real and personal, to him and his heirs.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my son Alexander Patrick Sturdivant, the following property, to wit, all the land which I now own, after the death of my said wife, also all the household & kitchen furniture, and all the stock of every description which may remain and be on hand at the death of my wife; I also give and bequeath to my said son ten negroes, viz, Daniel, Mary, children Martha, William, Charlotte, Julia, Harry, Isaac, Andrew, and Joseph, and their increase born after the date of this will, to have said Real and personal property to him and his heirs, subject to said life estate to my wife in the land and perishable property.

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline, wife of James Grimshy during her natural life, and to her sole and separate use and benefit, not to be subject to the debts, liabilities or control of her said husband, the following property, to wit, negroes Matilda, Joseph son of Eliza, Alice, Sidney, and Arthur, together with all the other property I have heretofore given her, and the increase of said negroes born after the date of this will, and at her death, said negroes and their increase to be equally divided between her children, and the issue of such as may not be living at that time, as their legal representatives, and subject also to the further limitations and restrictions mentioned in the 4th Item of this will.

Item 10th I give and bequeath to Elizabeth B. Billingsly the following negroes, viz, old Adeline and her children named, Essie, Rachel, Maria, and Nancy, and Ellis, and their increase born after the date of this will, and the sum of three hundred and forty five dollars and twenty three cents and the interest thereon from the 10th September 1856, in cash, to be taken out of my estate in the same way that I have provided for the payment of my debts, said Billingsly to hold said negroes and money in trust, to pay over to my son John H. Sturdivant during his natural life, the hire, interest, and profits annually arising and accruing therefrom, after deducting the necessary expenses incident thereto, and at the death of my said son John, then said trust to terminate, and said negroes & increase and said money to be equally divided, the children of said John H. Sturdivant, and the issue of such as may not be then living, as their legal representatives; subject also to the further limitations

and restrictions mentioned in the 4th Item of this will.

Item 11th I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Lydia Frances Sturdivant, daughter of my son George D. a negro boy named Albert, to her sole and separate use during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between her children then living and the issue of such as may be dead, as their legal representatives, subject also to the further limitations and restrictions mentioned in the 4th Item of this will.

Item 12th I give and bequeath to Mary Sturdivant widow of my son George D. Sturdivant dec'd five dollars, with all other property heretofore given her.

Item 13th I give and bequeath to Ann Sturdivant widow of my son William H. Sturdivant five dollars with all other property heretofore given to her.

Item 14th I give & bequeath to my grandson Theodore son of my son Wm H. Sturdivant five dollars with all other property heretofore given him.

Item 15th I give and bequeath to W B. Billingsly my negro man Dick, whom I now value at fifteen hundred dollars, on condition that he shall pay to my daughter Carrie two hundred and fifty dollars, to be subject to the same limitations and restrictions mentioned in the 4th Item of my will. and I shall also hold in trust, the sum of five hundred dollars for the benefit of my son John H. in the same manner mentioned in the 10th Item of this will, and subject also to the same ultimate limitations and restrictions in said Item mentioned; and if at my death, said negro Dick shall not be considered worth so much as fifteen hundred dollars, then said Billingsly to pay in proportion according to the above direction, on such sum as he is disinterested, men shall say Dick is worth at my death; the balance of said Dick's valuation to be held by said Billingsly to his own use and benefit.

Item 16th If said W B. Billingsly, in his discretion, shall think it best, I authorize him to use the money herein provided for the benefit of my son John H. & his children in the purchase of a negro to be held under the same trusts and limitations & restrictions, for the benefit of the same persons, for whom the money is herein directed to be held;

Item 17th If, after my death, or before, any of my children, or grand children, or their legal representatives, shall sue for and

neither, or in any other way gain possession, otherwise than by fair purchase, of any of the negroes which were sold by my son George D. Sturdivant in the State of Matamor or some other Southern State, or any of their increase; that it is my will, and I do direct, that they or either or each of them as shall so recover said negroes or any part of them, shall thereby forfeit and lose all right ^{title} and interest in and to any and all property of every description given to them in this will, whether the same be immediate or in remainder, absolute & vested, or contingent, and said property so forfeited shall, with all its increase, shall be equally divided between my other children who may be living at that time, and the issue of such as may be dead, as their legal representatives, under the same limitations & restrictions as the other property herein given them respectively.

Lastly - I nominate and appoint my son-in-law H. B. Willingby Executor of this my last will and Testament - signed, sealed, published & declared to be such, in the foregoing pages, the last will & testament of John Sturdivant Senr. by him in our presence, this 20th November 1857 -
 Tho^s. J. Polk
 A. Biles

Whereas, I John Sturdivant Senr. have, by my last will and testament, in writing, duly executed bearing date the 20th day of November 1857 - given and bequeathed to my son Alexander Patrick Sturdivant, among other things, the following negroes, to-wit, Mary, Harry, Isaac, Joseph, and Andrew, And I, the said John Sturdivant Senr. being desirous of altering my said will in respect to the bequest of the above named negroes and such of their increase as may have been born since the date of my said will, or which may hereafter be born, do therefore make this present writing, which I will and direct to be annexed as a Codicil to my said will, and taken as a part thereof; and I do hereby revoke the said legacy and bequest of the above named negroes and their said increase by my said will given to my said son Alexander Patrick Sturdivant, and I do hereby give and bequeath said negroes and their said increase to my son Cassell Sturdivant and my daughter, Eliza, wife of H. B. Willingby, Lucy Ann wife of H. B. Biles, Harriet, wife of David Bennett, and Sarah Caroline wife of James Brimley, equally to be divided between them; and the shares allotted to my said daughter to be subject to the same limitations, restrictions, and remainders, as are provided & directed in respect to the property bequeathed to them respectively in my said last will and testament; and upon

John Sturdivant Senr.

condition also, that they shall pay in equal proportions, to my son John Sturdivant a note which he now holds against me and the interest thereon, the principal of which note is between three hundred and four hundred dollars; I do also, make this further ^{alteration} in my said will, to-wit, the sum of three hundred and forty five dollars and twenty three cents, mentioned in the 10th Item of my said will, is to have no interest from the date of my said will until the time of my death; and also I do hereby supply an omission in the 6th Item of my said will by directing the remaining two thirds of the negroes & other property named in said Item, after providing for a third to any possible surviving husband of my daughter Frances, to go to the same persons provided, to take the whole of the negroes & other property bequeathed in said 6th Item, in the event of my said daughter Frances having no husband then surviving; And I do ratify and confirm my said will in every thing, except where the same is hereby revoked and altered as aforesaid.

In Witness whereof, I, the said John Sturdivant Senr. have to this Codicil to my said last will & testament, set my hand and seal, this 13th December 1860 -
 John Sturdivant Senr.

signed, sealed, and published, by the said John Sturdivant Senr. as and for a Codicil to be added to and be considered as a part of his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have subscribed our names in his presence;
 J. P. Edwards
 R. H. Villerand

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
 Anson County } April Term 1862

Then the foregoing last will and testament of John Sturdivant Senr. was exhibited for probate in open Court by H. B. Willingby the Executor therein named and was duly proved by the oath of Tho^s. J. Polk and A. Biles the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and the due execution of the said testament and the said will by the said John Sturdivant Senr. was proved by the oath of J. P. Edwards and R. H. Villerand the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same was ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said H. B. Willingby, Executor as aforesaid came into open Court and requested leave to execute said will and Codicil which were duly proved, and John Sturdivant Senr. appointed Admonistrator with the will annexed of said John Sturdivant Senr. and was appointed to receive the sum of five thousand dollars with the said H. B. Willingby and Cassell Sturdivant as his securities and duly qualified as such by taking the oath provided by law.

J. P. Edwards, Clerk

Alexander Rickette's Will

I Alexander Rickette of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina do on this day of August A.D. 1861. make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows

First I give, my will and desire that my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter named out of the first money that may come into his hands, belonging to my Estate

Second I give and bequeath unto Ellen Rickette daughter of Reuben and Nancy Rickette the balance of my estate both real and personal but should she die without marrying or before she arrives at the age of twenty one years the property here given to her is to go to Calvin Alexander son of Smith and John J. Harmon

Third I hereby nominate and appoint George W. Little Executor to this my last will and testament the date above named

Witness

J. S. Arnold

A. G. Denton

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Anson County } April Term 1862

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Alexander Rickette was exhibited for probate in open Court, and the due execution thereof was proved by the oaths of J. S. Arnold and A. G. Denton the two subscribing witnesses thereto - It was thereupon ordered by the Court that said will be recorded

J. C. Springer Clerk

Attest Rickette Seal

Mary Dunn's Will

In the name of God Amen

I Mary Dunn of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being in firm in body but of sound memory and disposing mind; calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that I am appointed for all men once to die and after this judgment to make and ordain this my last will and testament Principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to be to the dust to be buried in decent Christian Burial; nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same in the general judgment. And as to my worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and bequeath the same in the following manner and form (to wit) I do give and bequeath unto my beloved grandson Riden H. Bennett and my beloved grand daughter Nancy Jane Ingram all and singular my house hold furniture of every description, with all my notes, Money and effects, with all and every thing wherein I have any little estate in this world to be equally divided between them the said Riden H. Bennett and Nancy Jane Ingram to them and their heirs to have and to hold forever, And I do hereby Ratify this to be my last will and testament revoking all other Will and Testaments by me heretofore made I subscribe of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of June A.D. 1862.

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of

Us

Geo. S. Hubbard

William B. Wiggins

Rowland Crump

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Anson County } October Term 1862

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Mary Dunn was exhibited in open Court and the execution thereof was duly proved by the oaths of Rowland Crump a subscribing witness thereto, and by the oath of Joseph White who proved that the writing of Riden H. Wiggins and said Wiggins was dead and who proved the handwriting of Geo. S. Hubbard and that said Geo. S. Hubbard was dead out of the State, and reported to be dead, whereupon said will and testament was ordered to be recorded

J. C. Springer Clerk

Witness
Mary J. Dunn Seal

Alexander Rickette's Will

I Alexander Rickette of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina do on this day of August A.D. 1861, make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows

First I do my will and desire that my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter named out of the first money that may come into his hands belonging to my estate

Second I give and bequeath unto Ellen Rickette daughter of Pleason and Nancy Rickette the balance of my estate both real and personal but should she die without marrying or before she arrives at the age of twenty one years the property here given to her is to go to Calvin Alexander son of Smith and John J. Farmer

Third I hereby nominate and appoint George W. Little Executor to this my last will and testament the date above named

Witness

J. S. Arnold

A. G. Benton

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Anson County } April Term 1862

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Alexander Rickette was exhibited for probate in open Court, and the due execution thereof was proved by the oath of J. S. Arnold and A. G. Benton the two subscribing witnesses thereto. It was thereupon ordered by the Court that said will be recorded

J. S. Arnold

Alex Rickette Dead

Mary Dunn's Will

In the name of God Amen

I Mary Dunn of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being in perfect and sound memory and disposing mind; calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that I am appointed for all men once to die and after this judgment do make and ordain this my last will and testament Principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body body to the dust to be buried in decent Christian burial: nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same in the general judgment And as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and bequeath the same in the following manner and form (to wit) I do give and bequeath unto my beloved grandson Rodin H. Dennell and my beloved grand daughter Nancy Jane Ingram all and singular my house hold furniture of every description with all my notes, Money and effects; with all and every thing wherewith I have any little estate in this world to be equally divided between them the said Rodin H. Dennell and Nancy Jane Ingram to them and their heirs to have and to hold forever, And I do hereby Ratify this to be my last will and testament Revoking all other Will and testaments by me heretofore made I subscribe of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of June A.D. 1862.

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of

Wit

Geo S Hubbard

Richard D Winfree

Rowland Crump

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Anson County } October Term 1862

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Mary Dunn was exhibited in open Court, and the execution thereof was duly proved by the oath of Rowland Crump a substantial witness thereto, and by the oath of Joseph White who proved the handwriting of Richard D Winfree and said Winfree was dead, and who proved the handwriting of Geo S Hubbard and that said Geo S Hubbard resided out of the State, and reputed to be dead, whereupon said will and testament was ordered to be recorded

Mary Dunn Dead

J. S. Arnold

Mary Wendenhall's Mill.

I, Mary Mendenhall, being of sound mind and disposing memory and being diuine telling my worldly Affairs, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills & makings made

First. After my death I desire that all my just debts shall be paid with as little delay as possible.

Second, After the payment of all my just debts I give and bequeath to my friend Stephen W. Cole all the residue of my estate, real, personal mixed of any kind and denomination whatsoever, in special trust and confidence however for the use and benefit of my son William A. Mendonell and this said bequest shall not in any way be made liable for the payment of any debt my son William has contracted or may hereafter contract, but the income from said bequest shall be paid over annually by the said W Cole to my said son William for his support and maintenance. And I hereby leave it to the discretion of the said W Cole to invest my estate in any manner his own judgment may dictate for the benefit of my son William

Third, Should my son William die without having a lawful heir begotten
of his body, then the estate I give to Stephen W. Cole for his use and benefit
shall be equally divided between my two sons Nathan W. Hendenbhall and
Thomas L. Hendenbhall or to the survivor of them if either one should die
before my son William dies

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend Stephen M. Cole
Executor of this my last will and Testament
Signed, Read and published. Mary Mendenhall

in favour of us whose names
are herewith annexed this the
18th day of May A.D. 1857

John D. D.
Chas. Watkins

Chas Watkins

J. J. Ingram

State of North Carolina, County of _____ and Quarter Session,

Indian County } October Term 1862

October Term 1862

The foregoing last will and testament of Mary Henderson was exhibited in open Court and the execution thereof was duly proven by the oath of John Walling one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and by the oath of August Smith who proved the handwriting of William and that said William was at that time of this State and said last will and testament was duly recorded - whereupon Stephen W. Cole the executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as executor and letters testamentary were ordered to issue
 J. H. Coppes clerk

W. H. H. H. H.

Archibald Smith's Mill.

In the name of God Amen, I, Archibald Menzies, that it is apprehended once
for all the living to die, make this my last will and testament being of full
sane and perfect health but sound in mind and memory, do now
proceed to dispose of my worldly effects, which God in his kindness
has been pleased to bestow on me, { Item the 1st I will, my soul together
with my body to the dust } Item 2nd I will that
my Executors, have my body decently buried, just where they think
proper - { Item the 3rd I will to the heirs and lawful children of
John Smith Benjamin Smith and ^{Martha} Mary my Sisters Brothers, I mean
all the children of their bodies now living, one thousand dollars to
be divided equally among them all and paid over to them by my
Executors with interest from my death, { Item the 4th I will to Ellen
Caul, and wife Polly all my effects besides what is named above, to them
and their children, the understanding is that Polly Cauldel is not
to claim any part or interest in the part given to Ben Smith and
children above, and Salome and Aquath to Ellen Cauldel my
man Ephraim, and he is to take care of him during his lifetime and
if Ephraim should be the longest time the estate of Ellen Cauldel shall
be bound for his support. No debt, I owe none. If I do, my Executors
must pay them if I don't do it before my death, if I should accumulate
anything here after it all is to go to Ellen Cauldel's children and
I leave the said Ellen Cauldel and Eliza Blackwell my Executors
given under my hand and seal Signed, sealed and delivered in
presence of { this } 7 day of July 1862
Archibald Menzies J. Chas. Smith Secy

Mrs. Hunt

Arch. Smith

Joseph W. Hipe

State of North Carolina, County of Chatham, & Quentin Spencer,

Ann. Com. 17

October Term 1862

Then the foregoing last will & Testament of Archibald Smith said was exhibited in open Court for perusal & the execution thereof was duly proven by the oath of William Allen a subscribing ^{witness} thereto & by Dr. Allen & John Blackwell who proved the handwriting of Joseph W. Chiles the other subscribing witness thereto that said Chiles is not now a resident of North Carolina; the said Dr. Allen also proved that he saw the said Joseph W. Chiles the said Will Testament which was done by him of the said Joseph Chiles in the presence of the two of the said W. Chiles then present & by the Court that the said foregoing is the last will & Testament of the said Archibald Smith & that the same is a valid & legal & good & lawful Blackwell one of the said witnesses in the said last will & Testament of the said Archibald Smith came in & gave and examined his right hand to the same & Joseph Allen brought the other said certificate in said writing & gave and examined the same & the sum of five thousand dollars with William Allen & John Blackwell as witnesses, and it is ordered by the Court that the said last will & Testament of the said Archibald Smith be recorded.

Wm. C. Johnson Clerk

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Nancy Gaddy's Will

In the name of God Ammed Nancy Gaddy of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina do on this the 11th day of February A.D. 1861 make and publish this my last will and testament

First, I give all my property sold by my Executor herein after named and all my debt paid out of the proceeds of the same.

Second I give in Trust to George W Little for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Jane Gaddy so as not to be liable for the debts or contracts of any husband she may hereafter marry the balance of my Estate which is to be paid over to my said daughter Jane by said Trustee whenever called for by her and should she my said daughter Jane die without leaving a child upon living at the time of her death the balance remaining in said Trustee's hands if any at the time of my said daughter Jane's death to be paid to her brothers and Sisters living Share and Share alike

Third I hereby nominate constitute and appoint George W Little Executor to this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal the date above named

Witness

R H Littleman

Arch Livingston

State of North Carolina of County of Anson & District of Superior & Anson County January Term 1863

Then the last will and testament of Nancy Gaddy did was offered for probate and duly proven in open Court by the oaths of R H Littleman and Arch Livingston the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, whereupon George W Little the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified to execute said will and entered into bond in the sum of Five thousand dollars with Twenty Redfeather Security and obtained letters Testamentary

O H Hafford Clerk

Wm J Calwood's Will

I William J Calwood of Anson County North Carolina being in good health and of a sound disposing mind knowing that it is appointed for all men one time to make and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking all others, principally and first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God, that give it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my friends, as to the said worldly Estate, that it has been please God to bless me with, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Item the First, the two negroes Sam, Martha and Moses, about fourteen years of age, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law Alexander Biles and his wife, Francis Biles, said negroes and their increase forever -

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friends and Brother-in-law, Alexander Biles, Executor to this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, may part and divide things in writing whereof I the said William J Calwood, do hereby set my hand and seal, this 27. day of May 1862 Signed Sealed published and declared by the said William J Calwood to be his last will and testament in presence of us at his request, in his presence the

Witnesses

W A Crawford

W A Redfern

State of North Carolina of County of Anson & District of Superior & Anson County January Term 1863

Then the last will and testament of William J Calwood was offered for probate and duly proven in open Court by the oaths of W A Crawford and W A Redfern the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Alexander Biles the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified to execute said will and entered into bond in the sum of Five thousand dollars with Solomon M Simms and William S White Overman and obtained letters Testamentary

O H Hafford Clerk

Thomas Hendley Senr Will
State of North Carolina
Anson County -

I Thomas Hendley Senr of the County of Anson in the State of said
being now ⁱⁿ bed of affliction and being fully sensible of the uncertainty
of life, and of the certainty of death - and also being in the full
possession of my mental faculties, and of a sound and disposing
mind and memory - for which I feel very grateful, and being
desirous while in this condition to make such disposal of my
worldly effects ~~and~~ as to me seems just and proper - I do therefore
make and ordain this my last will and testament, as follows,
It is my will and desire that should, a negro man of mine named
Ephraim become untractable and unmanageable to be judged
of by my Executors herein named - that he and his wife Lucy should
be sold at public sale, ~~and~~ a reasonable credit to the highest bidder.

And as to the balance of my property both real and personal,
I desire it should be managed and disposed of in the same manner
to and among, my wife Elizabeth Hendley and my children as
though I had made no will, in other words, that the same
rules shall govern its management & distribution as governs the
management and distribution of property under the laws, & rules
by administration, & that the proceeds of sale of Ephraim &
Lucy if made shall go in the same way -

I do hereby nominate and appoint Nathl. Knight, and my
wife Elizabeth Hendley, my Executors and Executrix to this my
last will & testament, &c. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my name and Affixed my Seal this the 16th
day of June A.D. 1862

Signed Sealed and
delivered to be the
last will of Tho²

Hendley Senr in
presence of
Sol^r W. Allen
William ^{Junr} Hendley
W² S. Hendall

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } January Term 1863

Then the last will and testament of Thomas Hendley Senr deceased was
offered for probate and duly proven in open Court by the oath of

So W. Allen and W. S. Hendall two of the subscribing witnesses, who to and
or and to be recorded - Elizabeth Hendley the Executrix herein named
renounced her right to execute said will, and Nathl. Knight the
Executor herein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified
to execute said will and entered into bond in the sum of Ten
thousand dollars with W. S. Hendall, Joseph W. Allen and
Francis J. Clarke Securities and attornies before me, testifying
Elizabeth Hendley the widow disposes from it will. *W. S. Hendall*

Charlotte Clark's Will

In the name of God Amen I Charlotte Clark of ~~the County~~ ^{of them} and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and disposing understanding do on this the first day of March in the year of our Lord 1863 make and ordain this my last will and Testament and as to regards my worldly estate I wish it to be disposed of in the following manner—

First, I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin F. Clark one Bureau also one third of my sitting chair and one third of the pots and covers to him and his heirs forever—

2^d I give and bequeath to my son Samuel A. Clark one Sitter also one third part of my sitting chair and one third of the pots and covers also one clock to him and his heirs forever—

3, I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Clark one Sitter one (Married Sitter) also one clock and one third part of my sitting chair also one third part of all my pots and covers also one clock and one third of the above named six without being his part, to be equally divided among the other two—

4th I give and bequeath to my son Samuel A. Clark one folding table one chest also my cloth table I give to my son Joseph Clark also I give to my son Samuel A. Clark one Cow—

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Charlotte Clark (the one her father intended her to have) to her and her heirs forever—

6) It is my wish that my 12 dishes 12 Dishes and furniture to equally divided between my three sons namely Benjamin F. Clark Joseph B. Clark and Samuel A. Clark I wish my Cattle & Horses to be equally divided between my two sons Joseph B. Clark & Samuel A. Clark also I give to my son Samuel A. Clark my flower box and meat barrel the balance of the barrels I wish equally divided between my sons B. F. Clark & J. B. Clark and should them to anything else that I thought at the date of my late husband's (Wm. Clark's) which I have not disposed of in this my last will I wish it to be equally divided among my three sons namely B. F. Clark Joseph B. Clark & Samuel A. Clark And lastly I wish to constitute and appoint my friend Wm. Lee Sole executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void and all wills heretofore made by me declaring and entering this to be my last will and Testament in testimony whereof I Charlotte Clark the Testatrix have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal day and date first above written Signed

and sealed in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing this of

E. G. Clark

J. A. Clark

Charlotte Clark
mark

State of North Carolina, County of Hatteras, District of Hatteras
Jury Court } April Term 1863

Then the foregoing my last will and Testament of Charlotte Clark was offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath of E. G. Clark a subscribing witness thereto— Whereupon Wm. Lee the executor therein named came into open Court and announced his right to execute said will and thereupon Ernoch G. Clark was appointed Administrator with the will annexed of the said Charlotte Clark—he entered into bond in the sum of One thousand dollars with J. S. Smith Jr. & Wm. Lee Security he was duly qualified and obtained letters of Administration with the will annexed

Wm. Lee Judge Clerk

Charlotte Clark's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Charlotte Clark of ~~the County~~ ^{of the County} and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and disposing understanding do on this the first day of March in the year of our Lord 1863 make and ordain this my last will and Testament and as to make my worldly estate I wish it to be disposed of in the following manner:—

First, I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin A. Clark one Bureau also one third of my sitting chairs Pots and ovens to him and his heirs forever—

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Samuel A. Clark one Saddle also one third part of my sitting chairs and one third of the pots and ovens also one clock to him and his heirs forever—

3rd I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Clark one Scent Man (named Trump) also one clock and one third part of my sitting chairs also one third part of all my pots and ovens to him and his heirs forever and should either of the above named die without living his part is to be equally divided among the other two—

4th I give and bequeath to my son Samuel A. Clark one folding table also one Chest also my cloth stable I give to my son Joseph Clark also I give to my son Samuel A. Clark one Cow—

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Charlton one Cow (the one her Father intended her to have) to her and her heirs forever—

6th It is my wish that my Bedstead Beds and furniture to be equally divided between my three sons namely Benjamin A. Clark Joseph B. Clark and Samuel A. Clark such my Cash to be equally divided between my two sons Joseph B. Clark and Samuel A. Clark also I give to my son Samuel A. Clark my flower box and one third part of the balance of the household goods equally divided between my sons B. Clark J. B. Clark and should there be anything else that I thought at the date of my last will and Testament (which I have not disposed of in this my last will I wish it to be equally divided among my three sons namely B. Clark Joseph B. Clark and Samuel A. Clark And lastly I reserve to me by my last will and Testament hereby making and making void and all wills hereto made by me declaring and making this my last will and Testament in entire witness of Charlotte Clark the Testatrix have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal day and date first above written signed

and sealed in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

C. C. Clark

J. A. Clark

Charlotte Clark
mark

State of North Carolina, County of Hatteras, Beaufort, Pines,
Anson, Currituck } April Term 1863

Then the foregoing last will and Testament of Charlotte Clark was offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath of C. C. Clark a subscribing witness thereto— Whereupon W. H. Cox the executor therein named came into open Court and renounced his right to execute said will and thereupon Joseph B. Clark was appointed Administrator with the will annexed of the said Charlotte Clark—he entered into bond in the sum of five hundred dollars with Samuel Smith Jr & W. H. Cox Security he was duly qualified and obtained letters of Administration with the will annexed

J. B. Clark

A Copy & exemplification of the Will of Joseph P. Smith

In the name of God Almighty.

I, Joseph P. Smith, a resident of Spartanburg District South Carolina now as my Brother's William C. Smith in the County of Anson, State of North Carolina, being of sound mind, & memories considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish & declare this to be my last will & testament; That is to say: First, after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the residue of my estate, real & personal, I give & bequeath & dispose of as follows (To wit), To my beloved wife one third of all the residue both real & personal during her natural life, or an equal share with each of my children as she may select & the balance to be equally divided among my children (viz) Willie Smith, Cornelia Ann Johnson, Jos. P. Smith, Lillian A. Smith, William Samuel Smith, Wright Alice Smith, Annie Ash Smith, Shara & Shara alike, & I do make & constitute & appoint my beloved wife Mary A. Liff Smith & my brothers Wm C. Smith & Samuel Smith to be executors of this my last will & testament hereby making all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed, my name & affixed my seal the fourth day of November Eighteen hundred & eighty two.

J. P. Smith Seal
The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Joseph P. Smith in our presence & acknowledged by him to each of us and to at the same time published & declared the above instrument to be his last will & testament & we at the Testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses thereto and written opposite our names our respective residences

Test C. H. Asher Madelore Anson Co. S. C.

W. C. Condit Ansonville Anson Co. N. C.

Wm C. Smith Anson Co. N. C.

The foregoing last will & testament of J. P. Smith dec'd. was this day prom in common form by the evidence of Wm C. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered of record;

At the same time qualified Mrs. Mary A. Smith named Executrix & William C. Smith & Samuel Smith named Executors of said will & gave them letters warrant of appraisement. March 21. 1883

Jno. Earle Bomar
O. S. D.

South Carolina

Spartanburg District

In the Court of Ordinary.

I Jno. Earle Bomar Judge & Co. Off. Clerk of the Court of Ordinary for the aforesaid State & District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the will & probate of J. P. Smith, late of said District, dec'd, as on file & of record in my Office. Witness my hand & seal of Office this 24th day of March 1883

Jno. Earle Bomar
Judge & Co. Off. Clerk of the Court of Ordinary for Spartanburg Dist.

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Anson County

April Term 1883

Then the foregoing Copy and exemplification of the last will and Testament of Joseph P. Smith deceased, late a Citizen of Spartanburg District State of South Carolina, being produced and exhibited before the Court by which it appearing to the Court, that the original will had been duly proved and allowed in said State, according to the laws thereof, and it further appearing that said Copy and exemplification of the record of probate has been duly certified and authenticated, and that there is property of the said Testator Situate in this County; It is therefore ordered that said Copy and exemplification be allowed, filed, and recorded; and therefore William C. Smith and Samuel Smith for two of the Executors therein named were duly qualified as such and entered into bond in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars with Thomas W. Kendall and William C. Smith as their Sureties-

J. H. Coffey Clerk

A copy & exemplification of the Will of Joseph P. Smith

In the name of God Amen.

I, Joseph P. Smith, a resident of Spartanburg District South Carolina now as my Brother's William C. Smith in the County of Anson, State of North Carolina, being of sound mind, & memories considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish & declare this to be my last will & testament; That is to say:

First, after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the residue of my estate, real & personal, I give & bequeath & dispose of as follows (Vizt), To my beloved wife one third of all the residue both real & personal during her natural life, or an equal share with each of my children as she may select & the balance to be equally divided among my children (vizt) Willie Smith, Cornelia Ann Johnson, Jos. P. Smith, Gattie A. Smith, William Samuel Smith, Wright Alice Smith, Annie Aske Smith, Share & share alike, I further make constitute & appoint my beloved wife Mary A. Liff Smith & my brothers Wm C. Smith & Samuel Smith, to be executors of this my last will & testament hereby making all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal the fourth day of November Eighteen hundred & eighty two.

J. P. Smith Seal
The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Joseph P. Smith in our presence & acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published & declared the above instrument to be his last will & testament & we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses thereto and written opposite our names our respective residences

Test C. M. Aske Madelero Anson Co. S. C.

W. C. Kendall Ansonville Anson Co. N. C.

Wm C. Smith Anson Co. N. C.

The foregoing last will & testament of J. P. Smith dec'd was this day proven in common form by the evidence of Wm C. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered of record:

At the same time qualified Mrs. Mary A. Smith named Executrix & William C. Smith & Samuel Smith named Executors of said will & gave them letters testament of appraisement. March 21. 1883

Jno. Earle Bomar
O. S. D.

South Carolina

Spartanburg District

In the Court of Ordinary.

I Jno. Earle Bomar, Judge & Co. Off. Clerk of the Court of Ordinary for the aforesaid State & District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the will & probate of J. P. Smith, late of said District, dec'd, as on file & of record in my Office. Witness my hand & seal of Office this 24th day of March 1883

Jno. Earle Bomar
Judge & Co. Off. Clerk of the Court of Ordinary for Spartanburg Dist.

State of North Carolina, County of Anson, and District of Spartanburg
Anson County

April Term 1883

Then the foregoing Copy and exemplification of the last will and testament of Joseph P. Smith deceased, late a Citizen of Spartanburg District State of South Carolina, being produced and exhibited before the Court by which it appearing to the Court, that the original will had been duly proved and allowed in said State, according to the laws thereof, and it further appearing that said Copy and exemplification of the record of probate has been duly certified and authenticated, and that there is property of the said Testator Situate in this County; It is therefore ordered that said Copy and exemplification be allowed, filed, and recorded; and thereupon William C. Smith and Samuel Smith ex. lrs of the Executors therein named were duly qualified as such and entered into bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars with Thomas W. Kendall and William C. Smith as their Sureties-

J. H. Coffledge Clerk

A copy & exemplification of the Will of Joseph P. Smith

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Joseph P. Smith, a resident of Spartanburg District South Carolina now as my brother's William C. Smith in the County of Anson, State of North Carolina, being of sound mind, & memory, considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life, so therefore make, ordain, publish & declare this to be my last will & testament; That is to say: First, after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the residue of my estate, real & personal, I give & bequeath & dispose of as follows (To wit), To my beloved wife one third of all the residue both real & personal during her natural life, or an equal share with each of my children as she may select & the balance to be equally divided among my children (viz) Willie Smith, Cornelia Ann Johnson, Jos. P. Smith, Callie A. Smith, William Samuel Smith, Wright Alice Smith, Fannie Asha Smith, Share & share alike, I do hereby make constitute & appoint my beloved wife Mary Adiff Smith & my brothers Wm C. Smith & Samuel Smith, to be executors of this my last will & testament hereby making all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed, my name & affixed my seal, the fourth day of November Eighteen hundred & eighty two.

J. P. Smith Seal
The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Joseph P. Smith in our presence & acknowledged by him to each of us and to at the same time published & declared the above instrument to be subscribed to be his last will & testament & in at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses thereto and written opposite our names our respective residences

Test C. A. Ashe Notary Anson Co. S. C.

W. S. Kendall Anson with Anson Co. S. C.

Wm C. Smith Anson Co. S. C.

The foregoing last will & testament of J. P. Smith did & was this day put in common form by the evidence of Wm C. Smith one of the subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered of record:

At the same time qualified Mrs. Mary A. Smith named executrix & William C. Smith & Samuel Smith named executors of said will & gave them letters testament of appointment. March 21, 1883

Jno. Earl Bomar
O. S. D.

South Carolina

Spartanburg District

In the Court of Ordinary.

I Jno. Earl Bomar, Judge & Co. Off. Clerk of the Court of Ordinary for the aforesaid State & District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the will & probate of J. P. Smith, late of said District, dead, as on file & of record in my Office. Witness my hand & seal of Office this 21st day of March 1883

Jno. Earl Bomar
Judge & Co. Off. Clerk of Court of Ordinary
for Spartanburg Dist.

State of North Carolina, County of Anson
Benevolent and Quarter Sessions
April Term 1883

Then the foregoing Copy and exemplification of the last will and testament of Joseph P. Smith deceased, late a Citizen of Spartanburg District State of South Carolina, being produced and exhibited before the Court by which it appearing to the Court, that the original will had been duly proved and allowed in said State, according to the laws thereof, and it further appearing that said Copy and exemplification of the record of probate has been duly certified and authenticated, and that there is property of the said Testator situate in this County; It is therefore ordered that said Copy and exemplification be allowed, filed, and recorded; and thereupon William C. Smith and Samuel Smith for two of the Executors therein named were duly qualified as such and entered into bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars with Thomas W. Kendall and William C. Smith as their Sureties—

O. J. Coffey Judge Clerk

Benjamin Corington's Will

In the name of God; Amen: I Benjamin Corington, of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, do make, publish, and declare the following to be and contain my last will and testament: To wit: After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I desire and direct that all my estate, both real and personal, shall be divided into two equal parts; and one half my said estate, thus divided, I give, devise, and bequeath, equally to be divided among my brothers and sisters of the whole blood, and the legal representatives of such as may have died, (excluding the children of my Eliza Mother). The other half of my said estate I give, devise, and bequeath to Martha Candler, daughter of Sampson Candler; if however said Martha Candler, should either marry or die before my death, or if she shall marry after my death and then die leaving no issue her surviving, then or in either event, the estate herein given, devised, and bequeathed to her I desire, and so will and direct, shall go to the same persons to whom I have herein given the other half of my said estate. Lastly, I nominate and appoint my brother James M. Corington Executor of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby authorize and empower him to sell any portion of said estate, real or personal, he may deem necessary to facilitate a division; or such reasonable terms as he may think advisable. — In testimony whereof I Benjamin Corington have hereunto set my hand and seal the 15th March A.D. 1862.

Benjamin Corington *Test*

Witness

W. P. Kendall

P. C. Oppledge

P.S. I desire that my brother James M. Corington shall retain to his own use all the Commissions for administering on our father's estate — March 15th 1862

Benjamin Corington *Test*

Test W. P. Kendall

P. C. Oppledge

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } April Term 1863

Then the foregoing last last testament of Benjamin Corington was, offered for probate to the Court by the oath of W. P. Kendall and Oppledge the two subscribing witnesses thereunto and ordered to be recorded — Whereupon James M. Corington the Executor therein named appeared in open Court duly qualified to receive said last will and testament, and entered into bond in the sum of five thousand dollars with John Henry DeHorn and B. K. May as sureties, and the same was ordered to be given.

P. C. Oppledge *clerk*

Duncan Miron Sr. Will

In the name of God, Amen: I Duncan Miron Sr. of the County of Anson, State of North Carolina, do make, publish, and declare the following to be and contain my last will and testament; hereby revoking all others: Item 1st I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Miron one hundred dollars, to be paid to her by my Executor, out of the first money that shall come into his hands, in the current money of the State. Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my said wife one negro, her choice of the negroes of my estate, also my Buggy and harness, and one horse, her choice, said negro and other property, to be hers during her natural life, or widowhood, and on her death or marriage, the same with the increase of said negro after the date of this will, to be equally divided among the same persons, and on the same conditions & limitations, names and provided in the 4th Item of this will. Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my Executor two thousand dollars of the Common Currency of the Country at my death, to be by him kept at interest, and annually to pay to my said wife the accrued interest, during her natural life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage, the said principal to be equally divided among the same persons and on the same conditions and limitations named and provided in the 4th Item of this will; and if my executor shall find any difficulty in keeping said money safely loaned out at the legal rate of interest, he may with pay over said principal money to my said wife, taking bond and security for the return of the same without interest, on her death or marriage, or only a account to be for such interest as he may actually receive — if any; said two thousand dollars to be her interest from my death, and to be raised out of the money on hand, and such other money as shall first come into his hands, after the payment of debts & funeral expenses, arising either from collection of debts, or proceeds of sale of property as herein after provided for. Item 4th The residue of my estate, both real and personal, after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, which I direct to be paid out of said residue; and also after the payment of the above named legacies; I desire & direct to be equally to be divided among all my children, and the

issue of such as may not be living at my death; such issue to represent their deceased parents; and to that end, and also for the purpose of delivering and paying over to my Son John Niven his entire share of the same in Current money; which it is my will shall be done; I hereby authorize and direct my executor to sell all my real estate, and all my personal estate embraced in said residue, except the Negroes, at public or private sale, for Cash or on a credit, and at such times as he shall deem best for the interest of the estate, and to execute necessary conveyances therefor; and having first paid my debts and funeral expenses, and satisfied the legacies, I hereby give to my wife Margaret Niven, then to select two or more disinterested men, who shall value all the Negro property, with its increase from the date of this will, except ^{then} her inheritance given to my said wife &c. and having ascertained the aggregate value of my said entire residuary estate, to divide the same including the Negroes aforesaid equally among my said children and issue as aforesaid; but in proportion to my Son John Niven his share thereof in Current Money, as herein before directed; And the share allotted to my daughter Mary wife of Ediel Woodburn, and Sabella, wife of Duncan McGregor, I give to them, each her said share - during her natural life, the Negroes thus respectively allotted to them, to be delivered to them and their said husbands, upon giving proper receipts to the executor for the same; and the money thus allotted to them, I direct that my executor shall either loan out, and pay over to them the interest annually, or pay over the principal to them upon their or their said husbands (if they be yet living) giving to the executor bonds conditioned for the return of said principal money, at the death of my said daughter respectively; in no event is my Executor to be liable for interest unless he actually receives it, and at the death of my said daughter, or either of them, the Negroes and personal money thus allotted to them, to be equally divided among the children of the daughter so having died, and the issue of such as may not be living at that time, such issue to represent its deceased parent, It is further my will that if either or both of the said husbands shall survive their wife - that said property limited to the children and issue shall remain in

the possession and enjoyment of said surviving husbands - and said children and their issue shall each attain the age of twenty one years or marry - said husband shall choose two or more disinterested persons to make a division of said property, and allot to said child an equal share thereof, and so on successively as they attain said age or marry - And if either of my said daughters should die leaving no children nor the issue of such living at that time, then said property I intend to be allotted to them to be equally divided among my other children & the issue of such as may not be living - such issue to represent its deceased parent - Lastly I nominate and appoint my Son Archibald Niven Executor of this my last will and testament - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of April 1863

Test

David T Redfern

Jest Joseph J Burch

State of North Carolina, County of Alston and Quarter Sessions
In open Court

July Term 1863

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Duncan Niven Esq. was offered for probate and duly proven in open Court by the oaths of David T Redfern and Joseph J Burch who Subscribing a statement and ordered to be recorded; whereupon Archibald Niven the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified to execute said last will and testament, he entered into bond in the sum of Fifty thousand dollars with Joseph Redfern and William McIndale as securities, and after testimony was read and done to issue

Attest J. C. Gifford Clerk

Fredrick A. Buchanan's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Fredrick A. Buchanan of Anson County North Carolina do make this my last will & testament as follows, I direct that my Executrix herein after named shall pay my just debts, and the residue of my Estate I give and bequeath to my mother Mary E. Buchanan, and appoint her my Executrix herein under my hand & Seal This April 25th 1861.

Witness
J. M. McCorkle
Rosa L. McCorkle

F. A. Buchanan Esq

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } July Term 1863

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Fredrick A. Buchanan was exhibited for probate in open Court and was duly proven by the oath of J. M. McCorkle one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon Mary E. Buchanan the Executrix therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified to execute said will and testament, and thereupon will and testament was ordered to be recorded, and letters testamentary were ordered to issue

P. J. Cullledge Clerk

Thomas Huntley's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Huntley of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament, first and principally of all I do commend my body both soul to be buried in a decent and Christian burial, at the direction of my Executors and my soul to God who gave it, trusting in his merits for life and salvation beyond the grave. And as touching such worldly estate as it has been pleased to bless me with in this life, I give devise and bequeath in the following manner, and for me viz.

- Item 1st I give and devise to my son Robert H. Huntley an equal share of all my estate both real and personal and he to account with my estate for what he has already had as advancements including what he owes me
- Item 2nd I give to my son John W. Huntley an equal share of all my estate both real and personal and he to account with my estate for what he has already had as advancements including what he owes me.
- Item 3 I give to my son Hampton Huntley an equal share of all my estate both real and personal, he to account with my estate for what he has already had as advancements including what he owes me
- Item 4 I give to my son James E. Huntley an equal share of all my estate both real and personal, he to account with my estate for what he has already had as advancements including what he owes me
- Item 5 I give and devise to son Elmore Huntley an equal share of all my estate both real and personal, he to account with my estate for what he has already had as advancements including what he owes me
- Item 6 I give to my daughter Mary Ann Cullledge wife of James B. Cullledge during her natural lifetime an equal share of all my estate both real and personal, she to account with my estate for what she or her husband owns or owns at the death of my said daughter it is my will that the property willed her be equally divided among her children, but at no time to be subject to the debts or contracts of her present or any future husband
- Item 7th I give to my daughter Ellen Allen wife of William Allen an equal share of all my estate both real and

personal during her natural lifetime, she to account with my estate for what she has already had as advancements including what she or her husband owe me, and at the death of my said daughter it is my will that the property willed her be equally ^{shared} among her children but at no time to be liable to the debts or contracts of her present or any future husband.

It is my will, that ^{will, that} my negro be valued by five disinterested probators, appointed by the County Court of Anson County, collected and drawn for by my children, so as to make them equal and that my lands and other property be sold at public Auction and the proceeds divided among my said children as above stated and provided for, that portion which falls to my daughter during their lifetime and then to their children. My son James C. Hearnley is now in the Army of the Confederate States and if he should ^{fall} in battle and never return it is my will that all his share of my estate return back and be divided among my several children as provided for with the balance of my estate. And lastly I appoint my sons John W. Hearnley and Ellison Hearnley Executors to this my last will and testament discharging and revoking all others willed by me previously made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of May 1863
Signed Sealed and pronounced Thomas Hearnley
the last will and testament of the Testator in the presence of

John D. Moore

R. A. Redfern

J. White

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Anson County } July Term 1863

That the foregoing last will and testament of Thomas Hearnley deceased was offered for probate and duly proven in open Court by the oaths of John D. Moore, R. A. Redfern and J. White the three subscribing witnesses thereof and ordered to be recorded whereupon John W. Hearnley and Ellison Hearnley the Executors therein named appeared in open Court and were duly qualified to execute said last will and testament, they entered into bond in the sum of two hundred thousand dollars with Joseph White and Elmer Redfern as sureties, and letters testamentary were ordered to issue.

R. A. Redfern clerk

John Hearnington dec^d Will
State of North Carolina } I John Hearnington son and living of
Anson County } sound mind and memory do
feeling that my earthly existence is drawing to a close and
being desirous of making a distribution of property for purposes
known to myself do make this my last will and testament
First After my death my will is that all the debts owing
to me be speedily collected and all my just debts to be paid.
2^d I give unto my beloved wife Nancy my residence where
I now live with all my land adjoining and belonging
to the tract I now live on except one hundred acres which
is herein after named to Jackson Hearnington my son
I also give to my wife all my household and kitchen
furniture and all my stock of Cattle Hogs and all
the stock that I now own at my death to have as her
own during her natural life and at the death of my
wife Nancy my will is for my daughter Mary Ann
to have all that I have left to my wife as her own
Also my will is for my daughter Mary A. to live
with my wife during my wife's lifetime if she so desire.
3^d I give to my son Jackson Hearnington one
hundred acres of land where he now lives
as his

4th I give to Jackson Hearnington one hundred
acres of land where he now lives to be laid off in
the Vernon White land and sold off to the best
advantage for him and my wife.

5th I will and bequeath to my grand children the offspring
of my son Henry W. Hearnington, two hundred
acres of land lying in Anson County an State
of North Carolina adjoining the Simpson
Andrew Moor and others - and that my son
Henry W. Hearnington is to live on said land during
his life and at his death and at the death of there
mother Mary wife of W. W. Hearnington or her
widow house if he die first then my grand
children the offspring of Henry W. Hearnington
be equally divided said land among them
I have my son Jackson Hearnington my
Executor This the 11th day of August

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in year of our Lord 1859
Witness
John Broadaway
Benjamin H. Ford

Geo. Harrington

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } July Term 1863

Then the foregoing last will & testament of John Harrington
do duly was offered for probate and duly proven in open
Court by the oath of John Broadaway one of the
Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
J. McLeppage Clerk

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Daniel Tucker Will

I Daniel Tucker of the County of Johnson and State of North
Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering
the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare
this my last will & testament in manner and form
following that is to say. First that my Executor (herein
after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial
suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay
all funeral expenses together with my just debts
~~herein~~ and to whomsoever owing out of the money
that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel
of my Estate

I give and devise to my beloved wife a reasonable support
out of my estate for and during the term of her natural
life in satisfaction for and in Consideration of her
dower & thirds of and in all my estate

I give and devise to my eldest Son Woody Tucker one
dollar to be his part of all my estate

I give and devise to my Son Ripsey Tucker one dollar to be his
share of all my Estate

I give and devise to my Son Kelly Tucker one dollar
to be his share of all my Estate

I give and devise to my Son Tho^s Tucker one dollar
to be his part of all my Estate

I give and bequeath to my youngest Son Abel Tucker
all my tract of land on which I now live containing
thirty seven Aers and a half Also all my stock of horses
hogs, Cattle Tools household and Kitchen furniture and
every thing remaining on my premises after my debts are
paid And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty
friend John P. Rattiff my lawful Executor to all intents and pur-
poses to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and
meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby making and
declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me before made
In witness whereof the said Daniel Tucker has written at my hand and
at this 27th day of May 1856

Signed sealed published and declared by Daniel Tucker
the said Daniel Tucker to be his last will

and testament in the presence of us who
at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses
John P. Rattiff
James M. Rane

State of North Carolina, County of Anson
 October Term 1863

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Daniel Tucker was exhibited in Open Court and duly proven by the oath of John P. Raliff one of the subscribing witnesses, Thence and orders taken accordingly whereupon John P. Raliff the Executor therein named was duly qualified to execute said last will and testament, and entered into bond in the sum of Four thousand dollars with Abraham Nixon and Daniel Short as Sureties, and letters testamentary were ordered to issue.

W. C. Peppidge Clerk

John L. Massie's Will
 State of North Carolina

Now known County, Where all men by their presents that I John L. Massie of Anson County being of sound body and mind and knowing the shortness of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament.

1st I bequeath up my body to be buried and my soul to God as becometh.

2^d After all my first debts shall have been paid I give and bequeath to Miss Bettie C. Eason daughter of Stephen Eason of Anson County all my personal property the same being in money and notes amounting to six hundred and fifty dollars more or less.

3^d I hereby nominate and appoint Mrs. L. Villman my lawful Executor with full power to carry into effect the provisions of the above will without my hand and

W. C. McGinger

this May the 20th 1862

E. Woodburn

John L. Massie

State of North Carolina, County of Anson, October Term,

Anson County, January Term 1864

Then the foregoing last will & testament of John L. Massie was offered for probate & duly proven in Open Court by the oath of E. Woodburn one of the subscribing witnesses Thence and ordered to be recorded - And thereupon Mrs. L. Villman the Executor therein named appeared in Open Court & was duly qualified as Executor & entered into bond in the sum of Five thousand dollars with Alfred Barrum & L. L. Little as Sureties & letters were ordered to issue -

W. C. Peppidge Clerk