

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 order is 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 order is taken accordingly — 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 testamentary were ordered to issue —

W. C. Peppidge Clerk

William A. Benton's Will

In the name of God! Amen!

I William A. Benton of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina do make, publish, and declare the following Will and contain in my last Will and Testament —

1st I will and direct all my just debts to be paid out of my personal effects and if that shall be found insufficient, then the residue to be paid out of my real estate — the Cash on hand and debts due to me, to be first applied to that purpose, after the payment of my funeral expenses —

2nd The residue of my estate, both real and personal I do give and bequeath to my brother A. C. Benton and my Sister Elizabeth Neal, equally to be divided between them; and the share of my said Sister Elizabeth, to be held by my brother A. C. Benton, in trust for the sole and separate use of my said Sister during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided among her children, and the issue of such or may then be dead: Such issue to represent their deceased parent —

Given under my hand and seal, this 1st day of May 1863

Witness

A. P. Knudall

Jesse Edwards

Judge of North Carolina (Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions)

Anson County

April Term 1864

That the foregoing last Will and Testament of William A. Benton doth appear for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath of Jesse Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded

J. C. Coffey, Clerk

In the above record of the Will of William A. Benton the signature and seal of the Testator were omitted by the clerk who recorded the same, and signature and seal is now added by the undersigned Judge of Probate for Anson County, an omission of A. C. Benton a person interested in said will, so the same appear upon the original which is now before me in my office this March 11th 1881

John L. McCauldine
Judge of Probate

Dilly Turner's Will

State of North Carolina In the name of God Amen, I Dilly

Turner being in sound mind and feeling my earthly existence coming to a close and being desirous of making a distribution of all my property for certain purposes I make this my last will and Testament.

1st I want and desire immediately after my departure from this life, all my debts that may be owing to me by bills collected and all that I may at my death be owing to be paid and settled for the natural love and affection that I bear for my Sister Mary Turner give unto her all my real and personal estate both of land and money stock and the negroes all my interest in a negro man named Sam a negro woman named Ann and child and their increase and all and every species of property or interest in property then may belong to me at my death in any way for her the S. Mary Turner to have for her own use and benefit during her natural life and at her death I will and bequeath that all of the property, both personal and real in any way to go and be left to Sarah Turner and Larra Turner Minor heirs of my brother Martin Turner for their own use to them the S. Sarah and Larra Turner to be equally divided between them and their lawful heirs, after their death In testimony whereunto I set my hand and affix my seal this the Seventh day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight. I appoint A. P. McBroadway my Executor

Witness

Chas. Broadaway

Robert A. Allen

J. P. Broadaway
State of North Carolina (Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions)

Anson County

July Term 1864

That the foregoing last will and Testament of Dilly Turner was offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath of John Broadaway and Robert A. Allen, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded

J. C. Coffey, Clerk

Isabel Tyson's Will.

In the name of God Amen, I Isabel Tyson of the County of Anson
State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but
considering the uncertainty of my earthly residence do make and
declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following
(that is to say) First that my Executor (hereinafter) named shall
provide for my ^{own} decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and
friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts to
whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his
hands as a part or parcel of my estate -

Item I give and leave to my beloved wife Charlotte Tyson the
following property On this part of all my lands including my dwelling
house wherein I now live during her natural life and a child's part
of all my personal estate

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Amanda Tyson, Martin
Wendell Tyson, a Miller & Tyson and Andrew Jackson Tyson all
my real and personal estate not given to my wife Charlotte Tyson
and that if any of my said children die without issue or before
arriving at age then I will that their part go to their brothers
and sisters and their heirs living at their death

Item I leave all my estate real and personal in the hands of
my executors hereinafter mentioned to take charge of
at my death and keep all my negroes on my plantation
and let the property of my children remain in common
untill my children arrive at full age of twenty one years
and for my said children to be raised and educated out
of the proceeds of my estate suitable to their ages and
condition in life

This clause of my will however I leave discretionary
with my executors to change or carry out as they may
think best to promote the interest and welfare of my
said children &c.

Given under my hand and Seal this 17th day of
May 1848

Signed Sealed & published
this day and date first above
written in presence of
John M. London
S. & Trilby

Isabel Tyson

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County January Term 1848

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Isabel Tyson
was offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by
the oath of John M. London one of the subscribing witnesses
themselves who testified that he saw the testator sign the said
paper writing and acknowledge the same to be his last
will and testament and was at the time of sound mind
and disposing memory, and that he and the other
subscribing witnesses signed the same in the
presence of the Testator and at his request, and
said will, without the Codicils was ordered to be
recorded -

J. J. Coppleidge Clerk

Benjamin F Braswell's Will

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin F Braswell of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina do make and publish this my last will and testament First it is my will and desire that all of 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, the balance of my estate I give to George W Little in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my Mother Catharine Braswell in the following manner that is to wit the said W Little trustee is to pay over the annual interest of my said estate to my Mother Catharine Braswell and take her receipts for the same during her natural life and after her death the said estate I wish divided equally between my two Sisters Elizabeth and Mary Ann Braswell and Should either of my two Sisters die before my Mother I wish the Survivor to have what is here left to both.

Third I hereby nominate and appoint George W Little executor of this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this 5th day of August AD 1861

Witness by us
J. P. Kendall
J. P. Edwards

B F Braswell

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County, January Term 1865
Then the foregoing last will and testament of Benjamin F Braswell was offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath of J. P. Kendall and J. P. Edwards the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded -

J. P. Copeledge Clerk

John P. Kendall's Will

I John P. Kendall of the County of Anson & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last will & testament that is to say that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends & pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts to whomsoever & to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate I then I give to my beloved wife Frances all the property of every description I may be possessed of together with all moneys due me to hold the same during her natural life or widowhood in case of her death or marriage this my will & desire that the whole shall descend to my Son Marshall Correll Kendall to him & his heirs forever except so much as may be necessary for the support of himself & child & the education of said Correll Lastly I do hereby constitute my beloved wife Frances Kendall & my friend Robert H Burns my lawful executors to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same hereby revoking & declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made, in Witness whereof I the said John P. Kendall do hereunto set my hand & seal this 27th day of March 1862 signed sealed published & declared by the said John P. Kendall to be his last will & testament in presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto -

J. P. Kendall
Thos. M. Kendall

John P. Kendall

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County, January Term 1865

Then the foregoing last will & testament of John P. Kendall was exhibited in open Court and Robert H Burns appeared in open Court & renounced his right to execute said will & J. P. Kendall the widow renounced her right willing to execute said will the execution of said will was then duly proved by the oath of Thos. M. Kendall one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and to be recorded - whereupon letters of Administration with the will annexed was granted to William S. Kendall he entered into bond in the sum of twenty five hundred dollars with George S. Smith, John B. Thorne & J. H. Knight as securities - he was duly qualified & sworn to administer with the will annexed was ordered to sign -

J. P. Copeledge Clerk

Elijah Rattiff's Will

In the name of God Amen I Elijah Rattiff of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being weakly in body but of sound mind and memory and disposing understanding and knowing it is appointed to me to die and after this the judgment do on this the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty one make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner (to wit) my wish and desire is that my body be buried with christian decency and in such a place as my family and friends may think proper and as it regards my worldly estate which God in his goodness has seen proper to bless me with I wish it distributed in the following manner

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Rattiff all the lands wherein I now live which lands is described under the following metes and bounds Beginning at the extreme Northwest Corner of William Clark's lands (his lands on the North Side of Island Creek) and runs a direct line to a poplar on the bank of a branch near where the old Shop stood then up the various Cuts of said branch to the Wall ferry Road then up said road to the line of the Wall's lands then around with my outside lines and with Wall's and Spence's line to Island Creek then around with my other outside lines until it comes to Island Creek again then with William Clark's lands to the Beginning on which lands I wish my son Pleasant Rattiff to have a home and the privilege of a portion of the plantation during the life time of my wife Nancy Rattiff) also the following negro Slaves namely big Ellick Wesley Lacy and his two children Graham and Bukyan Anthony and Sulyan Dina Lucy Caroline & Wallis and Borne also two of the horses (first choice) that may be then on hand also as much Corn fodder wheat and pork as may be necessary for the year also as much of the stock of all kinds as my Executors may deem it necessary for her to have and it is further my wish and desire to all the property both real and personal which is

contained in the above first clause of this my last will and testament should be hers to have use and enjoy all the benefits arising therefrom during her natural life; and at her death it is my wish and desire that all the lands willed to her should runst back to my son Pleasant Rattiff it is further my wish and desire that my wife Nancy Rattiff should have hold and enjoy all my household and Kitchen furniture during her natural life and all the property not otherwise disposed of which is contained in this first item it is my wish at the death of my wife it should be equally divided among all my children each to share and share alike And it is my wish further that my Executors should attend to and see that there be no unnecessary waste of the above named property during the natural life of my wife and at her death the whole of it to be disposed of as above directed I further give to my wife Nancy Rattiff the sum of five hundred dollars in money; which sum she can dispose of as she may think proper -

(Second Item) I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Terry the following Negro Slaves namely Sallie Washington Tom and Henry which negroes I give to her during her natural life and at her death said Negroes shall be equally divided among her three children namely Sarah Jane Lovin Milton Terry & Rachalan Clark each to share and share alike I also give to Sarah Sum Lovin a Negro girl named Martha Jane I also give to Milton Terry a negro boy named Bill I also give to Rachalan Clark a Negro girl named Johanna and here be it understood that I give the above named three negro Slaves to my three above named grand children with all their increase to them and the lawful heirs of their bodies forever

(Third Item) I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel Smith (widow of Benjamin Smith)

Elijah Ratliff's Will

In the name of God Amen I Elijah Ratliff of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being weakly in body but of sound mind and memory and disposing understanding and knowing it is appointed to me once to die and after this the Judgment do on this the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty one make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner (To wit) my wish and desire is that my body be buried with christian decency and in such a State as my family and friends may think proper and as it regards my worldly estate which God in his goodness has seen proper to bless me with I wish it distributed in the following manner

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Ratliff all the lands wherein I now live which lands is described under the following metes and bounds Beginning at the extreme Northwest Corner of William Clarke's lands (his lands on the North Side of Island Creek) and runs a direct line to a poplar on the bank of a branch near where the old Shop stood then up the various Cuts of said branch to the Wall ferry Road then up said road to the line of the Wells lands then around with my outside lines and with Wall's and Spencer's line to Island Creek then around with my other outside lines until it comes to Island Creek again then with William Clarke's lands to the Beginning (on which lands I wish my son Pleasant Ratliff to have a home and the privilege of a portion of the plantation during the life time of my wife Nancy Ratliff) also the following negro Slaves namely big Eliakim Wesley Laury and his two children Graham and Bakyam Anthony and Sulyan Dina Lucy Caroline & Wallis and Bone also two of the horses (first choice) that may be then on hand also as much corn fodder wheat and pork as may be necessary for the one year also as much of the stock of all kinds as my Executors may deem it necessary for her to have and it is further my wish and desire to all the property both real and personal which is

contained in the above first clause of this my last will and testament should be hers to have use and enjoy all the benefits arising therefrom during her natural life; and at her death it is my wish and desire that all the lands willed to her should runst back to my son Pleasant Ratliff it is further my wish and desire that my wife Nancy Ratliff should have hold and enjoy all my household and Kitchen furniture during her natural life and all the property not otherwise disposed of which is contained in this first item it is my wish at the death of my wife it should be equally divided among all my children each to share and share alike And it is my wish further that my Executors should attend to and see that there be no unnecessary waste of the above named property during the natural life of my wife and at her death the whole of it to be disposed of as above directed I further give to my wife Nancy Ratliff the sum of five hundred dollars in money; which sum she can dispose of as she may think proper -

(Second Item) I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Terry the following Negro Slaves namely Sallie Washington Tom and Henry which negroes I give to her during her natural life and at her death said Negroes shall be equally divided among her three children namely Sarah Jane Lovin Milton Terry & Rachalan Clarke each to share and share alike I also give to Sarah Ann Lovin a Negro girl named Martha - jam I also give to Milton Terry a negro boy named Bill I also give to Rachalan Clarke a Negro girl named Johanna and here be it understood that I give the above named three negro Slaves to my three above named grand children with all their increase to them and the lawful heirs of their bodies forever

(Third Item) I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel Smith (widow of Benjamin Smith)

the following negro Slaves namely Rose Warren Betty Anna Leane Mary and Anderson which negroes she has at this time in her possession and I herewith give her the above named property with all its increase to her and to the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Fourthly) I give and bequeath to my Son William Ratliff all the lands whereon he now lives which shall be described in the following boundaries Beginning at the eastern Northward Corner of William Leane's lands (his lands on the North side of Island Creek) and runs a direct line to a poplar on the bank of a branch near where the old Shop Road then up the various Courses of said branch to the Wall ferry Road then up said Road to opposite the School house Spring then a Northwardly Course to my back then around the back lines of my Mastaway and Taylor lands (including two small entries) to my Christopher Clark lands then with my Christopher Clark lands to the lands of William Leane then with his lands to the

Beginning also the following negro Slaves (which Slaves he has at this time in his possession) namely Stephen Harriet and her two children Susan and Sam Lizza and all her children and Jack and Willy and I have given the above named negroes with all their increase to my Son William Ratliff to him and his lawful heirs forever

(Fifthly) I give and bequeath to my daughter Minnie Smith wife of Thomas Smith all that tract of land containing two hundred Acres lying in Union County which land was sold to Joseph Gale from Alon Carpenter and from the said Joseph Black to Eliza Ratliff which lands joins or lies near the lands of Nelson name also the following negro Slaves (which negroes she has at this time in her possession) namely Silva Anderson Liza and her child Eliza Amy and Sep and I herewith give the above named negroes with all their increase to my daughter Minnie Smith to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Sixthly) I give and bequeath to my Son William Ratliff (in Special trust and Confidence) for my Son John Ratliff the following property namely all that tract of land

whereon he now lives known as the Christopher Clark lands also another small tract containing twenty one acres adjoining said lands on the South side thereof which I bought of James Liles also the following negro Slaves namely Little Elliott Ann and her two children Frank and Peter and Stephen John & Leah and here be it understood that I leave the above mentioned property as aforesaid to my Son William Ratliff in Special trust and Confidence for the sole use and benefit of my Son John Ratliff and his family said property to be entirely under the Control of my Son William Ratliff as trustee of my Son John in such a manner as not to be subject to any of his debts Contracts liabilities or incumbrances whatever — and the whole of the above mentioned property with all its increase; at the death of John Ratliff to belong to his lawful heirs such to share and share alike

(Seventhly) I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances Clark wife of James B. Clark the following negro Slaves namely Anne Sam Hannah Beck and her child — Lane Lewis Luke Abram and Henry also a boy named Jim all of which negroes they have at this time in their possession and here be it understood that I give the above mentioned property with all its increase to the said Frances Clark and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Eighthly) I give and bequeath to my Son Henry Ratliff (in addition to two thousand dollars in money which I have already given him) the following negro Slaves (which negroes he has at this time in his possession) namely Peter Peg Robin and Iper & I now give him another named Perry and I here give the above mentioned property with all its increase to my Son Henry Ratliff to him and his lawful heirs forever

(Ninthly) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Diggs wife of Eli Diggs all the lands whereon they formerly lived known as the Curtis girls lands it lying on Cedar River just below the mouth of Jones Creek also the following negro Slaves all of which she has at this time in her possession) namely Katharine and her four children Peter Iper Caroline and Rubin — Jacob Joe and Lilla and I herewith give the above mentioned

the following negro Slaves namely Rosa Warren Betty Anna Isaac Mary and Anderson which negroes she has at this time in her possession and I herewith give her the above named property with all its increase to her and to the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Fourthly) I give and bequeath to my son William Ratliff all the lands whereon he now lives which shall be described in the following boundaries Beginning at the extreme Northwest Corner of William Leakes lands (his lands on the North Side of Island Creek) and runs a direct line to a poplar on the bank of a branch near where the old Shop Road then up the various Courses of said branch to the Wall Ferry Road then up said Road to opposite the School house Spring then a Northwesterly Course to my bank then around the back lines of my Neatamoy and Tangle lands (including two small intrins) to my Christopher Clarke lands then with my Christopher Clarke lands to the lands of William Leake then with his lands to the

Beginning also the following negro Slaves (which Slaves he has at this time in his possession) namely Stephen Hearrit and her two children Susan and Sam Liffa and all her children and Zack and Willey and I have given the above named negroes with all their increase to my son William Ratliff to him and his lawful heirs forever

(Fifthly) I give and bequeath to my daughter Minnie Smith wife of Thomas Smith all that tract of land containing two hundred acres lying in Union County which land was sold to Joseph Heath from Allen Carpenter and from the said Joseph Heath to Eliza Ratliff which lands joins or lies near the lands of Nelson Sumner also the following negro Slaves (which negroes she has at this time in her possession) namely Silva Anderson Lige and her child Elbert Emory and Seip and I herewith give the above named negroes with all their increase to my daughter Minnie Smith to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Sixthly) I give and bequeath to my son William Ratliff (in Special trust and Confidence) for my son John Ratliff the following property namely all that tract of land

whereon he now lives known as the Christ Church Black lands also another small tract containing twenty one acres adjoining said lands on the South side thereof which I bought of James Liles also the following negro Slaves namely Little Elliott Ann and her two children Frank and Peter and Stephen John & Nealy and here be it understood that I leave the above mentioned property as aforesaid to my son William Ratliff in Special trust and Confidence for the sole use and benefit of my son John Ratliff and his family said property to be entirely under the Control of my son William Ratliff as trustee of my son John in such a manner as not to be subject to any of his debts Contracts liabilities or incumbrances whatever - and the whole of the above mentioned property with all its increase; at the death of John Ratliff to belong to his lawful heirs each to share and share alike

(Seventhly) I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances Leake wife of James B. Leake the following negro Slaves namely James Sam Neamock Beck and her child - Lane Lewis Luke Abram and Henry also a boy named Jim all of which negroes they have at this time in their possession and here be it understood that I give the above mentioned property with all its increase to the said Frances Leake and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Eighthly) I give and bequeath to my son Henry Ratliff (in addition to two thousand dollars in money which I have already given him) the following negro Slaves (which negroes he has at this time in his possession) namely Peter Peg Robin and Siper & I now give him another named Perry and I here give the above mentioned property with all its increase to my son Henry Ratliff to him and his lawful heirs forever

(Ninthly) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Diggs wife of Eli Diggs all the lands whereon they formerly lived known as the Curtis girls lands adjoining the Oude River just below the mouth of Jones Creek also the following negro Slaves all of which she has at this time in her possession namely Ketham and her four children Peter Siper Caroline and Reelin - Jacob For and Lilla and I herewith give the above mentioned

property with all its increase to the said Elizabeth Diggs to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Twelfthly) I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Rattiff all that tract or parcel of land known as the Pot lents, lands a part of which lies on Pe Du River also the following negro Slaves which negroes he has at this time in his possession namely big Frank Mary and her two children Peter and Richmond Pate Delp and her three children Sam Riky and Alice with all their increase to him the said Thomas Rattiff and his lawful heirs forever

(Thirteenthly) I give and bequeath to my son James Rattiff all the lands whereon he now lies it lying on the south side of Jones Creek and known as the Henry B. Sarrigan lands also a tract of fifty five acres lying on the north side of Jones Creek formerly owned by Henry B. Sarrigan also eleven acres which I drew in the division of the Sarrigan lands which eleven acres lies joining the fifty five acre tract also another tract of land (number of acres not remembered) it lying on the Camden Road adjoining the lands of William Strater Thomas Flowers Thomas Strater and others and known as the Hinson lands also the following negro Slaves namely Riley Ellen and her child Mary (which I bought of Timothy) Mike Tumpy and Melinda Patience and her child King and he here understood that I give all the above mentioned property to the aforesaid James Rattiff with all its increase to him and his lawful heirs forever

(Fourteenthly) I give and bequeath to my son in law John P. Rattiff (in special trust and Confidence for the sole use and benefit of my son Eli Rattiff the following lands (to wit) all that tract of land whereon he now lies known as the Watkins lands also a small piece lying on the West side of a branch adjoining the aforesaid lands and known as a part of the Flowers lands also the following negro Slaves (a part of which he has at this time in his possession) namely Sam Ellen and her five children Ben Sir Riky and Harriett and another child name not known Charity and her child and George and he it understood that I leave the above mentioned property to my son in law John P. Rattiff in special trust and Confidence for the sole use and benefit of my son Eli Rattiff and his

family said property to be entirely under the Control of my son in law John P. Rattiff as trustee for my son Eli Rattiff in such a manner as not to be subject to any of his debts Contracts liabilities or incumbrances whatever and the whole of the above mentioned property with all its increase at the death of my son Eli Rattiff to belong to his lawful heirs each to share and share alike

(Fifteenthly) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susan Rattiff wife of John P. Rattiff the following negro Slaves namely Allen and Sarah's two children Vina and one child name not known Isaac Mitchell Margarett and Charles all of which negroes she has at this time in her possession — and he it here understood that I give the above mentioned property with all its increase to the said Susan Rattiff to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Sixteenthly) I give and bequeath to my son Pleasant Rattiff all that tract of land where I now live which boundaries is described in the first Item of this Will with the understanding that he is not to come into the possession of it until after the death of my wife Nancy Rattiff at which time he is to come into full possession of all the lands which I have willed to my wife also the following negro Slaves namely Isaac and child Vina Ephraim Matt and Frank Harriett child Life Sam also two Milk Cows and one fourth part of Stock of hogs that I may have on hand at that time and here he it understood that I give all the above mentioned property with all its increase to the said Pleasant Rattiff to him and his lawful heirs forever

(Seventeenthly) I give and bequeath to my son William Rattiff in addition to what I have given him in the fourth Item of this Will the following negro Slaves namely Cinde and her child with all their increase to him and his lawful heirs forever

(Eighteenthly) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rachel Smith (widow of Benjamin Smith) in addition to what I have given her in the third Item of this Will the following negro Slave named Caroline

with all her increase to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Seventeenth) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Winifred Smith wife of Thomas Smith (in addition to what I have given her in the fifth Item of this will) a negro boy named Anderson which negro I give to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Eighteenth) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Diggs wife of Eli Diggs in addition to what I have given her in the ninth Item of this will one negro girl named May with all her increase to her the said Elizabeth Diggs and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Nineteenth) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susan Rattiff wife of John P. Rattiff in addition to what I have given her in the thirteenth Item of this will a negro boy named Jefferson which negro I give to her the said Susan Rattiff and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Twentieth) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Terry in addition to what I have given her in the second Item of this will all that tract of land where Milton Terry now lives known as the ~~back~~ place or head lands for and during her natural life and at her death I wish it to be equally divided among her three children Rachel Ann Milton and Sarah Jane

(Twenty first) And whereas there is a Considerable of surplus property which is not disposed of in this my last will and testament my wish and desire is that after my death my Executors dispose of it together with my growing crops that may be then on hand (all that part not disposed of in this will) and all the property which I may accumulate between now and the time of my death may all be collected together and sold at public sale and the money arising therefrom — first to be applied to the use of paying my just debts, (if any) secondly to pay over five hundred dollars to my wife Nancy Rattiff and the remainder together with all the money notes accounts which may be due me at the time of my death I wish it to be equally divided between my wife and all my children and the three children of Sarah Terry namely Sarah Jane Milton and Rachel Ann each

to share and share alike; Also it is my wish and desire that all the property which I have willed to my wife Nancy Rattiff (the lands excepted) be sold at public sale and the moneys arising therefrom be equally divided among all my children and the three children of Sarah Terry namely Sarah Jane Milton and Rachel Ann, each to share and share alike

Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son William Rattiff and my son in law John P. Rattiff sole Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making voids any will and testament by me at any time made declaring this and only this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I Elijah Rattiff the Testator have to this my last will and testament set my hand and affixed my seal — signed and sealed in the presence of us who have subscribed our names in the presence of each other as witnesses to the same

Witness W. H. Cox
S. L. Cox

Elijah Rattiff Seal

Whereas I Elijah Rattiff having made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 17th day of October 1861 now I do hereby declare this present writing to be as a Codicil to my will, and direct the same to be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof and I do hereby give and bequeath to my son Pleasant Rattiff one fourth part of the present growing crop also one fourth part of the Pork and Stock of hogs also one fourth part of all my Cattle also one sixth of Ben and Cart also one silver watch In witness whereof I the said Elijah Rattiff have to this Codicil set my hand and seal this the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 1862

Test
W. H. Cox

Elijah Rattiff Seal

W. M. Diggs

State of North Carolina } County of Clay & Quarter Springs
Anson County } January Term 1865

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Elijah Rattiff was offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath of W. H. Cox one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and

with all her increase to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Seventeenthly) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Winifred Smith wife of Thomas Smith (in addition to what I have given her in the fifth Item of this will) a negro boy named Anderson which negro I give to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Eighteenthly) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Diggs wife of Eli Diggs in addition to what I have given her in the Ninth Item of this will one negro girl named May with all her increase to her the said Elizabeth Diggs and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Nineteenthly) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susan Ratliff wife of John P. Ratliff in addition to what I have given her in the thirteenth Item of this will a negro boy named Jefferson which negro I give to her the said Susan Ratliff and the lawful heirs of her body forever

(Twentiethly) I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Terry in addition to what I have given her in the second Item of this will all that tract of land where Milton Terry now lives known as the ~~Black~~ place or ~~Black~~ lands for and during her natural life and at her death I wish it to be equally divided among her three children Rachel Ann Milton and Sarah Jane

(Twenty first) And whereas there is a Considerable of Surplus property which is not disposed of in this my last will and testament my wish and desire is, that after my death my Executors dispose of it together with my growing crop that may be then on hand (all that part not disposed of in this will) and all the property which I may accumulate between now and the time of my death may all be collected together and sold at public sale and the money arising therefrom — first to be applied to the use of paying my just debts (if any) Secondly to pay over five hundred dollars to my wife Nancy Ratliff and the remainder together with all the money notes accounts which may be due me at the time of my death I wish it to be equally divided between my wife and all my children and the three children of Sarah Terry namely Sarah Jane Milton and Rachel Ann each

to share and share alike; also it is my wish and desire that all the property which I have willed to my wife Nancy Ratliff (the lands excepted) be sold at public sale and the moneys arising therefrom be equally divided among all my children and the three children of Sarah Terry namely Sarah Jane Milton and Rachel Ann, each to share and share alike

Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son William Ratliff and my son in law John P. Ratliff sole Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any will and testament by me at any time made declaring this and only this to be my last will and testament in writing whereof I Elijah Ratliff the Testator have to this my last will and testament set my hand and affixed my seal — Signed and sealed in the presence of us who have subscribed our names in the presence of each other as witnesses to the same

Witness N. H. Cox

S. L. Cox

Elijah Ratliff (Seal)

Whereas I Elijah Ratliff having made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 17th day of October 1861 now I do hereby declare this present writing to be as a Codicil to my will and direct the same to be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof and I do hereby give and bequeath to my son Pleasant Ratliff one fourth part of the present growing crop also one fourth part of the Pork and Stock of hogs also one fourth part of all my Cattle also one fourth of Oxen and Cows also one silver watch In witness whereof I the said Elijah Ratliff have to this Codicil set my hand and seal this the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 1862

Test

N. H. Cox

H. M. Diggs

Elijah Ratliff (Seal)

State of North Carolina } County of Clay & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } January Term 1865

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Elijah Ratliff was offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath of N. H. Cox one the subscribing witnesses thereto, and

The Codicil to said will was duly found in open Court by the Oaths of W. H. Coz and W. M. Diggs the two subscribing witnesses thereto and said Will and Codicil were ordered to be recorded - Whereupon William Ratliff and John P. Ratliff the Executors therein named appeared in open Court and were duly qualified to execute said will and entered into in the sum of Eighty thousand dollars with George W. Little Archibald Nunn and Thomas Ratliff sureties and letters Testamentary were ordered to issue.

W. H. Coz per leg

Richard H. Tillman's Will

In the name of God; Amen; I, Richard H. Tillman 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.

After the payment of all my just debts & funeral expenses I give, devise, and bequeath all my real and personal estate of whatever kind or description, and wherever situated, to my wife Harissa B. Tillman, in trust for the Common use and benefit of herself and all my children, during her Natural life or widowhood; And I do hereby Authorize and empower my said wife; as my Executrix; from time to time as she in her discretion, may think best for the Common interest of the family, to sell any part of said estate, real or personal, in such manner, and on such terms as she deems best, and to execute all proper titles for the same in fee simple absolutely, and out of the means of the Estate to make purchases of real or personal property, to constitute a part of the Common estate, Subject to this general power of sale and purchase, I desire my wife to keep the estate together, & manage & Conduct it during the time aforesaid, as it has hitherto been, for the Common benefit; And as my children may come of age or marry, or at any other time; as she may think proper, I desire and authorize my said wife, as my Executrix, to give off & advance to any of them, as Commencement or marriage may seem to require, such part or portion of my personal estate as she may choose; having and keeping in view an ultimate equal division of all my real & personal estate among all my children; and to keep an account, by their receipt or otherwise, of all such Advancements, and their value that the same may be brought into the final division; except that such expenses as may hereafter be incurred in the education of any of my children is not thus to be charged against them, but to be paid by the Common funds of the estate; And upon the death or marriage of my said wife, I desire & direct that there be a general division of my entire estate real & personal; In the event of her marriage, I direct that the same be divided equally between herself and all my children, & the issue of such of my children as may not be then living; such issue to represent their deceased parents; And in the event of the

death of my said wife; I direct that said estate, real & personal, be equally divided among all my children and their issue as aforesaid, taking into consideration, in a division upon the happening of either of said events, such advancements as she may have made, as aforesaid, and to facilitate such division, whenever, the same may become necessary; I direct, in the event of her marriage, that as my Executrix she sell all the real estate then belonging to the estate, in such manner & on such terms as she may deem best, for their common interest; and that proceeds, the same being still considered as real estate, to divide as aforesaid; If in the event of her death, I authorize empower & direct whomever may be duly appointed the Administrator de bonis non, with the will annexed of my estate, under the same discretionary powers as are herein given to her, to sell said real estate, & the proceeds thereof to be divided in the manner herein before directed, retaining the character of real estate.

I direct furthermore that my said wife shall not be held to account for such of my estate as may be used by her for the benefit of the family, and may not be on hand at the time of her death or marriage; and therefore desire that no Inventory of my estate be required of her for any part of my perishable estate - I do furthermore desire and request that as my Executrix, she shall be permitted to qualify without executing the usual Official bond, Lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Sarah for B. Tillman Executrix of my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 19th day of December A.D. 1864

Witness

G. W. Little

H. A. Crawford

R. V. C. Tillman Seal

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

January Term 1865

That the foregoing last will & testament of R. V. C. Tillman was offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oaths of G. W. Little and H. A. Crawford the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded -

By the Judge of the Court

Wannah P. Dunlap's Will

State of North Carolina, Anson County
I Wannah P. Dunlap, of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, having arrived at an advanced age, and being at this time laboring under considerable bodily affliction, but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish the following last will and testament

I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter, Eliza Jane Matthews and Wincy Ann Mendenhall the sum of One thousand dollars each, to be paid to them by my executor or administrator for their own special use & benefit, and to be at their own Control and disposal.

I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Wincy Ann Mendenhall, and the heirs of her body the following negro Slaves, with their increase, to wit, a girl named Elizabeth about fourteen years old, a boy named Dan about sixteen years old, and a boy named Henry about ten years old. Should either of the above named Slaves die before having come into the possession of the said Wincy Ann Mendenhall or her heirs as above mentioned - I give and bequeath to her as above a negro girl named Margaret, about eight years old - to her and the heirs of her body forever.

I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Agnes Dunlap, daughter of my son Benj. I Dunlap and to the heirs of her body a negro girl named Cornelia, about seventeen years old, with her increase -

I give and bequeath to my Grandson Joseph Dunlap who has been living with me a considerable portion of the time for the last few years, the sum of One thousand dollars, to be expended in his board & education at some suitable institution of learning after he has acquired a sufficient education at home to enter such a School. I also give him my white horse & Cattle.

After the payment of the above mentioned bequests or legacies, I give and bequeath the balance of my property & effects belonging to me at the time of my decease, to my four children to wit Benjamin I Dunlap, Joseph I. Dunlap, Eliza Jane Matthews, & Wincy Ann Mendenhall to be equally divided between and amongst them, their

Susannah & Ratliff's Will

In the name of God Amen I Susannah & Ratliff of the State of North Carolina Anson County being in perfect mind & memory giving thanks to the Creator for his goodness, Calling in mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die do make & ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul in the favor of the Creator that gave it and my body I recommend in the usual treatment not doubting the same as touching such worldly affairs wherewith it hath pleased the great giver of all to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner I do hereby appoint & nominate W. H. Ratliff one of the legates for Executor & first I desire my lawful Contracts to be paid I give to my two Sisters namely Rebecca Ratliff Ann Ratliff and my Brother W. H. Ratliff I give all my lands negroes and all other possessions of every description to my above named Sister & Brother in the following manner to be allotted by them or holders to each legatee the lots are to be as equal as possible then to be drawn for named will do & bequeathing ratifying and confirming this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the thirtieth day of April One thousand eight hundred and fifty three signed and sealed in the presence of

William Webb

J. M. Rar

Heardy Sellers

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County, January Term 1865

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Susannah & Ratliff was offered for probate duly proved in open Court by the oath of William Webb one of the subscribers thereto. He also proved that he saw the other two witnesses viz: J. M. Rar & Hardy Sellers subscribe their names thereto as witnesses and that said witnesses on oath. Whereupon W. H. Ratliff the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified to execute said Will, and entered into bond in the sum of twenty five thousand dollars with John P. Ratliff & Archibald Swain as sureties, and letters testamentary were granted to J. Rar - and said Will was ordered to be recorded.

J. P. Carpenter C. R.

Susannah & Ratliff

Jesse E. Marsh's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Jesse E. Marsh of the County of Anson 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 and testament in manner and form following (viz)

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 disposal of my friends. Article 1st My will is that all my just debts be paid out of money on hand and debts that may be due and owing to me at my death, and if any deficiency in funds, the balance to be raised out of such property as will be of least use to my family at the discretion of my executors.

Art 2nd My will is, that after my executors shall have paid all my just debts, and necessary charges that may be against my estate that they then deliver the balance of my estate to my beloved wife Eliza Ellen, to be used at pleasure by her for the benefit of herself and family during her natural life or widowhood, and provided she should ever to be my widow then my executors are required to make an equal distribution among all of my lawful heirs.

Art 3rd and last, I appoint my worthy friends, Thomas L. Marsh and Joseph White executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 9th day of August A.D. 1864

In presence of

A. Durm

W. M. Webb

J. E. Marsh

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County, January Term 1865

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Jesse E. Marsh was exhibited in open Court for probate. Joseph White came into Court & renounced his right to execute said will with the same as duly proved in open Court by the oath of Joseph White, Hugh A. Crawford & William R. Rar who proved the signature of J. E. Marsh & that the body of said will was in the handwriting of said J. Marsh, and said Joseph White, H. A. Crawford & W. Rar also proved that A. Durm & W. M. Webb the two subscribing witnesses to said will were beyond the limits of this State, and they also proved the signature of said W. M. Webb to be in his own proper handwriting, and said will was

ordered to be recorded - whereupon Thomas L. Marsh
 One of the executors named in said will appeared in Open
 Court and was duly qualified as executor thence and entered
 into bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with
 Hugh A. Crawford and Joseph White as sureties and
 obtained letters testamentary

P. J. Coffey clerk

Alexander Mc Johnson's Will

In the name of God Amen I Alexander Mc Johnson of the County of
 Anson and of the State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing
 mind and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do hereby
 make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will & testament
 that is to say First, To my beloved wife Sarah Johnson the land &
 plantation on which I reside lying and situate on the waters of
 Mill Creek of the S^d County & State joining the lands of the heirs
 of Daniel & M^c Laurin and Person & Woods; also to the same
 I give my negro girl Vene about sixteen or seventeen years old,
 All the residue of my property after paying my just debts
 out of it I will to be equally divided between my beloved
 brothers Daniel P. Johnson & John Johnson likewise I make
 constitute and appoint Mrs. Grady Egan to be the executor of
 this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former
 wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on
 twelfth day of April, in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred & sixty two

Witness

Jo^{seph} C. Morrison

Alexander Mc Johnson

State of North Carolina, County of Anson & Quarter Sessions
 Anson County, January Term 1865

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Alexander Mc
 Johnson was offered for probate and duly proved in Open
 Court by the oath of Jo^{seph} C. Morrison and Alexander Mc Johnson
 the two subscribing witnesses thence and ordered to be recorded
 whereupon John Grady Egan the executor therein named
 appeared in Open Court & was duly qualified to execute
 said will - he entered into bond in the sum of three
 thousand dollars with Richmond Buchanan as his
 surety & obtained letters testamentary

P. J. Coffey clerk

ordered to be recorded - whereupon Thomas L. Marsh
 one of the executors named in said will appeared in Open
 Court and was duly qualified as executor thence and entered
 into bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with
 Hugh A. Crawford and Joseph White as sureties and
 obtained letters testamentary

P. J. Coffey clerk

Alexander Mc Johnson's Will

In the name of God Amen I Alexander Mc Johnson of the County of
 Anson and of the State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing
 mind and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do hereby
 make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will & testament
 that is to say First, To my beloved Sister Sarah Johnson the land &
 plantation on which I reside lying and situate on the waters of
 Mill Creek of the S^d County & State joining the lands of the heirs
 of Daniel & M^c Lauria united Person & Nease, also to the same
 Sister my negro girl One about sixteen or seventeen years old,
 All the residue of my property after paying my just debts
 out of it I will to be equally divided between my beloved
 brothers Daniel P. Johnson & John Johnson likewise I make
 constitute and appoint Mrs. Grady Egan to be the executrix of
 this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former
 wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto subscribed my name and Affixed my seal on
 twelfth day of April, in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred & sixty two

With

Wm. C. Morrison

Alexander Mc Johnson

State of North Carolina, County of Anson, Clerk of Court & Quarter Sessions
 Anson County, January Term 1865

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Alexander Mc
 Johnson is offered for probate and duly proved in this
 Court by the oath of Wm. C. Morrison and Alexander Mc Johnson
 the two subscribers witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
 whereupon John Grady Egan the executrix therein named
 appeared in Open Court and was duly qualified to execute
 said will - he entered into bond in the sum of three
 thousand dollars with Richmond Buchanan as his
 surety & obtained letters testamentary

P. J. Coffey clerk

Thomas & Raddy's Will.

I Thomas & Raddy 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. In the first place I direct all my just debts to be paid by my Executors hereinafter named out of such parts of my estate or the profits thereof as they may deem most expedient together with my funeral expenses and expences incurred in the Settlement of my estate. I then give devise and bequeath all my estate both real and personal of every kind and description to my wife Elizabeth Raddy for the use and benefit of herself and all my children and to that end I direct that the same shall be kept together and managed in the same way that it has heretofore been. Subject to this last direction however I thereby authorize my said wife at any time to sell exchange and make such other alterations and agreements in relation to said estate and personal as she may from time to time think expedient or necessary and in the disposal of my said estate both real & personal among my said wife and children. I desire and direct that the same shall be done as follows to wit 1st I give to my two youngest children William M and Sarah Estlin One thousand dollars each to be paid to them without interest when they arrive the age of twenty one year & upon death or marriage the same to be paid by my Executors either in money or property at cash valuation in their discretion. 2nd All the residue of my estate real & personal I desire and direct to be equally divided among all my children and my said wife that is to say I desire that they shall all have an equal interest in the same. and as to the mode and time of division I desire and hereby authorize my said wife to give off from time to time to such of my children as she thinks best and proper

any part or portion of said property and estate not exceeding in value the equal share of said children said property thus given off to be valued at its cash value at the time said value to be ascertained by the appraisement of any two or three disinterested persons who shall put their appraisement in writing to be preserved to the final division. The share or shares of my estate given to my daughters I give and bequeath to the same to the sole and separate use and benefit of my said daughters respectively not to be subject to the debts contracts or liabilities of any husband they have or may hereafter have during their natural life & at their death then to live & use ~~as my own~~ ^{as if} I have and if either of my said daughters should die without issue their share or shares of my estate to be equally divided among my other children & the issue of such as may be dead who shall represent their deceased parent. So long as my wife and children shall continue to live together all there expences and education of my children to be paid in common out of my estate. I have here to fore advanced to my son Edmund D. property which I value at Two hundred and fifty dollars and to my son Joel I property of the value of One hundred dollars these sums I direct to be left in the consideration in making up there shares of my estate. In the event of the death of my wife leaving any part of the provisions of this will yet to be executed I desire and direct that the same shall be executed by whomsoever shall be appointed by the proper Court to complete the Settlement of my estate exercising all the rights to that end hereby given & vested in my said wife. In the event it shall be deemed advisable by my wife to sell any part of my estate real or personal I authorize her as my Executor to make the necessary bills to the purchaser or purchasers lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth Raddy Executor of this

my last will and testament

In testimony whereof (I have)
Set my hand and seal this 21st May 1861
J. J. Gaddy Seal

Witness

The subscription on the 20th line
of the 2nd page made before signing

Thomas Phillips
H. L. M. Greger

Whereas I Thomas J. Gaddy of
Sussex County having made and delivered
my last will and testament in writing of date
the 21st May 1861 Now I do hereby declare
this writing to be as a codicil thereto and taken
as a part thereof (I give to my son Charles C
Gaddy (born since the date of said will)
one thousand dollars to be paid to him without
interest when he becomes twenty one years old
in addition to an equal share of the residue of my
estate. The share of my estate real & personal
given in said will to my daughter Ellen since
married to William J. M. Greger I give to my
son Joel J. Gaddy to be by them held in trust
for the sole & separate use of my said daughter
during her natural life with the same limitations
over as provided in said will but with the
express direction that said trustee Joel J. Gaddy or
such other person as may succeed him in said office
to permit any part or portion of the specific
property to which my said daughter may be
entitled under my said will to be placed
in the possession or control of my said
daughter or her said husband during the life
of the said William J. M. Greger but said
property and estate as the same may from

time to time be delivered over by my executrix
as provided in said will at her discretion is to be
held and managed until turned or loaned by said
trustee from year to year & only the rents, issues and
profits thereof be paid over to my said daughter
during the life of her said husband

I do witness whereof I the said Thomas J. Gaddy
have to his Codicil set my hand & seal this 15th
August 1861 J. J. Gaddy Seal

Witness

The subscription on the 5th line
of this Codicil made before signing
by testator

George W. Little
J. P. Edwards

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter
Sussex County Septem^r April Term 1861

From the foregoing last will and testament of Thomas
J. Gaddy was offered for probate and duly proved
in open Court by the oath of H. L. M. Greger one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto and the Codicil to said
will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of
J. P. Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
and said will and Codicil were ordered to be recorded
and the executors therein named appeared in open Court and were
duly qualified to execute said will and entered in to bonds
in the sum of fifty thousand dollars with Adam
McIntosh, Edmund L. McIntosh & Edmund Davis as his
sureties and letters testamentary were ordered to issue

J. H. Hodge Clerk

my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I ^{have} ~~subscribed~~ ^{signed}
 set my hand and seal this 24th May 1861
 T. J. Gaddy

Witness,

The interment on the 20th line
 of the 2nd page made before signing

Thomas Phillips
 H. L. McGregor

Whereas I Thomas J. Gaddy of
 Anson County having made and duly executed
 my last will and testament in writing of date
 the 24th May 1861 Now I do hereby declare
 this writing to be as a final charge and taken
 as a part thereof & give to my son Charles
 Gaddy (born since the date of said will)
 one thousand dollars to be paid to him without
 interest when he becomes twenty one year old
 in addition to an equal share of the residue of my
 estate. The share of my estate real & personal
 given in said will to my daughter Ellen Sena
 married to William D. McGregor I give to my
 son Joel J. Gaddy to be by them held in trust
 for the sole & separate use of my said daughter
 during her natural life with the same limitations
 over as provided in said will but with the
 exception that said trustee is only to pay
 over to my said daughter the annually accruing
 rents, profits & interest and in no event or under any
 circumstances is the said trustee Joel J. Gaddy or
 such other person as may succeed him in said office
 to permit any part or portion of the specific
 property to which my said daughter may be
 entitled under my said will to be placed
 in the possession or control of my said
 daughter or her said husband during the life
 of the said William D. McGregor but said
 property and estate as the same may come

time to time be delivered over by my executor
 as provided in said will at her discretion is to
 hold and managed until paid or loaned by said
 trustee from year to year & only the rents, profits and
 interest thereof be paid over to my said daughter
 during the life of her said husband

In witness whereof I the said Thomas J. Gaddy
 have to his Codicil set my hand & seal this 15th
 August 1861 T. J. Gaddy Seal

Witness

The interment on the 6th line
 of said Codicil made before signing
 by Testator

George W. Little
 J. P. Edwards

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter
 Anson County Session April Term 1862
 Then the foregoing last will and testament of Thomas
 J. Gaddy was offered for probate and duly proved
 in open Court by the oath of H. L. McGregor one of the
 subscribing witnesses thereto and the Codicil to said
 will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of
 J. P. Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
 and said will and Codicil were ordered to be recorded
 in the minutes of this Court and were duly qualified to execute said will and entered into bonds
 in the sum of fifty thousand dollars with Adam
 McWhorter, Edmund J. McIntosh & Edmund H. Davis as
 sureties and letters testamentary were ordered to issue

J. H. Haffedge Clerk

State of North Carolina }
Anson County }

I Pleasant Horn of
the County of Anson and State aforesaid, being
of sound mind and memory tho' feeling that
my earthly existence is drawing to a close and
being desirous of making distributions of my
property that have or may be possessed of at
my death do make and ordain that my last
will and testament 1st My desire is that my
executor herein after mentioned to prepare
for my body a decent burial and pay my
funeral expenses out of my estate and all my
debts owing to me and by collected and all
my just debts that I may owe paid
and do give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Sarah the balance of all my Estate both
personal and real to have to her own use
I do hereby appoint my beloved wife my
Executor. Given under my hand and Seal
this the third day of September 1865

Witness
John Broadaway }
W. S. Foreman }

Pleasant ^{his} Horn
mark

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } April Term 1865
The foregoing last will & testament of Pleasant
Horn was offered for probate and duly proved in
open Court by the oath of John Broadaway a Subscribing
witness thereto and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon
Sarah Horn appeared in open Court and was duly
qualified to execute said will & ~~testament~~ into
bond in the sum of One thousand dollars with
John Broadaway security and obtained letters
testamentary

P. J. Coffedge Clerk

William H. Ralliff

In the name of God Amen I W. H. Ralliff of the State of North
Carolina Anson County being in perfect mind & memory giving thanks
to the Creator for his good gifts calling in mind the mortality of my
body & knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die do make
ordain thus my last will and testament that is to say partly and
first of all I give & recommend my soul in the power of the Creator
that gave it and my body I recommend in the usual fashion &
not doubting the same blessing such worldly affairs which
with it hath pleased the great God of all to bless me in this
life I give devise and bequeath of the the same in the following
manner I do hereby appoint ^(chosen) & nominate when of the legal age
for executrix & first I ~~devise~~ my lawful contracts to be
paid I give to my three sisters namely Rebecca Ralliff
Rebecca Ralliff and Ann Ralliff I give all my land
improvements and all other properties of every description to my above
named sister in the following manner to be allotted by them
for holders to wit the R. R. to be as equal as possible
then to be drawn for names called & bequeathed relating
and concerning this my last will and testament including
whereof I have heretofore to my friends & dears this the thirty
day of April 1865 and eight hundred & fifty three
Signed & Sealed

in presence of
William H. Ralliff
James M. Ralliff
Hardy J. Ralliff

William H. Ralliff

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } October Term 1865
Then the foregoing last will & testament of William H. Ralliff was offered
for probate duly proved in open Court by the oath of William H. Ralliff one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Ann
Ralliff appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as executrix to
execute said will & testament. She entered into bond in the sum of
five thousand dollars with John P. Ralliff & David Huntley
as security & letting testamentary ordered to issue

Wm. H. Ralliff

Jeremiah Mitchum's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Jeremiah Mitchum being
sensible body but of sound mind do make this as my last will and
testament - to wit.

- I give and bequeath unto my wife Helen Mitchum the
following named property - To wit: for (50) Acres of land to be
laid off joining the Cherry Branch the horse bridge and
saddle two (2) Cows and yearlings which she brought her
when we married the bed and some furniture one loom
and one large chest - I warrant and defend the said title to
my wife Helen against all claim or claims for her own use -
- 2nd I give my son Walter eighty seven (87) and a half acres of
land one horse bridge and saddle one Cow and Calf and
one sow and pigs one bed and furniture -
- 3rd I give my son William eighty seven and a half (87½)
acres with the houses in it one horse bridge and saddle
one Cow and Calf and one sow and pigs bed and furniture
- 4th I give my Daughter Ann fifty (50) Acres of land
one Cow and Calf and one sow and pigs bed and furniture
- 5th I give my Daughter Bettie one Cow and Calf one sow and
pigs bed and furniture -
- 6th I give my Daughter Ellen one Cow and Calf one
sow and pigs bed and furniture -
- 7th My remaining children having had their full
share of my property It is my will they live
together as heretofore all in the same house
my crop of Cotton on hand I want sold and
my debts paid with the proceeds thereof My
remaining Cattle hogs and growing Crops I leave
for the use of the family And all tools and every thing
belonging to the plantation
- I hereby Appoint my son Casswell Mitchum my
lawful executor of this my last will and testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 19th day of August 1865 - J. Mitchum

In the presence of us
J. L. Gair
J. E. H. R.
Attest before me, Carolina, County of Perry & Quarter Sessions
- Groom County, October Term 1865

Then the foregoing last will and testament of
Jeremiah Mitchum was offered in probate and
duly proven in open Court by the oaths of J. L. Gair
& J. E. H. R. the two subscribing witnesses thereto
and ordered to be recorded - Whereupon
Casswell Mitchum the Executor therein named
appeared in open Court and was duly qualified
to execute said will and letters testamentary were
ordered to issue
J. G. H. Judge Clerk

William Eldridge's Will
State of North Carolina,
Anson County {

I, William Eldridge being in good health and of a sound mind do make this my last will and testament 1st I want my Executor to pay my just debts, then what is left I will and bequeath to my sister Martha Eldridge, I appoint Charles Rushing my Executor, Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of March 1882
William Eldridge (Died)

Witness
W L White
David Plam

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County { January Term 1886

Then the within last will & testament of William Eldridge was offered for probate & duly proven in open Court by the oath of W L White one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who also proved the handwriting of David Plam the other subscribing witness thereto. Whereupon Charles Rushing the Executor therein named came into open Court and renounces his right to execute said will, and thereupon William L White is appointed Administrator with the will annexed of the said William Eldridge - he entering into bond in the sum of One Hundred dollars with Henry Smith and Wilson Clark as sureties - he was duly qualified & sworn to - And said Will was ordered to be recorded -

D. J. Capridge atty

Rebecca Raliff's Will

In the name of God, Amen, I Rebecca Raliff of the State of North Carolina, Anson County, being in sound health, mind, memory, giving thanks to the Creator for his goodness, casting in mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul in the power of the Creator, that gave it, and my body I recommend in the usual treatment, not doubting the same, as touching such worldly affairs, wherewith it hath pleased the Great Giver of all to bless me in this life,

I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner,

I do hereby appoint and nominate, name of my Regales for Executors, & Executors. And first of all I desire my lawful debts to be paid,

I give my brother and two Sisters, namely, William H Raliff, Susannah Raliff, and Ann Raliff. I give all my lands, negroes, and other property of all descriptions to my above named sister and brother, in the following manner, to be divided in three freeholdings to each brother the lots are to be as equal as possible, then to be drawn for, named, willed, and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming, this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the thirteenth day of April, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight, three
Signed and Sealed in the presence of

Rebecca Raliff, (Died)

William Raliff
Jas M Raliff
Hardy Sellers

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County { July Term 1886
Then the foregoing last will

Ritchea Raliff will

and testament of Ritchea Raliff was opened for private, & duly proved in open Court, by the oath of William Holt one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved that J^{as} M. H. & Hardy shewers the other subscribing witnesses are both dead, and thereupon said will was ordered to be recorded. Whereupon John Raliff appeared, in open Court, & was duly qualified as Executor to said will, and letters testamentary are ordered to issue.

J^{as} M. H. & Hardy shewers

Wm. J. Collins: will.

In the name of God Amen. I W^m J. Collins of the County of Sussex and State of South Carolina, being a going off to the War, and not knowing when I shall be permitted to return, back or know, and knowing it is appointed, unto all men true to die, and thus to appear in judgment, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. First I recommend my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian burial at the discretion of my family or friends. And attaching such worldly estate as it has been pleased God, to bless me with, in this life. I give, devise, and bequeath in the following manner and form to wit.

Item 1st My will is that all my property, both paying my Just. debts, both real and personal, my plantation tools my household and kitchen furniture, &c. &c. due me and all my property of every species & description, be kept together and laid in trust by my wife, for the use of herself & my children, during the lifetime of my wife Frances, and that as my children Mary off is now at the age of twenty one years my wife, give to each child marrying off or leaving her such property, as she can conveniently spare, and that in disposing of my property among my children, each one shall have as near an equal share as possible so that a final division of all my property all my children may share equal.

Item 2nd My will is, that if my wife should deem it advisable to dispose of any of my negroes or any other part of my property, and my other Executor concurs in the opinion it will be to the advantage of the family & to my estate she be full authorized to do so, and that she be authorized to buy other or more property, or keep the money arising from the sale of said property, at interest as she and my other Executor may think most to the advantage of the family, and to my estate.

Then 3rd It is my will if my wife should think proper to marry again, that she be entitled to an equal share of all my property, that is she be entitled to a child's part of all my estate, and it is further my will, should there hereafter be any property, money, goods or effects fall to my estate, after my death, that it be held and disposed of as my other estate. And lastly, I appoint my kind & loving wife Frances, Executors and County Redfearn Executors to this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 20th day of August A.D. 1863

Signed sealed and pronounced his last will & Testament in the presence of the signs in his presence and in the presence of each other

Wm. Duren
John Burns

Oliver J. Collins Secy

State of North Carolina, County of Anson, 1866

I, the undersigned, last will & Testament of Oliver J. Collins was exhibited in open Court, and duly proved by the oath of John Burns one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, wherein the Executor Frances Collins comes into open Court and renounces his right to execute said will and at the same time enters his dissent from the said will and thereupon County Redfearn the Executor named in said will appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as executor thereof and letters testamentary were ordered to issue
By the Court Clerk

William Leonard's Will

In the name of God Amen, I William Leonard of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and wishing to arrange my worldly business whilst in the enjoyment of my natural and mental faculties, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz) 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 disposal of my friends.

Article 1st My will is that all of my just debts be paid out of money on hand and debts that may be due and owing to me at my death and if any deficiency in funds the balance to be raised out of black property as well of least use to my family, at the discretion of my Executors.

Art 2nd My will is that after my Executors shall have paid all of my just debts and necessary charges that may be against my Estate, that they then deliver the balance of my estate to my beloved wife Zilpha to be used by her for the benefit of herself and family during her life or widowhood, and provided she should cease to be my widow, then my Executors are required to make an equal distribution among all of my lawful heirs, except my son Isaac and daughter Sarah Jane and Frances Ann. My Executors are required to pay each one of them ten dollars from my estate and nothing more.

Art 3rd and last I appoint my worthy friend County Redfearn my Executors to this my last will and Testament In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my sig. Red. this the 11th day of May A.D. 1864

In presence of
John Burns

William Leonard
mark

James Leonard
State of North Carolina, County of Anson, 1866
Anson County, 1866
Then the foregoing last will and testament of

William Leonard was offered for probate & duly pronounced
open Court by the oaths of John Buring & James Leonard the
two subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded - where
by John Buring the Executor therein named appeared in
open Court & was duly qualified as Executor to said will
& letters testamentary were ordered to issue

Wm Leonard

William Le Parsons will

In the name of God, Amen, I, William Le Parsons of the County
of Anson in the State of North Carolina being of mature
body, but of sound mind and memory do this 28th day of January
1866 - publish and declare this my last will and testament,
to wit,

Whereas I became the purchaser of a small tract
of land at a sale made by the Clerk and Master of
the Court of Equity of about fifty nine acres of
land, which was sold as the lands of Joseph Smith
for which sale has been confirmed by the Court of
Equity but for which Title remains yet to be made,
Now I wish the said bid to be paid for by my Executor
and the title for the same to made to my wife & children, the said
lands to be equally divided among them, And whereas all
the balance of my lands are some Court lands and will
pass as such according to Law, except my house and lot
in Wadesboro where I now reside - Now it is my will
and desire that said House and lot shall pass to my
wife and children equally, but all my property both real
and personal shall be kept together as long as my Executor
hereinafter to be named, shall think proper for the benefit of my
wife & children and at any time my Executor as aforesaid shall
see proper may sell and dispose of the same with that
view, I have my said Executor the whole of my real and personal
Estate to be disposed of for the use and benefit of my wife and
children

Lastly I nominate John W. Leake as Guardian of all my
children and wish him to manage themselves and their
Estate until they shall all arrive at lawful age, and I do
hereby nominate & constitute ^{him (J. W. Leake)} Executor of this my last
& testament and do hereby authorize and empower
him to act in all things appertaining to my Estate at his
own discretion for the benefit of my wife & children -
Signed sealed published &
declared to be the last will
& testament of the Testator in
the presence of

Wm Le Parsons Decd

A Little
James A. Leake

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County, July Term 1846

When the foregoing last will & testament of William L. Parsons was
produced for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath
of A. Little and James S. Leake the two subscribing witnesses
thereunto and ordered to be recorded, Whereupon John W. Leake
the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and
was duly qualified as Executor to said will, and letters
Testamentary were ordered to issue.

J. C. Pledge, Clerk

Frederick Stator's Will

I Frederick Stator of the County of Anson 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 and testament, in manner and form
following that is to say

- First, That my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my
body a decent burial, suitable & suitable ~~to the wishes of my~~
friends and relations, and pay all funeral expenses, together with
my just debts, burials and to whomsoever owing, out of the money
that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate
- 2nd I give and bequeath unto my Son, Emis Stator seven hundred
acres of land more or less, being all the tract of land, down
on Niggerhead creek and, and Round Vine creek, also a negro woman
and thirty two child's money, also one negro named Velt her increase
also one negro girl by the name of Ann -
- 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Son, Virick Stator all the land lying
on the East side of Lane's creek, also a tract of land of three hundred
acres more or less known as the Carborough lands, also all my land
between Lane's creek and Crick's creek except one tract known as
the Taylor tract (which lies some three miles from my other lands)
also the following negroes Collier, and Charles, Linda and her
children together with her future increase. Virick Stator
shall well and truly pay four hundred dollars to the lawful
heirs of Temperance Smith to be paid at two payments of two
hundred dollars, each, annually after my decease
- 4th I give and bequeath to my Son Redden Stator all the lands down on
Richardson's creek, known by the name of the Austin, Sharps and
Thomson and James Land - also five negroes, named, Will's
Tom & Ann, Joe & Jane
- 5th I give and bequeath to the lawful heirs of ~~Thompson~~ ~~Smith~~
Smith one negro boy named John, one girl named Jane
one negro girl Caroline with her children except the eldest
Married Thomas -
- 6th I give and bequeath to the lawful heirs of my daughter Maria
Stator, all the land whereon James Stator lived and died
also a tract known as the Taylor land, lying on the waters
of Lane's creek - also three negroes named, Nancy
Calvin, Laura -
- 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet Broadwing

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } July Term 1888

When the foregoing last will & testament of William L. Parsons was
offered for probate and duly proved in open Court by the oath
of A. Little and James A. Leak the two subscribing witnesses
thereunto and ordered to be recorded, Whereupon John W. Leak
the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and
was duly qualified as Executor to said will, and letters
Testamentary were ordered to issue.

J. C. C. Judge del. R.

Frederick Stator's Will

I Frederick Stator of the County of Anson 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 and Testament, in manner and form
following that is to say

First, That my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my
body a decent burial, suitable suitable ~~to the wishes of my~~
friends and relatives, and pay all funeral expenses, together with
my just debts, burials and to whomsoever owing, out of the money
that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate
2^d I give and bequeath unto my Son, Edwin Stator Seven hundred
acres of land more or less, being all the tract of land, down
on Higgerhead creek and, and Grand Vine creek, also a negro woman
and Sherry her child named, also one negro named Vilet her increase
also one negro girl by the name of Ann -

3^d I give and bequeath unto my Son, Virick Stator, all the land lying
on the East side of Lanes creek, also a tract of land of three hundred
acres more or less known as the Carborough lands, about my land
between Lanes creek and Criss creek except one tract known as
the Varter tract (which lies some three miles from my other lands)
also the following negroes Collick, and Charles, Linda and her
children together with her future increase - Virick Stator
shall well and truly pay four hundred dollars to the lawful
heirs of Temperance Smith to be paid at two payments of two
hundred dollars each, annually after my death -

4th I give and bequeath to my Son Redden Stator all the lands down on
Richardson's creek, known by the name of the Rustin, Sharps, and
Thomas and Isaac Land - also five negroes, named, Willie
John & Ann, Ben & Sam

5th I give and bequeath to the lawful heirs of ~~Thos. L. Stator~~ Temperance
Smith one negro boy named John, one girl named Jane
one negro girl Caroline with her children except the oldest
named Fanny -

6th I give and bequeath to the lawful heirs of my daughter Maria
Stator, all the land whereon James Stator lived and died
also a tract known as the Taylor Land, lying on the waters
of Lanes creek - also three negroes named, Nancy
Leah, Laura -

7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet Browning

and the thing of her body, a tract of land, adjoining John Broadaway, containing two hundred & fifty acres more or less, also one negro boy named George, if the said Harriet Broadaway should die without a lawful heir of her body, then the said property to return to my lawful heirs, & I give and bequeath to grand daughter Thia two slaves one negro girl named Emma if the said Thia or Thia should die without a lawful heir of her body said negro girl shall next look to my surviving heirs, my will is that all the residue of my property not otherwise disposed of shall be sold and after paying off all my just debts, to be equally divided among all of my lawful heirs.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son Virick Slater & Heirs, My Heirs my lawful executors to this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th day of July A.D. 1857 Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Frederick Slater Heir of us

H. M. Broadaway
D. Hyatt

10th In addition to the above will, I will and bequeath to my wife Thia Slater a negro boy named Dick during her lifetime, after her death to my Son Virick Slater A.D. 1860 June 19th Frederick Slater Heir of us

M. B. Bunnell

R. A. Allen

State of North Carolina, County of Anson & Quarter Session
July Term 1866

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Frederick Slater was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of H. M. Broadaway & D. Hyatt the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and at the same time the Codicil to said will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of M. B. Bunnell the subscribing witness thereto, and said Will and Codicil were ordered to be recorded - And thereupon Virick Slater the Executor therein named was duly qualified and took upon himself the execution thereof - and Letters Testamentary were ordered to issue

M. C. Copeledge & R.

Edward C. Morton's Will

I Edward C. Morton of the State of North Carolina and County of Anson do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament

First In full belief and Confidence in the truth of the Bible as revealed in the old and new Testament, I resign my soul to God who is my Father and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my friends

Second I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Louisa Morton all of my property both real and personal that I may possess at the time of my death for her sole use and comfort during her life time and after her death to be equally divided amongst my three youngest children, to wit - Henry C. Morton, James C. Morton, Pleasant Morton, Joseph A. Morton, William B. Morton and Mary Elizabeth Morton - my other five older children viz; William M. Morton Robert C. Morton, Caroline S. Morton, Eliza M. Morton, and Sarah C. Morton having heretofore had their portion of my estate in the way of advancement -

I do hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend George Allen my executor to see to and carry out the purposes of this my will - given under my hand and seal this 20th day of December A.D. 1863

Witness

Edward C. Morton

J. A. Craighford

M. C. Copeledge

State of North Carolina, County of Anson & Quarter Session
July Term 1866

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Edward C. Morton do. was offered for probate & duly proved in open Court by the oath of J. A. Craighford & M. C. Copeledge the two subscribing witnesses - as thereto & ordered to be recorded, and George Allen the executor therein named appeared in open Court & renounced his right to execute said will, and it was ordered by the Court that Administration with the will annexed in the estate of said do. be granted to Louisa Morton - She entered into bond in the sum of two thousand dollars, with Joseph Allen & John Lemick as sureties - She was duly qualified & Letters Testamentary were ordered to issue

M. C. Copeledge & R.

Benjamin Rodgers Will

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Rodgers of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and testament, in form as follows

Item 1st That my executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body
a decent burial suited to the wishes of my friends and pay all funeral
expenses together with all my just debts out of the first money which
may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca Rodgers
all my estate during her natural life,

them & I further bequeath after the death of my said beloved wife
Rebecca Rogers, all my estate to Sidney Luther, to him and his
heirs, absolutely and forever,

Item 4th I give and bequeath to all of my next of kin ten dollars
to be equally divided among ^{them} to have and to hold absolutely

And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty friend William Fisher my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof and every part of the same, thereby revoking all wills hereby made by me and declaring them utterly void.

Witness whereof I Benjamin Rodgers do hereunto set my hand
and Seal, The 23rd day of June A.D. 1865 signed sealed
published and declared by the said Benjamin Rodgers 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 thereto.

Witnes^s Wm L Smith
Sam L Smith Jr

Sam^l Smith Jr

Benjamin Rodgers, Secy

State of North Carolina, County of Alamogordo, ss. I, Clerk of the Superior Court of the said County, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears from the records of the said Court.

Arden County, July Term 1876

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Benjamin Hedger was
offered for probate & duly proved in open Court by the oath of Wm. Smith
& John Smith of the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to
be ~~recorded~~ - Whereupon Sidney Luther the executor therein
named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified as executor
to said will & letters testamentary were ordered to issue

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Hudson & Winfree's Mill

In the name of God; Amen. - I, William C. Winfree of the County of
Anson, and State of North Carolina, do make public and declare
the following to be & contain my last will and Testament, hereby revoking
all others by me heretofore, at any time made -

1st I direct my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my Executors out of my part of my estate she may deem advisable.

2nd I give devise and bequeath all the residue of my estate both real and personal, remaining after payment of my debts & funeral expenses, to my wife, Judith R. S. Wimper for the equal use and benefit of herself and all my children; with full power and authority on her part, to sell or exchange any part or portion of said estate, either real or personal, and to reinvest the same in any other kind of property she may deem advisable, for the use & benefit of the same parties, having also the terms and mode of sale to her discretion & for her true ends, & to the purchaser in her own name; & further that if that said estate with the natural increase & accumulation of by her gift together, and any my children come of age, or marry, or the happening of either event that shall be first, my wife shall select three counter-claim men, who shall allot and set apart to the child so coming of age or marrying, its equal share or portion of my said estate; reducing their proceedings & writings to be preserved by my wife; and in making said allotments, from time to time, if said three men who may be thus selected in the term being shall deem it best for the interest of all the parties, they are authorized to allot & set apart to the child then receiving its share of my estate, and equivalent in money or other personal estate, for what they may consider its share of the real estate;

It is further my will, that if my wife should marry again the proper Court shall appoint a Guardian for such of my children as may be then under age, who is, authorised & directed to select three disinterested men, who shall allot & set apart to my said wife her share of my estate; with a like discretion in paying her an equivalent in money or other personal estate, for her share of the real estate, as herein before directed as to the children; and said Guardian shall take possession of the children's estate and manage it in the same way, with the same discretionary powers as here is given to my wife prior to marriage; in relation to sale & exchange of property; My wife & the guardian of my children successively are authorised from time to time

Benjamin Rodgers Will

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Rodgers of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and testament, in form as follows

Item 1st That my executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial and to the wishes of my friends and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts, out of the first money which may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate,

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca Rodgers all my estate during her natural life,

Item 3rd I further bequeath after the death of my said beloved wife Rebecca Rodgers, all my estate, to Sidney Luther, to him and his heirs, absolutely and forever,

Item 4th I give and bequeath, to all of my next of kin ten dollars to be equally divided among ^{them} to have and to hold absolutely and forever

And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty friend Sidney Luther my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof and every part of the same, hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me and declaring them utterly void,

Witness whereof I Benjamin Rodgers do hereunto set my hand and seal, The 23rd day of June A.D. 1865 signed sealed published and declared by the said Benjamin Rodgers 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 thereto,

Witness Wm C Smith
Sam C Smith

Benjamin Rodgers Test

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Anson County } July Term 1866

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Benjamin Rodgers was offered for probate & duly proved in open Court by the oath of Wm C Smith & Sam C Smith the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded - whereupon Sidney Luther the executor therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified as executor to said will & letters testamentary were ordered to issue

Wm C Smith & Co

Sidney C. Winfree's Will

In the name of God; Amen. - I, Sidney C. Winfree of the County of Anson, and State of North Carolina, do make, publish and declare the following to be & contain my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore, at any time made -

1st I direct my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my executor out of any part of my estate she may deem advisable.

2nd I give divide and bequeath all the residue of my estate both real and personal, remaining after payment of my debts & funeral expenses, to my wife, Judith R. S. Winfree for the equal use and benefit of herself and all my children; with full power and authority on her part, to sell or exchange any part or portion of said estate, either real or personal, and to reinvest the same in any other kind of property she may deem advisable for the use & benefit of the same parties, leaving also the terms and mode of sale to her discretion & for her to execute bills to the purchaser in her own name; I further direct that said estate with the real estate & accretion thereto by her kept together, and as my children come of age, or marry, on the happening of either event that shall be first, my wife shall select three disinterested men, who shall allot and set apart to the child so coming of age or marrying, its equal share or portion of my said estate, reducing their proceedings & writing to be preserved by my wife; and in making said allotments from time to time, if said three men who may be thus selected for the time being shall deem it best for the interest of all the parties, they are authorized to allot & set apart to the child then receiving its share of my estate, and equivalent in money or other personal estate, for what they may consider its share of the real estate;

I further direct my will, that if my wife should marry again the proper Court shall appoint a Guardian for each of my children as may be then under age, who is authorized & directed to select three disinterested men, who shall allot & set apart to my said wife her share of my estate, with a like discretion in paying her an equivalent in money or other personal estate, for her share of the real estate, as herein before directed as to the children; and said Guardian shall take possession of the children's estate and manage it in the same way, with the same extraordinary powers as herein given to my wife prior to marriage; in relation to sale & exchange of property; my wife & the guardian of my children & executors are authorized from time to time

Benjamin Rodgers' Will

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Rodgers of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and testament, in form as follows

Item 1st That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts, out of the first money which may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate,

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca Rodgers all my estate during her natural life,

Item 3rd I further bequeath after the death of my said beloved wife Rebecca Rodgers, all my estate to Sidney Luther, to him and his heirs, absolutely and forever,

Item 4th I give and bequeath, to all of my next of kin \$500 dollars to be equally divided among ^{them} to have and to hold absolutely and forever

And lastly I do hereby appoint my trusty friend Sidney Luther my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof and every part of the same, hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me and declaring them utterly void,

Witness whereof I Benjamin Rodgers do hereunto set my hand and seal, The 23rd day of June A.D. 1865 signed sealed published and declared by the said Benjamin Rodgers 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 thereto,

Witness Wm. C. Smith

Sam. C. Smith

State of North Carolina, County of Anson & Quaker Springs
Anson County, July Term 1866

Then the foregoing last will & testament of Benjamin Rodgers was offered in probate & duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Wm. C. Smith & Sam. C. Smith of the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered - whereupon Sidney Luther the Executor therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified as executor to said will & letters testamentary were ordered to issue

Wm. C. Smith & Sam. C. Smith

William C. Winfree's Will

In the name of God; Amen. - I William C. Winfree of the County of Anson, and State of North Carolina, do make, publish and declare the following to be & contain my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore, at any time made -

1st I direct my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my Executor out of any part of my estate he may deem advisable,

2nd I give devise and bequeath all the residue of my estate both real and personal, remaining after payment of my debts & funeral expenses, to my wife, Judith R. Winfree for the equal use and benefit of herself and all my children; with full power and authority on her part, to sell or exchange any part or portion of said estate, either real or personal, and to reinvest the same in any other kind of property she may deem advisable, for the use & benefit of the same parties, having also the terms and mode of sale to her discretion & for her executor, to sell to the purchaser in her own name; I further direct that said estate with the natural income & accumulation to be kept together, and as my children come of age, or marry, or the happening of either event that shall be first, my wife shall select three disinterested men, who shall allot and set apart to the child so coming of age & marrying, its equal share or portion of my said estate; reducing their proceedings according to be preserved by my wife; and in making said allotments from time to time, if said three men who may be thus selected for the term being shall deem it best for the interest of all the parties, they are authorized to allot & set apart to the child then receiving its share of my estate, and equivalent in money or other personal estate, for what they may consider its share of the real estate;

It is further my will, that if my wife should marry again the proper Court shall appoint a Guardian for each of my children as may be then under age, who is authorized & directed to select three disinterested men, who shall allot & set apart to my said wife her share of my estate; with a like discretion in paying her an equivalent in money or other personal estate, for her share of the real estate, as herein before directed as to the children; and said Guardian shall take possession of the children's estate and manage it in the same way, with the same discretionary powers as herein given to my wife prior to marriage; in relation to sale & exchange of property; my wife & the guardian of my children & executors are authorized from time to time

to furnish my children with money or other property, as provided in my last will, hoping in view an ultimate equal division of my estate; though I do not wish that any account should be kept against any of my children during their minority, and remaining unmarried for ordinary expenses of board, clothing education &c. - in the event of my wife dying a widow - I then wish the guardian of my children that may be minors - who will be appointed by the proper Court; to exercise the same authority, and to have the same discretionary power, as provided in case of the marriage of my wife;

It is further my will and desire that my sisters Mary T. Winfree and Sarah A. Winfree so long as they remain single, and choose to do so whether before or after the death of my wife to continue to live in the family as a home, and not to pay any board;

Last I do nominate and appoint my wife Judith R. Winfree Executrix of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of Feb. 1863

Witness

Jno. Broadwater

J. C. Giddens

G. E. Winfree Seal

I, Gideon C. Winfree of the State of North Carolina and County of Anson do make the following addition and alteration of my last will and testament bearing date the 28th day of February 1863 - and attach the same thereto as a Codicil and as part thereof, and to be executed therewith; that is to say, I have now on hand a part of my estate to wit: Bonds of Cotton which Cotton & Co. and by note to William C. Smith of said County and State to be by him held in trust for the following purposes, to wit; I authorize and direct said Wm C. Smith to sell said Cotton as such time and in such manner as he may deem best for the purposes of the trust, and to invest the proceeds of said sale to the best advantage in his discretion and to keep the same permanently invested and the interest dividends, or annual profits accruing therefrom, to pay over a sum equal to my wife or my Executrix, for the equal use and benefit of herself and my children, in the same way that directed as to the other portions of my estate, during her life or widowhood; and in the event of her death or marriage - I direct said annual income to be paid over by said Wm C. Smith exclusively to the Guardian of my children, to be applied by said Guardian in the same way as directed in my will

as to my other property. I further more direct that as my children shall come of age or marry, if the same shall happen during the life or widowhood of my wife, that said Wm C. Smith shall upon the application of the child or coming of age or marrying pay over to such child an equal part or share of the Capital as well as any unpaid income then in his hands, my wife being entitled to one share with the children, provided she remains my widow - otherwise I direct said fund to be divided equally among my children only; in all cases the issue of a divorce shall respect its parent. - The said Wm C. Smith to receive a reasonable compensation out of the said fund for his services in executing said trust. - In witness whereof I Gideon C. Winfree have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of May 1863

Witness

Wm W. Winfree

Wm H. Lammere

G. E. Winfree Seal

State of North Carolina & County of Anson }
Anson County, } July Term 1866

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Gideon C. Winfree was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of J. C. Giddens one of the subscribing witnesses - and the Codicil attached to said will was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Wm W. Winfree one of the subscribing witnesses - and said will and Codicil were ordered to be recorded - when Judith R. Winfree the widow of the Testator came into open Court and dissented from said will and therefore the same was ordered to be entered upon the Records -

J. C. Giddens Clerk

Wilson Chambers Will

In the name of God Amen, I Wilson Chambers of County of Anson and State of North Carolina being my sick and weak of body but of a sound mind and disposing memory calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed unto all men once to die, and not to appear in judgment, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, First and principally of all I recommend my Soul to God who gave it, trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ for Salvation and eternal happiness, my body I recommend to the earth to be laid in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my relations and friends, and as to such worldly estate as it has been pleased to bless me with in this life, I give devise and bequeath in the manner and form (to wit)

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth during her natural life time the land and plantation whereon I now live together with all the lands & purchases of Andrew Paul as will more fully appear by his deed bearing date 1st day of January 1829 (except two hundred and fifty acres which I have given to my daughter Catharine Redfern adjoining where she now lives) & after my wife Elizabeth during her natural life time two hundred and twenty five acres of which I purchased of the Executors of Thomas Huntley dec'd as will appear by their deed bearing date 1st day of August A.D. 1838 and at the death of my wife Elizabeth I give all the land that I have hereby given to her to my Son Walter W Chambers to him his heirs and assigns forever. It is also my will that my wife shall be guardian for Walter during his minority provided she can contact him but if she cannot then that she apply to the County to appoint a guardian to take her place for Walter.

Item 2nd I have already given to my daughter Catharine Redfern One hundred acres of land whereon she now lives, I now give to her two hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining her which I purchased of Andrew Paul to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 3rd I have heretofore given to my daughter Catharine Redfern wife of James T Redfern two hundred and fifty acres of land by deed of gift which I hereby confirm.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my Son Edward Chambers Four hundred and twenty seven and one fourth acres of land which I purchased of Robert S Huntley which will appear by his deed to me bearing date the 2nd day of December 1837 and Robert S Huntley by deed bearing date 9th day of December 1841 which said lands I give to my Son Edward Chambers his heirs and assigns forever.

Item 5th I have heretofore given to my daughter Nancy Huntley wife of George Huntley two hundred and fifty four acres of land by deed

of gift and right of timber on Seven hundred and sixty acres which I hereby confirm.

Item 6th It has occurred to me since the first time of my will was written that the buildings and water of the land hereby willed to my Son Edward is on the Paul land I now take off from them first One and one half acres of land and add to them fourth including the buildings and the Spring and give it to my Son Edward his heirs and assigns forever. It is my will that my daughter Catharine Redfern have my piano and that she pay to her sister Emeline a good horse or the worth thereof so as to divide the worth of the Piano between them. I give to my daughter Nancy Huntley my Brooms in place of a horse and for it to be repaired out of my estate.

I give to my daughter Emeline One Cow and Calf to make her equal with her sister Catharine. I give to my daughter Nancy two Cows and Calves and to my Son Edward two Cows and Calves. My will is the balance of my property not willed away except that which my wife may wish to keep, I wished sold and enough received of the proceeds to purchase a good horse bridle and Saddle for Walter and the balance of the money arising from said sale the property to be sold on a credit of six months and divided among my children living now and I have other children who have heretofore been provided for who are not to come up any part of what I will away. It is my will that my wife keep so much of my property not willed away as she wish before any is sold & hereby nominate and appoint my friend James T Redfern Executor to this my last will and Testament disannulling and revoking any other will heretofore made by me. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of August 1866.

Witness in the presence of us who have witnessed the same at the request of the Testator

Albert Myers
J White

State of North Carolina } County of Anson
Anson County } Court of General Sessions
October Term 1866

Then the foregoing last will and testament of Wilson Chambers

W. Chambers (Seal)