

I Edmund S Porter of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being Sick and feeble in body though Sound in Mind and Calling to Mind the Mortality of My body and knowing that it is appointed for men to die do Make and constitute this My last will and Testament that in My first I commend My Soul to Almighty God who gave it and My body to A decent Christian Burial at the direction of My Executors And as to My Earthly goods with which it hath pleased God to bless Me I give and bequeath in the following Manner
First I give to My son William Lafayette Porter Now about five years old Eight Hundred Dollars out of My Estate in consequence of his peculiar situation
Secondly I give to My beloved wife Lucinda the tract of land whereon I now live & the adjoining lands excepting the Presby & Dover places During her Natural life and at her death to descend to My two Children Mary Ann Porter & William Lafayette Porter
Thirdly I wish and desire that the balance of My property both Real and personal be Equally divided with My beloved wife and My two before mentioned Children Share & Share alike Each one third I hereby constitute and appoint James Guadger My Executor & My Beloved wife Lucinda My Co-Executor of this My Last will & Testament
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set My hand & affixed My seal this 26th day of August A.D. 1842

John W Porter

Edmund S Porter

State of North Carolina, Oct Term 1842
Buncombe County, the foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of John W Porter & subscribing witness thereto and admitted of Record
A Harrison Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Josiah Jenkins
In the Name of God amen
I Josiah Jenkins of the State of North Carolina and of the County of Buncombe being in A low State of health but in Sound Mind Memory blessed be God as this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & forty two Make & Ordain this My last will & Testament
1st I give A sufficiency of perishable property such as My wife Martha can best spare to be sold as will pay all My just debts
2nd I will & bequeath unto My beloved wife Martha all the Land which I now own with the full benefit of all the buildings and farm as her own Right and property during her life time or until My three Sons Thomas Edwin & Joshua & Russell shall arrive to the full age of Twentyone years at which time all the Land is to belong to them but if My wife should live longer than the time of their coming to the age of Twentyone years she is to have the Maintenance of the the Land during her life further bequeath unto My wife Martha All of My perishable property of all kind & should Exception during her life at her death all the property except the Land to be equally divided amongst All of My Children then living

such money as one can spare to them so as to make as equal A distribution as possible amongst them
And I do hereby constitute and ordain My trustee friend Joshua Whitaker Executor to this My last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set My hand and seal the day and date above written
Signed and Sealed in the presence of us
Jas Brevard
Joseph Lanning
Josiah Jenkins
Mark

State of North Carolina, Oct Term 1842
Buncombe County, the foregoing will was duly proven by the oath of James Brevard in open Court A subscribing witness thereto and admitted of Record
A Harrison Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Bradley Powers
In the Name of God amen this Nineth day July 1833
I Bradley Powers of the County of Buncombe & State of North Carolina being well in health and in perfect Mind and Memory thanks be to God for the same but Calling unto Mind the Mortality of My body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do Make and Ordain this My last will and Testament and principally and first of all I do Recommend My soul into the hands of God that gave it and as for My body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in A decent Christian Manner at the Direction of My Executors Nothing Doubting but that I shall Receive the Same again by the Mercy of God and as touching My Worldly Estate whereunto it hath pleased God to bless Me in this life I do give devise and dispose of the Same in the following and form
I give I do leave to Sarah Powers My well Beloved Wife with all My house hold Goods and Furniture and Movable effects with house Cattle and hogs all During her Natural life or widowhood and at her death or Marriage the whole to be Disposed of in the following Manner and form I do Give and bequeath unto William Powers My Beloved Son all the Land possessed by Me and East side of White Creek I do give and bequeath to Alexander Powers My well Beloved Son all My Land lying on the West Side of White Creek During their Natural lives and then to the heirs of their bodies and all the Rest of My Estate with My Stock and Movable effects to be Equally divided between My three Sons and two Daughters and I hereby constitute and appoint Joseph Miller and James Jones My two Suninlaws Executors of this My last will and testament and I do hereby utterly Revoke and annul all and Every other former will and Testament by Me then made hereby testifying and Confirming this and No other to be

My last will in Witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand and
affixed My Seal the day and year first above written Signed and Sealed
Published and pronounced by Bradley Powers for this &c No other to be his
his last will and testament in presents of us

Adam Phillips
Minna Jacob Miller
Bradley ^{his} Powers Seal
March

State of North Carolina, Oct Term 1842

Buncombe County } the foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court
by the Oath of Adam Phillips one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto
and admitted of Record

Harrison Clerk
by Thos L Goston &c

Obidiah Holcombe last will and testament

In the Name of God Amen I Obidiah Holcombe of the County of Buncombe
and State of North Carolina being afflicted and Weak in body but of perfect
Mind and Memory Calling unto Mind the Mortality of My body and Knowing
that it is appointed for all Men once to die do Make and ordain this My last
will and testament and as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith I have pleased
God to bless Me with in this life I Give devise and dispose of in the following
Manner and form

1st I Give and bequeath to My beloved Sons & daughters the heirs of the body of
My first wife as follows to wit Henry, Elizabeth, Wm Paddy, Dickerson, Richard,
Jane, Benj, Charles, Clyntia, Elizab and Joseph Holcombe the Sum of one
Dollar each with the exception of Wm and I give to him the Sum of five Dollars
it being about the amount that he owes Me besides what they have heretofore
Received of My Estate

2nd I Give to My Grand Son Henry Holcombe the Horse that he has heretofore
Received and get in possession

3rd I also Give and bequeath to My wife My present and daily beloved wife the Sum
of Five Dollars

4th I Give to My two daughters heirs of the body of My last wife (to wit) the Sum of one
Dollar each all of which I am to be paid and carry out of My Estate

5th I also Give and bequeath to My three Sons to wit James R John B & Obidiah Holcombe
all of the balance of My Estate both Real and personal Share & Share Alike

6th It is My will that My present wife Continue to live on My land after My Death
during her widowhood if She chooses to do so but if She Marries again Not allowed that
Liberty

7th It is also My will that My Executors Shall have the Sole Control and Management
of My four Eldest Children heirs of the body of My present wife to wit Henry, Elizabeth,
Wm Paddy, Dickerson, Richard, Jane, Benj, Charles, Clyntia, Elizab and Joseph Holcombe
that they have support & tuition out of My Estate

8th It is also My will that My Executors after My death take possession of My Estate
Both Real and personal and Make Sale of Such part thereof as they in their
judgment May think will best promote the value thereof and the interest
and welfare of those that I have given it to

9th I also Constitute Make and ordain Henry H Holcombe and John Ramsey the Sole
Executors of this My last will and testament Ratified and Confirmed this and
No other to be My last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set My hand and Seal this twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred & forty one Signed Sealed published pronounced
and delivered by the Said Obidiah Holcombe as his last will and testament in the
presents of us who have hereunto Subscribed our Names
at that

H Hunt
R B Wood

Obidiah Holcombe

State of North Carolina, Feby Term 1843

Buncombe County } the foregoing will was duly proven in open
Court by the Oath of Henry Hunt one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto
and admitted of Record

H Harrison Clerk
by Thos L Goston &c

Last Will & Testament of Sarah Roberson

State of North Carolina

Buncombe County } April 6th 1841

This day I Sarah Roberson widow of Wm Roberson do living in my right
Mind and Common health and in the sight of God and ~~human~~ ^{human} ~~beings~~ ^{beings} ~~and~~
~~in the~~ under his fear doth Make this My last will I therefore will and bequeath
unto My Daughter Mary Foster who is to take care of Me during My life
all the property that I have Both Money Notes furniture or Stock for her
to dispose of as She May judge best when I am No more for I truly
believe what little I have ought to belong to them who take care
Me I also Make the Said Mary Foster My Administrator on what I
leave with her in testimony whereof I ~~have~~ ^{have} this day Made My Mark in the
presents of the witnesses

David Duckett
John Reynolds

Sarah ^{his} Roberson
mark

State of North Carolina, Feby Term 1843

Buncombe County } the foregoing will was duly proven in open
Court by the Oath of David Duckett one of the Subscribing witnesses
and admitted of Record

H Harrison Clerk