

It is my desire and intention that should any of my daughters
aforementioned die in my lifetime or during the life of my wife
having children that then such portions as would have fallen to
such person or persons so dying, shall be owned by the children of
the person so dying, the giving & expecting that no difficulty or
hard feeling will arise among my children in the division of the
little property which I am able to give them, but that the same
may be done immediately & with good feelings towards each other.
It is my opinion that the negro girl given by me to my daughter
Elizabeth Gidger was of less value by one hundred dollars than
those received by my other daughters, I direct that she receive
that much more than the others in the division of the negroes
made under the foregoing will,

Lastly, I constitute & appoint my son in law Samuel B.
Gidger executor in whose discretion & integrity I have full
confidence, In testimony of all which I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this the 21st day of October 1854.

Liquid sealed published &
delivered in presence of us
by James Leary as his last
will & testament, who attests the
same in presence of each other,

James Leary, Clerk

Joshua Roberts
Jacob L. Robeson,

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & quarter Session
Brunswick County, January Term 1857

The execution of the within will was duly proved in open
court by the oath of Joshua Roberts witness.
In minutes Jan'y 1857.

R. L. Vance Clerk

James B. Herring's will.

I James B. Herring now residing in Asheville N. Carolina
being in full health, but of weak & disposing mind &
memory do make & publish this as my last will & testament.
In the first place I wish all of my just debts paid, together
with any funeral expenses as soon as practicable & the balance
of my property I will & devise as follows:

First, I confirm the gift heretofore made to my daughter Mrs
Martha Ann Arthur of the negro woman Hannah & her two
children John & Montzerville and all other children born of
said woman Hannah since (I.E.) the said woman Hannah and
all of her children to be & remain to the use of my said daughter
Martha Ann Arthur forever with their increase.

Secondly, I give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Eliza Regener
Grove the negro girl Martha & her children & all other children born of
said Martha & her children to be & remain to the use of my said daughter
Eliza Regener Grove forever with their increase.

as heretofore given her, In like manner I give to my grand daughter Francis Louisa Grant the sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid out in purchasing for her a negro girl, and to my grand daughter Francis Victoria Arthur the sum of Four hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing her a negro girl, To my son Robert I have heretofore conveyed in writing or contracted to convey one half of whatever he may secure for me out of my due in Father Robert Lewis estate, after paying for the negro purchased by me at the sale, This Contract depends on the conditions therein specified, I am not feel able to give him any more, but confirm that promise or Contract in writing, In like manner I give devise & bequeath to my son James L Henry all of the real & personal of my estate real & personal wherever situated after my death, paying my just debts & legacies & more especially I give & devise to him the house & lot on which I now live in Asheville, my farm in Haywood County North Carolina, called the Bottoms being about one hundred fifty acres on Fidgeon as devised to me by my Father, also my lots in the town of Waynesville, also the lands conveyed to me in Tennessee by my said Father being about five hundred & twenty five acres in Henry & McCally County, and one undivided third part of Six hundred & forty acres in Watauga County, likewise the place called the Cuts place on the Indian Branch in Buncombe County containing between fifty & seventy five acres, also ten negroes which I bequeath to him forever, viz; Dublin, Andrew, Peter, John, two children William & Lewis, Ruth, two children, Sarah & Amelia Lucia & one child all to my said son James L Henry forever, together with any other property, money, debts or thing of value belonging or coming to me, subject only to paying my debts, & legacies, And I do hereby revoke all former wills, by me made at any time.

Many years since, (I believe) in July 1835, I sold two negroes that my Father had placed in my possession for Eleven hundred dollars & lent it to Robin Weaver, and on an account in equity between said Weaver & Robert Henry, my husband from whom I am living separate by a decree of the Court of Equity, allowing alimony & a separate property & power of acquiring & disposing of it, the said money & interest thereon was paid to the credit of Robert Henry and he has recently had the full benefit thereof, & always promised to account to me for it, if allowed to him in said suit & should pay it to me, or my heirs, and as I always intended it for the wife of said Grant & since her decease to her children, I do now will & bequeath the said debt with interest thereon to my daughter Francis Louisa Grant.

Wm. H. Farrow, Frances Louisa Farrow & Eliza Virginia Farrow To be
equally divided & require said Robert Henry to pay it,
And I do hereby appoint my son James, L. Henry Executor of
This my last will & Testament,

Signed, sealed, published & declared as her last
will & Testament December 1856 in presence of

Hugh Johnston
J. B. Henry Seal

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions
Macon County 3 April Session 1857.
To the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter
Sessions for said County, The petition of James, L. Henry
Executor of the last will & Testament of Frances L. Henry, do
hereby sheweth that about the 5th day of February last his
testatrix Mrs. Farrow departed this life having first
duly made & published the script herewith presented as her
last will & Testament & in which your petitioner is appointed
Executor, your petitioner further sheweth that the said Frances
L. Henry was a feme covert, had been for many years, living
separate & apart from her husband Robert Henry of said County
under & by a decree of the Court of Equity for Haywood County
N. Carolina, where the said Frances then resided, duly made in
a petition of the said Frances L. Henry duly filed & prosecuted
against her said husband Robert Henry, in which she fought
& obtained in due course of the Court a divorce from bed & board
from her said husband, And by this decree her said husband
Frances L. Henry was divorced from bed & board from the said Robert
Henry & given all the rights & powers of a feme covert touching
the covering the acquiring, holding & disposing of, property
real & personal by will or otherwise without limit, & that in
pursuance thereof she did acquire a considerable estate
real & personal, which she occupied & enjoyed as her own for
many years, & did so continue to live apart from her said husband
without reconciliation & to enjoy her said separate rights until
her death, & petitioner refers to the record of said Court,

Your petitioner therefore prays your worship to receive the
probate of said script & admit it of record as the last will &
Testament of the said Frances L. Henry,
Done at Spring Term 1857. James L. Henry
J. B. Farrow Clerk

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions
Macon County Spring Term 1857.
The execution of the will of Frances L. Henry in open Court
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by the oath of J. H. Sawyer - witness - in witness whereof April 15th 1857.

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R. H. Hance cler.

Will of John Lash

Know all men that I John Lash of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of sound sound mind and memory and being with unassisted do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following - viz: Having before mentioned off all my children ten in number as near equal as I well could excepting my youngest son Burd having provided more liberally for him than any of the rest. it is expedient to see that neither myself nor my wife being his parents to want for anything needful or necessary for comfort or support during the remainder of our stay on this earth he is expected to take good care of us in our declining years and from any further charge upon my estate after my death I desire that all my debts and liabilities be paid off as soon as convenient if there be any owing of the remainder of my estate I desire that my wife Nancy take as much as she chooses to keep for her own use if any and every disposition of money debts or property that I may be seized and possessed of for the use of herself during her natural life. Knowing no difference in my children I desire after my wife Nancy's death such property as she chooses to keep that the remainder after her death be divided equally among my ten children or their legal representatives as the case may be viz: Joseph Lash of Clay Co. Missouri the heirs of Monroe G. Hardin of former wife of Geo. P. Hardin of Blount Co. Tenn. Martin A. Lash Martha A. Young wife of Strickland Young. Wm. H. Lash Alfreda K. Lash and Leonard L. Lash all of the County of Henderson and State of Carolina Bet Lash of Buncombe Co. N.C. and Louisa E. Erwin wife of Geo. Erwin of North Carolina Co. N.C. and Rachael C. Erwin wife of Charles P. Erwin of Henderson Co. N.C. which children ten in number I wish themselves or their legal representatives to have the remainder of my estate equally divided among them after the death and recent burial of my wife Nancy with suitable head and foot stones placed over our graves All the property and effects of every kind left after her death not necessary for her comfort and support no need in carrying out the above mentioned objects I desire to be sold at public sale and equally divided as above.