

Will Docket September Term A.D. 1851

James M. Brayer Will.

In the name of God amen. I James M. Brayer of the State of North Carolina, being in sound mind and memory blessed by God. do this 24th June 1851, make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner & form to wit: 1st as to what worldly goods it has pleased God to give me, I give and bequeath the manner following after paying all my just debts. 2nd I give to my beloved wife the plantation whereon I now live, during her lifetime or widowhood, also things and sell during said her lifetime; also what she chooses to keep as she deems necessary for her own use of stock; also plows and hoes and farming utensils; also beds and furniture. I will that after my wife Polly has selected what she thinks necessary, the rest be sold and equally be divided amongst my children - to wit: William S. Jane Almir, James M. Almir, J. Adolphus, Martha, Andrew H. I will that Betty's children Mary Ann, James R., Almir Thomas, and Martha I have Betty, their mother, share equally divided amongst them. 3rd I will that after the death of my wife my Land be divided as follows: James M. to have one hundred acres, on the two fifty track on the dyke. Adolphus to have the lower end as far up as the lower Almir branch inclusive; thence down the water communication to the creek; thence up the creek to the Almir branch to the South Andrew Henry the balance of the land.

I will that after the death of my wife all my other property, one negro Mingo be sold and divided between W. S., James M., Adolphus, Andrew H. my sons, that shall be sold & divided between Jane Almir, Almir M., J. Adolphus & Martha C. - Betty's heirs or children have her part.

4th I also appoint Josiah Burgen and James Almirson & Adolphus this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal the day and year above written, signed, sealed in the presence of us (by the testator James M. Brayer) who were present at the signing or acknowledging and making hereof

James Pinkerton (James Pinkerton Sarah)

Henry E. Fagan = Codicil =

Codicil to my will within.

Betty Pinkerton's three last children to have an equal share of her part with the rest of her heirs. June 24th 1851. James M. Brayer

James Pinkerton (Sarah)

Henry E. Fagan

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Buncombe County } Sep Term A.D. 1851.

The above paper writing was duly proved, as well as the Codicil thereto, in open Court by oath of James Pinkerton ordered to be recorded

J. B. Vance clk.