

In the name of God, Amen; I Francis Olason, being weak and feeble in body but of sound mind and memory, and do hereby make that all men are mortals and have once to die, and after commending my spirit to God who gave it, I do make this my last will and Testament, and dispose of my worldly goods or property, as follows,

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Francis, the land and plantation wherein I now live with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated and belonging with the woodland including and connected with the plantation, containing two hundred acres, also three young Cows rising in the neck of the land, and also I give and bequeath to my son Francis my negro boy Joshua, and my Watch to him my son Francis and his lawful assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas, my land and plantation wherein I formerly lived, called the Johnston land with all the buildings and improvements thereon attached and belonging, containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, by estimation, more or less, the division line intended to run between him and brother Francis's land, as follows, beginning at a live Oak near the east side of Adams Creek, marked for the purpose, and running from thence a direct course up through the cleared land to a large pine (marked) just in the side of the woodland and running so on (eastwardly) or parallel with the former Johnston line and terminating with it at or in the Cutting Sedge Swamp and son Francis's line, it to continue on until it reaches the side of the Creek, running of the eastward of his land and plantation or so as to give him his portion of land as allotted him before and above, I give and bequeath also to my son Thomas my negro man Harry, also my mare pillion, two Cows and also being in this neck, the yoke of oxen rising on the south side of Back Creek, and my smallest size Cart wheels, and my large family bible, to him my son Thomas and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph, three hundred acres of the land which I purchased of Benjamin M. Cook, lying on the south side of Backs Creek, with all the improvements thereon, attached and belonging, also my

negro boy Henry Gibbons, and my Pilot or sail boat, and my Clarke Commentary on the bible, to him my son Joseph, and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my James the residue of the land which I purchased of Benjamin M. Cook, being Ninety two acres being and adjoining above, on the south side of Back Creek, his brother Joseph's land, and also the land and plantation wherein he now lives, which I purchased of William B. Masters, of Ala. and for which he has now my deed of gift; also my negro boy Charles, and two Cows and Calves, rising on the south side of Back Creek, and also my different volumes of Sermons Books, to him my son James, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy, fifty acres of land which I purchased of Bryant Connor, bounded on the side of Back Creek and her brother James' land adjoining above, also fifty acres of land which I purchased of Robert Whitehurst, being at each side and above the head of Rollins gut of Back Creek; also my negro woman Mary, to her my daughter Nancy, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my two sons Abner and Benjamin, the residue of all my lands not herein before disposed of on the north side of Back Creek, and east side of Adams Creek, as follows, beginning at and bounded on the north side by the brothers Francis back line, and on the west side by the brother Thomas's land and adjoining on the east side the lands of James Cully, deceased, and running and extending on the north side of Back Creek, and up the various courses of the Creek to a piece of land lying at or near the head of the Creek, on the north east side, belonging to the heirs of Edward Barroway, deceased, being in said tract of land by estimation and on the former deeds will show Eight hundred acres more or less, the said lands to be divided to and between my sons Abner and Benjamin by lot, both quality and situation being considered, or as they both may agree, themselves or whom they shall jointly possess the said land, to them my two sons Abner and Benjamin, I give the said land to them their heirs and assigns forever, also I give to my son Abner, my negro woman Dancer, also my timber Carriage wheels and the Chains used with them, and a pair of young steers rising in the neck of land for oxen, and two Cows and calves.

Should be James Martin according to certified
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also to my son Benjamin three cows and Calves also my youngest
Mare, Called Julia, and my Suggy and harness, and also to my
son Benjamin my negro boy Phillips, to them and each of them
my Sons Abner and Benjamin as described above, and to
their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my three youngest
daughters the residue of all my lands, not before therein
disposed of being on the south and south-west side of and up
Back Creek, beginning at the lower side of the land which I
purchased of James Masters thence up the Creek side to
a piece of land which I purchased from the heirs of
Thomas C. Masters deceased, and called the formerly John
Parsons land from thence up said Creek side a part of
the formerly called Tenners land to the head and above de-
head on the south-west side of Back Creek containing together
Three hundred acres, more or less, I give and bequeath also
to my three youngest daughters my negro woman Gloria and
her two oldest children, viz, Samuel and Eliza, and their
increase, and my will and desire is that said negroes should
be owned in joint stock together, between the three youngest
Sisters, Mehitable and Susan and Sally, till either of them
shall marry or arrive at the age to require by law a division
in said negroes, and then a division to be such an one in
such a case and my will is further that if either of the three
Sisters should die without a lawful heir of their own bodies
that the remaining Sisters or Sister should heir the interest
of said deceased, in the said negroes, and also the land property,
in like manner to them my three youngest daughters and
their heirs and assigns forever, I give also to each of
my daughters their choice of such a bed bedding and furniture
I give to my daughter Susan my two Mahogany tables
and their furniture, and to my Son Francis I give my
Desk and Book Case which stands upon it and also
the Cupboard to them and each of them, my said daughters
and my Son and thence to their heirs and assigns forever,
and my will is that after my decease that all the
remaining part of my estate or property, not herein before
disposed of be legally sold by my executor of stock
Crops and productions and etc) of the stock of cattle ranging
on the south side of Back Creek supposed to be left

estimation fifty head or more and ranging in the neck of
land thirty head or more and that after my just debts shall
have been paid that the proceeds or amount of such sale together
with the amount of all other debts that may be due my estate
by notes or account be duly collected and distributed and
divided equal to and amongst my three youngest daughters -
Mehitable Susan and Sally, and to my youngest son Francis
for their further use Comfort and support and in full Confidence
herein and hereof I do hereby and herein nominate and appoint
my son James H. Olason and my beloved friend John H. Nelson
and my son in law Peter S. Caraway as my executors to this my last
will and testament, revoking all others

In testimony whereof I do and have here set my hand and
fixed my seal at Adams Creek, Brown County, North Carolina
A. D. January the 8th. One thousand Eight hundred and fifty
seven, 1857

Signed Sealed or acknowledge,

Francis Mason (real)

In presence of -

North Carolina, Brown County.

County of Pleas, and quarter Session.

December Term 1858.

A paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting
to be the last will and testament of Francis Mason, deceased, is exhib-
ited for probate by James H. Olason, one of the executors therein named,
and it is therefore found by the oath and examination of Peter S. Caraway,
that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said
Francis Mason, after his death and it is further found by the oath
and examination of three Competent witnesses, to wit, Thomas
Williams and Henry T. Foscutt and Joshua Taylor, that they are
acquainted with the handwriting of the said Francis Mason, having
often seen him write and verily believe that the name of the said
Francis Olason subscribed to the said will and the said will itself
and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said Francis
Mason. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said
paper writing is the last will and testament of the said
Francis Mason and the same is ordered to be recorded and
and filed
Attest

W. L. Bryan, Clerk

North Carolina,
Craven County.

I, W. B. Flanner, Clerk Superior Court
in and for the State and County aforesaid, hereby certify
that the foregoing and within is a true and accurate
Copy of the last Will and Testament of Francis Henson,
as it appears in Will Book D Folio 307-308-309-
310, on file in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal, in office at
New Bern, N.C.
This 5th day of July, 1912.

(Official Seal)

W. B. Flanner
Clerk Superior Court.

Filed Oct 5, 1912.

S. C. Wade
etc.

I, Leander M. Gilbert, of the State of North Carolina, and County
of Craven, Township No. 5, being in feeble health, but of sound mind,
and knowing that all men are mortal and must die, I do make this
my last Will and Testament to dispose of my worldly goods as follows:

Item 1st. I give to my beloved wife the homestead on which I
now live, together with all the stock, household and kitchen furniture,
and all appurtenances thereto, belonging during life, then to my
children or such of them as shall be living.

Item 2. It is my will that the sale the property I have at
Beaufort if it can be disposed of at a fair price, and that the
proceeds be used for the education of my children; I also recommend
the sale of the place known as the Ben Pitcher's place, also
the timber on the Becton place.

Item 3rd. It is my desire that my wife be appointed
the Guardian of my Children.

Item 4th, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife
Ida Gilbert, Executrix, and my friend executor to this my
Last Will and Testament.

L. M. Gilbert,

Signed and sealed this 18 day of Oct, 1909, in the presence
of witnesses

D. M. Salter, seal
John S. Morton, seal

State of North Carolina, } In the Superior Court.
Craven County. } ss.

A paper writing purporting to be
the Last Will and Testament of L. M. Gilbert, deceased, was
exhibited before me, the undersigned, Clerk of the Superior Court
for said County, by Ida Gilbert the executrix therein mentioned,
and the due execution thereof by the said L. M. Gilbert is proved
by the oath and examination of D. M. Salter & J. S. Morton the
subscribing witnesses thereof who being duly sworn, each depose
and say, and each for himself depose and swear that he is a
subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him pur-
porting to be the last will and testament of L. M. Gilbert, that
the said L. M. Gilbert in the presence of this deponent, subscri-
bed his name at the end of said paper writing now shown
as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 18 day of Oct 1909.