

December Session 1847

In the name of God Amen. I Cornelius Conner of the County of Cataula and State of North Carolina, being past eighty five of a sound mind, blessed be God, in this 6th day of May the thousand eight hundred and forty seven, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows first, I will that all my Just debts be paid, and after my debts is paid, the balance of my estate whatever it may be, I leave for the support of my Wife Emily during her natural life and after her death for the support of three youngest daughters (to wit) Jane Maria and Eliza having their natural lives or single life and after their death or marriage the whole the whole of my estate that then remains to be equally divided amongst all my children legitimate. I do also leave my two and black friend William my Executor of this my last Will and Testament my Executor to see I have and make titles or transfer any other business as he may think best, in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first a true Willam in the presence of

William Long.

John Little.

Cornelius Conner

In the name of God Amen. I John Sherrill of the County of Cataula and State of North Carolina do make this my last Will and Testament. In the first place, it is my wish and I do direct that my Just debts be paid, after those are discharged, I then give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Nancy the whole of my property, lands, negroes, bonds and accounts, stock both of horses, cattle, pigs, and sheep, Waggons and team of all kind as also implements of Husbandry and tools - Household and kitchen furniture of every description, with the crops that may be either gathered or growing at my decease with any and every other articles of property that I may be in possession of, or due to me at the time of death, to her heirs and assigns for ever. I appoint my Wife Nancy executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and hereunto affix my name and seal this 4th October 1847.

Signed in presence of
David Vicidlaw
Hiram Sherrill

John Sherrill

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In the name of God Amen. I John Smith Sen. of the County of Cataula and State of North Carolina, being sound mind and memory, blessed be God, in this twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord the thousand eight hundred and forty five, make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I then first, I give and bequeath my soul to God and my body to be buried decently by my heirs after named Executors, as to my worldly concerns it is my will that my funeral expenses be first paid out of my estate, and the remainder of estate to be distributed as follows. And second, I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved Wife Nathaniel Smith the Cataula where I now live for during her natural life time, also a black woman named Nancy, also a black boy named Andrew, during her natural life time and if in case the said negroes should not stay their mistress it is my will that my executors shall sell said negroes at public sale and the proceeds of said Nancy and Andrew or the money arising from them, shall be left and deposited in my executors hands to be equally divided among my legal heirs, also here be a of horses her choice, one plantation Wagon and four team one cow, three cows and three her choice, and six head of hogs her choice three head of sheep, her choice and also a sufficiency of wheat and corn, pork, beef and coffee and sugar for one year, maintenance also three beds and bedsteads her choice a corner cupboard and a furniture, one chest her choice a wash pot her choice, all the iron pots her choice, one stool her choice, one table and six chairs her choice, also one Dutch oven and pan her choice, one plow her choice, one spinning wheel and cards, one loom and all the necessary goods belonging to it and it is my will, that my wife Nathaniel, is to have fifty dollars first out of my estate to be paid to her by my executors as soon as collected, Now in case that after my death my wife should change her name, or should be married again, all the above named property shall fall back to my principal estate and to be sold to my executors, and to be equally divided between my legal heirs or in case my said Wife shall remain a widow in my name her natural life time, and after death the said property is to be sold by executors as a true direct.

Now third, I also give and bequeath unto my three youngest daughters fifty dollars each, namely, Sarah, Susanah and Maria to purchase said three youngest daughters, them with necessary equal with my other daughters, that has already received their necessities already that has left me, but now, if in case my three youngest daughters should