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the hire of said negro at his option
son and during the natural life of
said Joseph Small & upon the death
of the said Joseph Small & Elizabeth McLean
Small my will and desire is that the said
Truities or their Exors or adm^r convey the said
slaves and their increase to my Grandchildren
Joseph Small and Frances J. Small equally and
alike & in event of the death of both the said
children after that of their parents and leaving
no brother or sister then my will and desire
is that my said Trustees their Exors & adm^r shall
convey to my grand daughter Elizabeth France
Bain & each other child or children as may
be the issue of my son Wm^d Bain's present
marriage, the said negroes & their increase
share and share alike I give & bequeath
to my said Friends L. J. Williams and
Mr. Small in trust, for the sole & separate
use of my daughter Elizabeth McLean Small
& her children, three beds two tables a side
board & half a dozen chairs.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son
in law Joseph Small & my son Wm^d T. Bain
Exors of this my last will and Testament

In Testimony of all which I have hereunto set
my hand & affixed my seal this 27th March 1838
Signed sealed published &
declared by the Testatrix in the
of us, who signed the same
in her presence & in that of
each other this 27th March 1838

Wm^d Waddell
P. Lempriere

Frances Bain (Seal)

May ~~August~~ Term 1838 93
Court of Pleas & quarter sessions

The execution of the foregoing
Last will and Testament of Francis
Eliza Bain was duly proven in open
Court by the oath of W. D. Waddell
a subscribing witness thereto & the
Executors Joseph Small & Wm^d T. Bain
qualified as such

Test -

W. D. Taylor

I David Vital of the County of
Chatham and State of North Carolina
being not in very good health but of
sound mind and memory & consid-
ering the uncertainty of life do make
& declare this my last will & Testament
in manner & form following that is
to say first - that my Executors hereinafter
named shall provide for my body
a decent burial & pay all funeral expen-
ses together with my just debts out of
the moneys that may first come into
their hands as a part or parcel of my
Estate. Then I give allow & desire my beloved
wife Rebecca Vital to have her choice
of my houses to live in & privilege that
is necessary for her convenience also of
making or having made for her a wife
joint support - for her maintenance
on the land whereon I live during her
widowhood or life time also I give

and bequeath to my wife Rebecca all my stock of every description wagons plow & all the utensils of all sorts all the household & kitchen furniture & all the crop that may be growing also grain & provisions that may be on hand at the time of my death all of said property to be hers & at her disposal for ever except such articles as may be given to others in this will the above bequest is in satisfaction for & in lieu of her dower & thirds of & in all of my real estate I now I give & devise to my son William F. Vestal all the land whereon I now live & being all the I own & containing two hundred acres according to its lines be the same more or less with the exception of his mothers interest in it given in a former deed to him & ever held to him & his heirs in fee simple for ever also I give & allow to said William Fowler as much of my stock & house furniture as my son Clarkin had with the exception of a horse (his trade fills the place of the horse) also I give & allow William F. my gun & half my cedar vault & Clarkin the other half now as for my eldest & of children namely Sarah Eliza Hiram Will. F. Irving Thos & Hannah Edwards five of them therefore I think these last five names have had their full shares according to what I was then worth but nevertheless in this deed I give & bequeath to my five eldest children the sum of one hundred dollars namely Hannah Edwards &

Sarah River - Hiram Vestal Jr Lemore Vestal
 & Jerry Thos Vestal to be equally divided
 between them (if dead to their children)
 & as my younger set of children with
 the help of myself and wife have made
 what we now have. I think they have the
 best right - to it (if there is any) now as nothing
 is to be sold first - of my money & notes
 my will & desire is as follows viz I give
 & bequeath to my son Hm Fowler & to my
 daughter Cephal Ferguson to each of them
 the sum of three hundred dollars I give the
 remainder of my money & notes when coll-
 ected to be divided as follows on third
 to my wife Rebecca the balance to be equally
 between my daughter Cephal & sons Oliver
 Larkin & Hm Fowler & now concerning my
 black ones I give my son Hm a boy
 we call Jefe I give my son Larkin
 a boy we call Robert I give to my son
 Oliver a boy we call general Worth I give
 I also give to my daughter Cephal Ferguson
 a boy we call Anthony to them their heirs or
 assigns forever I give & bequeath to
 my wife Rebecca all the balance of my
 negroes which is now three Alexander
 and Susanna & a child & all that she may
 raise from them to be hers & at her
 disposal during her widowhood or life time
 but in the way & manner she sees fit - but
 to no other person but her own children
 by will or other ways & her conveyance
 shall be valid (that is good) & lastly I do
 hereby constitute & appoint

my two sons Oliver & Parkin Vestal my
lawful Executors to all intents and purposes
to execute this my last-will & Testament
according to the true intent & meaning of
the same & every part & clause thereof
thoroughly revoking all other wills heretofore
made by me in witness whereof I the said
David Vestal doth hereunto set my hand
& seal this 6th day of June in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight-hundred &
fifty-four 1854

David Vestal

Signed sealed published &
declared by the said David
Vestal to be his last-will &
Testament in the presence of
us who at his request in his presence &
in the presence of each other do subscribe
our names as witnesses thereto

Jacob Garrett

Jimie Hinchshaw

May Term 1853

Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions

The execution of the foregoing last-will
& Testament of David Vestal was duly
proven in open Court by the oaths of
Jacob Garrett, a subscribing witness thereto
& the Executors Oliver & Parkin Vestal
designated as such

Tobias

W. Taylor

I Reuben Herndon of the County of
Cathlam and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory
in-considering the uncertainty of my
earthly existence, do make & declare
this my last-will & Testament in manner
following, that is to say First -
that my Executor (hereinafter named) -
shall provide for my body a decent
burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives
& friends, and pay all funeral expenses
together with my just-debts however
to whomsoever owing out of this
monies that may first-come into
his hands as a part or parcel of
my estate then I leave & devise to my
lawful wife Nancy Herndon, singly
- William to have & to hold during
her lifetime & then the said negroes
to return to my lawful heirs as herin-
after stated & if she my wife should
marry & her husband should endeavor
to sell or make way with them so that
my wife cannot have the use of them
then my Executor to see & hold them to
her use during her lifetime I do furthermore
leave to my beloved wife all of my alls
the lands that I hold during her lifetime and
widowhood I do furthermore leave
to my beloved wife all of my
household & kitchen furniture all
of my farming tools horses cows
hogs & sheep & one yoke of oxen &
cart - all of the crop of corn fodder
cotton & wheat on hand so that may
be growing all the bacon or pork