

State of North Carolina } May Term 1854.
 Chatham County } This certifies that the
 foregoing last will &
 Testament of Joseph N. Small was duly
 proven in open Court by the oath of John
 H. H. H. one of the subscribing witnesses
 Therein and ordered to be recorded. Whenupon
 John H. H. the Executor therein named
 appeared in open Court and was duly qualified
 as such. Attest J. P. Taylor C. C. C.
 By J. L. Readle D. C.

I Nancy Henshaw of the County of Chatham, and
 State of North Carolina being of sound mind and
 memory but considering the uncertainty of my last
 existence do make and declare this my last will &
 Testament in manner & form following.
 First that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide
 for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes
 of my relatives and friends and also pay all my
 last debts whomever and to whomsoever owing any
 of my Estate that may first come into his hands
 I thus declare it is my will and desire that my property
 Sally shall have two beds and furniture and all the
 balance of the bed clothe one chest and some
 contents one dresser and furniture that is on it
 three chairs one side saddle and bridle one Pittsboro
 one for one black bell two sugar bowls three plates
 spoons one smoothing iron one salt two buckets
 one bag one Red one flax wheel one cotton wheel
 one iron one large pot one pot back half of the
 knives forks one coffee mill three crocks her choice
 two pint Lugs one bottle one set of duncans
 sauce six new plates six Sea spoons two gray
 one large dish one pewter basin four tin pans one
 earthen dishes one pewter dish one coffee canister and
 hair shavers one trumpet & furniture an tin quills

one small silver one coffee pot one Testament and
 one spelling book one pen shaver one candle stick
 one Lark
 I thus declare it is my will and desire that my
 son Thomas shall have all of the balance of my property
 after paying all my last debts which I have not
 otherwise disposed of to my daughter Sally, and
 lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my
 Brother Sampson Edwards for my lawful Executor
 to execute this my last will & Testament in manner
 as above named it is my will and desire that my
 Executor may sell and dispose of as much of my
 property as will pay my last debts at any time
 he may think proper after my death in witness
 whereof I the aforesaid Nancy Henshaw do hereunto
 set my hand and seal this 5th day of March
 1854.

Signature in the presence of }
 William Henshaw Sr. }
 Mary Turner (Sister) }
 Nancy Henshaw (Daughter)
 Mark

State of North Carolina } May Term 1854.
 Chatham County } This certifies that the
 foregoing last will &
 Testament of Nancy Henshaw was duly proven
 in open Court by the oath of Mary Turner one
 of the subscribing witnesses Therein and ordered to be
 recorded. Whenupon Sampson Edwards the Executor
 therein named appeared in open Court and
 was duly qualified as such. Attest J. P. Taylor C. C. C.
 By J. L. Readle D. C.

Be it remembered that I Mary Hinshaw of said
 Lawrence & Nathans County being sick and
 weak in body and knowing the uncertainty of
 my earthly existence do make and ordain that
 my last will and testament in manner &
 form following (viz)

Item 1st I give and bequath to my son Leander
 Hinshaw one Horse Coll which he now claims two
 Shup and four which he claims and four
 dollars in cash for two other hags which he
 claimed that were killed last fall for the
 use of the family -

Item 2nd I give and bequath to my son Andrew
 Hinshaw one mink Coll now near three years
 old two Shup and five dollars and seventy
 five cents in cash for money which he ad-
 vanced for me to Andrew Waller and for the
 making for the family

Item 3rd I give and bequath to my daughter Betsey
 Hinshaw my best feather bed & furniture (two)
 Cord & Shade Curtains three blue coverlets two
 white Knotted Counterpanes five Sheets two
 sets two sets Pillow Slips with an under on two
 beds I also give her my saddle, beaver cupbony
 one large Pewter dish six Pewter Plates, Munk
 Tumblers and large Flowing Silver Bowl and
 large Iron Pot & Hooks one small oven hook
 & Lid one job Rack my Larn and Lark
 one arm chair one Skifer which she now claims
 two Shup one flax wheel and one cotton wheel

Item 4th I give and bequath to each of my sons
 Leander Hinshaw and Nathans Hinshaw twenty dollars
 in lieu of, and in order to make them equal with their
 Brother Leander in regard to the coll which I have
 given him I also give them two Shup each

Thus I give the balance of my beds & bed clothing
to my four sons above named to be equally divided
amongst them

It is my will that my Executors hereafter named
collect all the debts due me and after paying
off my debts and the bequests mentioned
in this will that the balance of my property of
whatsoever kind or nature, be equally divided
amongst all of my children above named, sons
and daughters alike which my Executors are hereby
directed to do if practicable, otherwise they are
to make sale of it either publicly or privately as
they may think to the best advantage and
divide the proceeds as above directed

It is my will and desire that my children
continue to live together in this house wherein
I now live if they choose and that the property
remaining with them that is a sufficient quan-
tity of it for their use and accommodation
So long as they live together and if they should
break up home keeping then the divide above
directed to be made,

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute
and appoint my son Newell Henshaw and
my Nephew William Henshaw Sole Executors of this
my last will and Testament, In witness whereof
I the said Mary Henshaw have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 27th day of June month
Amen Domini 1857.

Signed sealed and pronounced
by the said Mary Henshaw
to be her last will and Testa-

ment in presence of

James Moody Junr

M. Murchison

State of North Carolina

Chatham County

Mary Henshaw (Seal)

May Term 1858.

This is to certify that the
 foregoing last will and Testa-

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ment of Mary Hushon is as duly proved in
open court by the affirmations of James
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and
to be Recorded, Edmund Kenton Hushon and
William Hushon the Executors therein named
appeared in open court and were duly qualified
as such -

Teste W. P. Taylor C. C. J.
By S. L. Redick

In The name of God amen, I Bran D. Alston
of Chatham County and State of North Carolina
do this the 5th day of May A.D. 1857 make order
and publish this my last will and Testament in
manner and form following: viz

1st I give and bequeath unto my wife Maria
Alston all my Estate both real and personal
consisting of Lands Negroes stock of every kind
with all my household and kitchen furniture
and every other article of property together with
all my bonds & cash and accounts during her
life time

2nd I also give absolutely unto my wife
Mariam Alston the following Negroes viz Abram
Dempsy, Fudds Nestley John Adeline & her
children viz Daniel Andrew Sophia & Rhoda

3rd After the death of my wife Mariam Alston
I give and bequeath unto Bran A. Palmer
his share and all her children

4) I give and bequeath unto William A. Rivers
Robert E. Rivers Joseph Palmer & Bran A. Al-
mon after the death of my wife Mariam Alston
all the balance of my Estate both real and

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personal to be equally divided between them
Lastly I constitute and appoint my worthy
nephews William A. Rivers and Bran A.
Palmer Executors To this my last will and
Testament making and annulling all other wills
and testaments by me heretofore made & executed

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the day & date above written

signed sealed and delivered in
the presence of us

Jesse Masby

Oliver Bestal

Bran D. Alston

State of North Carolina

Chatham County

August Term 1857

This is to certify that
the foregoing last will & Testament of Bran D.
Alston was duly proved in open court by the
oaths of Jesse Masby and Oliver Bestal the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
whereupon William A. Rivers and Bran A. Palmer
the Executors therein named appeared in open
court and were duly qualified as such

Teste
W. P. Taylor C. C. J.