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Eleanthly - I give and bequeath to my daughter Lavinia H. Burns  
One Horse bridle saddle worth Fifty Dollars and  
furniture & also to my decess that she should have One  
Hundred & twenty five Dollars out of my estate after my  
decess that is One Hundred and twenty five Dollars more  
than my other children shall have in left to her in  
my life time -

Eleanthly - I give and bequeath to my children Mary, Phoebe, Mary  
Sarah Bonds & Elias Burns, three negroes, namely Kate  
Abram & Samy - horse bridle saddle which I consider to be a  
full share of my estate including what I have given them before.

Lastly - I will & direct that all my just debts be paid and  
after that all of the property which I may have on hand at my  
death to be sold on a credit of 12 months the amount of  
which sales together with all the monies I may have and  
all the debts due me to be equally divided among my  
children named below (to wit) Eliza both Durham  
Brently Burns, James Burns, Miriam Burns, Martin &  
Bunny, Micajah Burns & Lavinia H. Burns, John Calvin  
Burns Nancy Hannah the property and cash that I have  
advanced to my said children as heretofore expressed  
in this my last will & testament is to be dedicated out of  
what may be coming to them on the settlement of my estate  
and should there be any one of them who has more than  
their proportionable part it is pay it over to my Executors for the  
benefit of my other children named above. I hereby recom-  
mit my son Micajah Burns & all Burns sons & my Executors  
in writing whom I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my seal to this my last will & testament this day and date first  
above written signed sealed in the presence of -

patung  
David Watson  
John H. Hedeman

James Burns Seal

Chatham County November 1843.  
This certifies that the foregoing last will & testa-  
ment of James Burns dec'd was proved in open  
Court by the oath of David Watson a subscribing  
Witness for said to be recorded. Whereupon Micajah  
Burns one of the Executors therein named appeared  
in open Court & was duly qualified.

Test. N. H. Hedeman. C. C. C.

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In the name of God, amen. I William Bray of Chatham  
County in North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind  
& memory blessed be God do this sixth day of March in  
the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & forty  
three make & publish this my last will & testament in  
maner following that is to say -

I consider all my children to have had out of my estate in my  
life time property to the amount of the sums assigned to them  
as follows (to wit) my daughter Fanny Moon dec'd  
One Hundred Dollars Sally M. David Five Hundred & fifty  
my son William Five Hundred and seventy (Mark Five  
Hundred and seventy, Harris four Hundred and forty,  
my daughter Polly Moon One Hundred, Patsy Gosh Five  
Hundred and fifty, Peggy Gosh Five Hundred & twenty  
five, Nancy Cobb Five Hundred and twenty five, My son  
Arthur Five Hundred and seventy five, my daughter  
Elizabeth Hadley dec'd Three Hundred and fifty five dollars  
Mahala Four Hundred, my son Calvin Five hundred  
and twenty five, all of which property has been properly  
and legally conveyed except one negro boy by the name  
of Richmond in the possession of Peggy Gosh, which negro  
I do will & bequeath unto her the said Peggy Gosh  
and the heirs of her body to have and to hold forever  
secondly I will & bequeath that my beloved wife Peggy  
Bray shall have and enjoy the plantation on which I  
now live & the following negro. (viz) Bely, Lill & Manawa  
and all my perishable property during her widowhood,  
except such as she and my Executors shall deem proper  
to sell and most convenient to spare to pay my debts.

Thirdly - I will & bequeath that my Executors hereout  
my negro man Jack during the natural life or widowhood  
of my wife Peggy for the benefit of my estate and at her  
death make all my legacies equal out of my estate  
except as follows I will that my daughter Patsy Gosh  
have Fifty dollars extra my daughter Mahala have  
her home at her Mother's house as long as she remains  
single and her Mother lives & if she remain single & survive  
her Mother then for her to have two Hundred Dollars  
out of my estate to be returned to my estate when  
she marries - I will that my grand son John Bradley  
Moon have two Hundred Dollars out of my estate  
which I consider his Mother Fanny Moon's legacy if  
living I will that my daughter Betsy Hadley dec'd three  
daughters namely Cornelia Anne Mahala, Ellen Elizabeth

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have their mother's legacy out of my estate to be returned in the hands of my Executors until they become of lawful age & then to be collected without interest and legally divided among them And I hereby make and ordain my son Nathan & Calvin Bray Executors of this my last Will & Testament in witness whereof I the said William Bray do to this my last Will & Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written

signed sealed published & delivered by the said William Bray the Testator in presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof

William Bray *Real*

Richard Brooks  
William M. Rosson

Wrote the eighth line on the right hand page struck out & the words out of my interline before signed.

Codicil to the above Will

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five Aug. the 23<sup>rd</sup> I William Bray do further bequeath my negro woman Selby after the death of my wife Peggy to my son Nathan Bray, in testimony I do here set my hand and affix my seal

signed in the presence of William M. Rosson

William Bray *Real*

Chatham County February 1<sup>st</sup> 1846.  
This Certifies that the foregoing last will & Testament with the Codicil thereto of Wm Bray dec<sup>d</sup> was proved in open Court by the oath of William M. Rosson as subscribing witness thereto ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Nathan B. Bray one of the Executors therein named appeared in open Court & was qualified.  
Jesse M. Newman C.C.C.