

In the name of God, Amen!

I William Norton of the County of Chatham and the
 Carolina being in good health of body and of perfect
 mind and memory than to begin to attempt
 God calling, to mind the mortality of this body
 knowing that it is appointed for all men
 once to make and ordain this my last will and
 Testament that is to say first and principally
 I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of
 Almighty God that gives it and my body I leave
 to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial
 at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting
 but at the general resurrection I shall receive life
 by the Power of Almighty God, and as touching my
 worldly Estate with has pleased God to bless me with
 this life I give devise and dispose of the same in
 the following manner and form. I leave
 my beloved wife Candice Norton the one third
 all the Lands that I am possessed of during her life
 or widowhood except the Tract of Lands that I bought
 at the Sale of my Brother Benjamin Norton's
 commonly called the Williams Tract (which I have
 giving to my son Barney Norton an undivided
 ten to be named, I also lend unto my beloved wife
 Eighth part of all my Estate my Lands excepted during
 or widowhood and at her death or marriage to be
 ally divided between all my children to share
 alive I give unto my two sons, Thos Norton and
 as Norton all the lands that I am now possessed
 the Williams place excepted to be equally divided
 them in conditions that my three sons out of the
 that I have given pay to my four daughters Elizabeth
 Oldham and my daughter Elmina Norton and
 Norton and my daughter Mary Norton I intend
 Dollars to be equally divided between my four
 daughters. All the Residue of my Estate that I have
 otherwise disposed of my will is that it should be
 divided between all my children to share and share
 except Susan who I wish to give fifty Dollars the out of the

above named property as she has always been unwell
 and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Barney
 Norton and my son in Law Allen Oldham Executors to this
 my last will and Testament, making and annulling
 all other wills by me made in witness whereof I this day
 set my hand and affix my seal this 25th day of April
 A.D. 1839.

Witness
 E. R. Norton
 William X Norton
 Mark

So Bynnes J. L. was before signed

And it is further my will that my son Horace Norton
 and my son Horace Norton and my son in Law Thos
 May and my son in Law Presley Norton be and they
 hereby constituted jointly and severally with my son Barney
 Norton and my son in Law Allen Oldham Executors
 to this my last will & Testament

Witness
 John F. Mackay
 William X Norton

State of North Carolina County of Chatham
 Clerk of the Court February Term 1839

This certifies that the foregoing last will and Testament
 of William Norton deceased ^{has been read and approved}
 of open Court by the oath of E. Norton Joseph Bynnes Thos
 Mackay and Allen Oldham sons of Executor therein
 named appearing in open Court and was duly qualified
 as such

Teste W. P. Taylor Clerk
 By S. L. Head

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament
 of William Black reads ~~and is hereby approved~~ into Court
 here and pronounced for probate by Jonathan Black and
 James Black the Executors therein mentioned and the
 said paper having been duly proved together with the codicil
 thereto, by the subscribing witnesses thereto is considered and
 adjudged by the Court that the said paper is and does con-
 tain the last will and Testament of said William Black

and that he did thus and thereby devised and bequeathed in words and figures following ^(to wit) I William Black of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina Being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following this is to

Say First that all my such debts ~~before~~ and funeral expenses be paid by my Executors hereinafter named Thus 2nd I lend to my beloved wife Susan Black during her natural life or widow hood and if her husband or marriage to be equally divided amongst my children as hereinafter named the following property To wit the tract of Land whereon I now live with all the appurtenances, tenements belonging also three negro men two negro girls two houses four cows and calves two sows and pigs and two hogs all her choice also my flock of sheep geese and poultry of every kind, household and kitchen furniture of every description also a sufficiency of storage and provisions for the support of the same for one year

Thus 3rd I give to my Executor or Executors hereinafter named and to his Executors or Administrators or the survivor of them one fourteenth part of the balance of all my property also one fourteenth part of the property loaned to my wife after her death or widow hood in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of each of my daughters here named that is each daughter one fourteenth part of all my estate (to wit) Mary L. Harran, wife of Daniel Harran Phoebe Mitchell wife of Howell Mitchell Wrenny M. Parker wife of James C. Parker Susanna Bryan wife of Daniel Bryan Eliza Stone wife of John L. Stone and during the lives of the natural lives of my said daughters and after the deaths of the above named daughters I give the shares herein trusted to their issue to be divided between the lawful heirs of my daughters as among that is the daughter save to her children

Thus 4th I give in trust to my Executor hereinafter

Remains and to his Executors and Administrators or the Survivor of them one fourteenth part of the said balance of all my property also one fourteenth of the property loaned to my wife after her death for the sole and separate use and benefit of daughter Fanny R. Moomble wife of Thomas Moomble for and during the term of her natural life and should she have any child or children then the property to be divided between the said children or go to the said child but if she should have no child then the property to be disposed of in all respects and under the same provision as the balance of my property above and hereinafter named.

Item 5th I give to my Executor or Executors hereinafter named and to his Executor or Administrators or the Survivor of them one fourteenth part of the said balance of all my property also one fourteenth of the property loaned to my wife after her death or marriage in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my son Thomas B. Clark for and during the term of his natural life and after his death I give the share then given for his use to be equally divided amongst three of his children namely Erasmus Clark William Clark and James Clark to them and their heirs forever.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to each of my sons hereinafter named and their heirs forever namely William Clark brother Clark Edgars Clark Joseph Clark James Clark Enock Clark and Nathaniel Clark one fourteenth part of the said balance of all my said property also one fourteenth of the property loaned to my wife at her death or marriage but whereas I have made advancements of property to some of all of my children and have charged such advancements to them in a Memorandum filed with this my last will and testament - It is my will and desire that said Memorandum be taken as part of this my will in a equal distribution of my property that the child or children to whom I have given property account for the said property at the value of which I have charged the same on said Memorandum and such advancements so giving to any of my said daughters

State of North Carolina Chatham County
Circuit Court
July Term 1852

Present the Honorable
Henry A. Jordan
George W. Goldstone Esq
William S. Harris

Robert Lambeth The following I have sworn and
sworn. Empannelled Lewis Samuel Carter
William S. Page Esq. H. W. Webb Henry Melchior Williams
Lester Foster Smith Mr. James Mathews Thomas
Johnson The W. Burns Coleman & Son
John S. Goldstone and W. A. Arents Petrus and Henry M.
May. I have found that the following paper writing (which)
State of North Carolina Chatham County August the
9th 1851. I saw the page of the State and County above
mentioned being in sound mind and memory
but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence
do make and publish this my last will and Testament
in manner & form following that is to say
1st I think that my Executor hereinafter named shall
shall provide for my body a decent Burial suitable to
the wishes of my friends and Relations and pay all
funeral expenses together with my just debts hereover
and to whomsoever owing any of the moneys that may
just come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate
2d I give and devise to my son William S. Page the
sum of fifty dollars together with my negro and
wheat, Haul
3rd I give and devise to my Grand daughter Miss
J. Merye one fine well black dress shoes stockings
handkerchief &c and also each of her two children
one black dress to be bought by my Executor and
presented or forwarded to them
4th I give and devise to my Grand son James E. Page and
Negro Boy James Bird one half of the whigs that I may
have on hand at the time of my death one cow and
calf my side board folding table and stool chairs
5th I give and devise to my Grand daughter Sarah
E. Dixie the sum of twenty dollars to be paid for her
living my Negro woman while she was sick sales
deed to her one bed my Bureau and side saddle and
Flax wheel.

black Williams black and James black is hereby
-firmly to them upon the said trusts as the
heretofore giving to them
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
trustly friends Thomas Lasater my lawful
to all intents and purposes to execute this my
will and Testament according to the true intent
meaning of the same and every part and clause
thereof working all wills heretofore made by me
in witness whereof I the said William black do
humbly set my hands and seal this the 20th day of
April 1847.

Wm. Black

Signed sealed published and
declared by the said William
black to be his will in presence
of us

Witness
Thos. Whithead
Thos. Bell

State of North Carolina Chatham County
Whereas William black of the
last will & Testament in writing bearing date the
April 1847. and have thereby made sundry devises and
bequests and also appointed my worthy friend Thomas
Lasater my Executor to my last will and Testament
upon reflections I have changed my mind about my
Executor and prefer that my son James Mathews and
James black to be my Executors in place of my friend
Thomas Lasater. In testimony whereof I have humbly set
my hand and seal this 27th September 1849. Signed sealed
published and declared by the said William black
to be a codicil or part of his last will & Testament in
presence of us who at his requests and in his presence
subscribed our names as witnesses
Will Testament
Samuel Ellis
Munson the said Jonathan and James black the Executors
qualifies as such
Lester M. P. Laylor & Co.