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To all person to whom these presents shall or may come I
William Cox of Chatham County State of North Carolina
Farmer being far advanced in years and having under
consideration the uncertainty of human life do make this
my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
that is to say, in presence I order that my body be decently
buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named
and as to my worldly estate which the Lord in mercy hath
been pleased to bestow upon me I give and dispose of the
same in manner and form following and first I Will
that all my Just debts ^{which} I owe to any manner of person
with my funeral Charges be paid as soon as conveniently
may be after my decease by my Executors herein after named
I give and bequeath unto my Wife Phoebe Cox the
dwelling House I now live in with all the Land on the West
side of the Creek which I bought of Solomon Cox and
part of another tract which I bought of the Heirs of Solomon
Cox and also on the West side of the Creek; And on the East
side of the Creek a part of the above mentioned tract which
I bought of Solomon Cox as far as to my son William Cox
and forty seven Acres which I bought of James Bradley
while she remains my Widow; Likewise two Houses. Plow &
Lairs together with Household Furniture, sufficient for her
house keeping during her natural life. I give I
bequeath unto my son William Cox all the remaining
part of the tract which I bought of the Heirs of Solomon

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head which I thought of Solomon Cox as far as a certain
line the nearly East from the Creek to the old line
also Sully New which I thought of Eph. Solomon with the
appurtenances thereto belonging to hold to him the same man
and to his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give
and bequeath unto my said son Harmon Cox the tract of
Land which I thought of Samuel Cox containing two acres
and a half more or less which he now lies with all the
appurtenances thereto belonging to hold to him my said son
Harmon his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give and
bequeath unto my son Isaac Cox a part of the tract of
Land he now lies on lying in Randolph County between
the Buffalo Ford Road and old Stone Creek, to the
same more or less with appurtenances thereto belonging
to hold to him my son Isaac Cox and to his heirs and
assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son
Isaac Cox, a certain tract of Land lying in Randolph
County on the West side of Deep River near the mouth
of Sandy Creek, containing three hundred acres to the
same more or less with the appurtenances thereto belonging
to hold to him ^{and} my son Isaac Cox and to his heirs &
assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my
son Ezra Cox the remaining part of the tract of Land
lying on the South East side of the Buffalo Ford
Road to the same more or less with the appurtenances thereto

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belonging to hold to him my son Ezra Cox and to his heirs
and assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son
Oliver Cox all that part of my tract of Land lying in
Chatham County, that is to wit to his brother Phile as his
marriage or divorce with the appurtenances thereto belonging
to hold to him my said son Oliver Cox and to his heirs and
assigns forever with a particular charge of the care of his
brother Elias during his natural life. Item I give and
bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Pluckham Four
Dollars in Money. Item I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Jane Cox Two Hundred and Forty Dollars in
in Stock Horse hold Furniture or Money. And it is
my Will that my Eight Wanda and Twenty Eight
acres of Land lying in Randolph County that I thought
of John's Purchase on the East side of Deep River be sold
by my Executors to best advantage. And lastly it is my
mind that if any thing remains of my estate after all my
Just debts Liquid are paid and discharged, that such
remainder or so much thereof be paid to my two sons
Elias and Oliver as to make them equal with my four
sons that are married viz. Harmon, Isaac, William
and Ezra, and if any thing remain it is my mind
that such remainder be equally divided between my
wife Phile and her Eight Children. And I do
hereby nominate constitute and appoint my two last

297) Hummer Cox and Isaac Cox Executors of the my
last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this fourth day of February the
thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Signed, sealed & delivered
by the said William Cox
to be his last Will & Testament
in the presence of the subscribers
Evan Hughes
Andrew A. Purvis
mark

William Cox



Brewer May Term 1878
by Evan Hughes

N.B. In addition to this which is
another true record in Page 298

In the name of God amen I Peter Purvis of
the County of Chatham and State of Carolina being in
a full State of health but in perfect mind and memory
do make and and appoint this to be my last Will and
Testament, annulling all former ones. First of all I
recommend my soul to God; my body to the select grave
Next that all my Just debts be paid, and the remainder
part of my estate I give in manner and found as
I follow. Next I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Nelson
Five Dollars — Next I give to my son Andrew Purvis
Five Dollars — Next I give to my son John Purvis
Five Dollars — Next I give to my daughter Rebecca
Purvis Five Dollars. Next I give to my son George
Purvis Five hundred Dollars — Next I give to my
daughter Mary Purvis Five Dollars in money.

I Joseph Hibson and William Purvis, being duly qualified say that in the last sickness of Robert Purvis and in his own house the said Robert called on the said Joseph to witness what he was going to say and in the presence of him and William Purvis said it was his desire that his Wife Catharine should have after his death, besides what he had left her by his Will the Woodstock man and a Cow called the long legs and half — the she ^{long fawn} ~~cow~~ and that he left during the same commission, two sheep a piece to each of his four daughters Mary, Jane, Abigail, Esby, and it appearing that all the Parties interested have notice of this proceeding it is ordered to be registered.

In addition to the Will of William Cox recorded in Page 289 to wit, John Reynolds son of Jane Cox and Harman Cox, being duly qualified say that some short time, about a week before the death of William Cox being called on to be witness by the said William they heard the said William say it was his desire that Charles Cox then his Wife now his Widow, so long as she remained he should have in addition to what he had left her in his written Will all the Stock left on the plantation at his death all the Hives, the Smith's Hools and all the plantations Hools, and Harman Cox & Jane Cox expressly say that during his commission, he also said he wished the said Charles to have the two Waggons for the same time. They further say this will was made in the dwelling house of the said William in his last sickness. It appears that all the Parties interested in the case of Jane Cox having notice of this proceeding.

In the name of God amen. I William Leatiter of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina do make and Publish the following to be my last Will and Testament. My Will is that my son Solomon Leatiter shall have the sum of Fifty Dollars in Money — My Will further is that my Grand son Abijah Leatiter shall have my Horse that I am now in possession of and Fifty Dollars in Money — My Will further is that my Wife shall have during her life, the Cow Sheep, one Piece and Furniture and a sufficiency of corn, that I must for her support. — My Will further is that all my property, not before bequeathed, shall be sold and an equal division made among the rest of my Children. I hereby nominate my Friend James Collins and my son William Leatiter both of the County of Chatham, the Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this the 2. day of April & I was Born 1818

William Leatiter

Signed, sealed & declared by Mr. Leatiter to be his last Will & Testament in presence of

John Thompson
John Stone

Shewed aboy 1818
by John Thompson
John Stone

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand that
 this 15th day of February one thousand eight hundred and
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 Signed sealed and delivered } William A. Beacham
 in the presence of }
 Thomas Crutcher }
 Anderson Crutcher }
 from 2 Augth Septh 1808
 by Thomas Crutcher }

In the name of God amen I Zachariah
 Martin of Chatham County and State of North Carolina
 being in a perfect state of health and memory but knowing
 that it is appointed for all men to die do make this my last
 Will and Testament as follows First I desire that all my
 Just debts shall be paid by my executors —
 Secondly I desire that my loving wife Rebecca Martin
 shall continue to have good possession of my Land together
 with all my Stock and Household Furniture, also the use
 and labor of all the Negroes during her natural life
 but when laboring out of doors is required by the Negroes
 it is my Will and desire they together with the man-
 agement of the plantation should continue to be under
 the control and directions of my son Josiah Martin
 so that he afford her a plentiful and satisfactory
 support her life time. Thirdly I do bequeath to
 my son James Martin five pounds current money of
 this State. Fourthly I Will and bequeath to my
 daughter Ann Steele and her husband the sum of twenty Shillings like money.
 Fifthly I Will and bequeath to my son John Martin
 Fifty pounds the father Bed and Furniture. —

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 Sixthly I Will and bequeath Prudence Bagley & Benjamin
 Bagley her husband the Negro Girl named Charita
 that I have heretofore given them —
 Seventhly I Will and bequeath to my son Eliza Martin the
 sum of fifty pounds like money one feather Bed and Furniture.
 Eighthly I Will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Carver
 and John Carver her husband a Negro Girl named Lali
 which I have heretofore given them.

Ninthly I Will and bequeath to my son Josiah Martin after
 my Wife's decease the Land and plantation wherein I now
 live together with five Negroes to wit, William George, Ruth
 Jacob & Nancy together with all their increase and unto the
 heirs and all the several property that there may be
 after paying off the above bequests. —

Lastly I constitute and appoint my Wife Rebecca Martin
 and my son Josiah Martin my whole & sole Executors
 and Executrix to this my last Will and Testament making
 all their Wills or instruments of writing of that nature when
 made & the said Zachariah Martin have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed my seal this Eighteenth day of July
 one thousand eight hundred & eight.

Zachariah Martin
 Signed sealed acknowledged
 and delivered in the presence of
 William Dixon }
 Abijah McGee }
 from
 by Abijah McGee }