

will is that he should have two hundred dollars out of my estate for the use of schooling him as far as it should go. Item. I then give to my Thomas one small pair of brass headed iron. Item. I then give to my son Benjamin one large pair of brass headed iron to him and his heirs forever. Item. I also give to my son Benjamin at the death of my wife my mahogany sofa, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I then lend to my wife the use of all my household and kitchen furniture, during her natural life or widowhood, and at the death or marriage of my said wife is that all such property as I have not already given away that they be sold and the money arising therefrom be applied to the use of my son Joseph in schooling or other support, as may be needed in case his mother dies or marries ye. Item. I give to my said wife all my crop stock of provision which I now have on hand for the year of 1815 for the use and support of my family and children also all such money as may be due me I wish to go to pay of such debts as I owe my Daniel Poyner \$116 dollars, Lemuel Basnett \$200 from others \$100. Item. I also give to my son John Garrett one feather bed and furniture, one large tea table, also my small hunting gun which he has already received, and lastly I make constitute and appoint Mr. Thomas Poyner and my beloved wife Sally Garrett my lawful executors of this my last will and Testament, ratifying this and no other to be my own last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of December 1815.

Signed, sealed and delivered 1815 (Signed) Thomas Garrett Seal  
in presence of us —  
John Taylor John Farris Isaac Recorded and examined the day of

### The last will and Testament of Benjamin Buckhouse senior Exhibited and proved at February Term 1816

In the name of God. AMEN. I Benjamin Buckhouse senior being in a declining state of health, but in my perfect senses and memory; thanks be to god for it, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following. W<sup>t</sup>. I and the use of my land and plantation, and all the remainder of my property to my beloved wife Sarah Buckhouse, during her widowhood. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Buckhouse all my land and premises to him and his heirs forever, after the marriage or death of my said wife. Item. It is my will and desire that all the remainder of my property be sold, and after paying my just debts, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Edney Fullard five shillings to her and her heirs. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Buckhouse and his heirs five shillings. Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Abiah McCayen five shillings to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my five children to wit: Elizabeth, Fancher Henry Buckhouse, Lucy Buckhouse, Nancy Buckhouse, John Buckhouse, to them and their heirs forever. Lastly I nominate and appoint Joseph Gellif and Benj<sup>t</sup> Buckhouse executors to this my last will and Testament, revoking all former wills made by me. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 25th day of Novm<sup>r</sup> 1815  
Signed, sealed, published & declared  
in the presence of John Taylor  
Benjamin Buckhouse Seal

This will of Benjamin Buckhouse on the opposite page. Recorded & examined the day of

### The last will and Testament of Brandon Bell deceased Exhibited and proved at February Term 1816

In the name of God. AMEN. I Brandon Bell of the county of Buncombe, being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God, do this truly seventh day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixteen make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner following that is to say. First. I give and bequeath to my son Charles Bell all the land, joining the land I now live on or being a part of this tenement, from a ditch near the house, running north and south nearly from that ditch as the ditch runs on the west side as far as my land continues to him and his heirs forever. Second. I give to my son Brandon Bell the land on the east side of the ditch, with all the houses standing on this side of the ditch, joining Willoughby Ellridge's land to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to the child my wife is now, big with a piece of land, binding on Little Lamb's line and the heavy dam, line and marked to itself, containing fifty acres to it and its heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my wife two beds choice, and all the Kitchen furniture with ten cows and calves, and ten acres and lands, one ram, stocks of bees, the old horse, and the third of all the lands. And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend Mitchell Timmons Executor of this my last will and Testament, and for him to have power and authority to sell negroes to be carried out of this State without fail. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and date above written  
Signed, sealed, published and declared

in the presence of us — (Signed) Brandon Bell Seal  
J<sup>t</sup> Bell Jacob Phebe Stephens Recorded and examined the day of

### The last will and Testament of Ephraim Garrison exhibited Nov<sup>r</sup> term 1816

In the name of God. AMEN. I Ephraim Garrison of the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, being sick in body but of good perfect mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, do this day the fifteenth of September in the year of one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, make and ordain this and no other to be my last will and Testament, in manner and form as follows. That is to say, in the first place. I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Garrison the young bay mare, by the name of Late, and two beds and furniture her first choice, two cows and calves first choice, six hogs first choice, twenty barrels of corn, four sheep first choice. I give and bequeath unto Richard Hutchins one bay horse colt. I give unto my daughter Lydia one wheel first choice, I give and bequeath unto my wife's granddaughter one wheel second choice, and also I give my wife one wheel third choice, and then the residue of my property to be sold, and after paying all my debts and demands out of that, divide the balance if any between my two sons Miles and William Garrison, and it is my earnest desire that my wife and my friend Mitchell Timmons <sup>one</sup> whole and sole Executor and Settler of my estate, and this being my last will and Testament, Ihereunto

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set my hand and seal, signed and delivered in presence of the subscribers  
and witness, signed at

Ephraim Jarvis Esq<sup>r</sup>

James Bell Jarat

William Ethridge

Recorded and examined the day of

The last will and testament of Aaron Bright deceased  
Exhibited and proved at February term 1836.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Aaron Bright of the county of Currituck and state of North Carolina, being at this time in sound mind and memory, do make and publish and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annuling all former wills hitherto by me made, by word or writing and this to be taken for my last will and none other. First my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid. Item. I leave the use of the land and plantation wherein I now live to my beloved wife Sally Bright during her living my widow; also three feather beds and furniture, three cows and calves and two horses first choice, also one negro woman called Minnie, and one negro man may be the name of Milt, and one and family ten head of hogs first choice, four stocks of beef first choice, two hams first choice, eight chairs first choice and one cart, and writing case and hammer, one loom and harness and beautiful and furniture and one safe, and as much of the kitchen furniture as she may think sufficient; and also as much of the plantation utensils as may be sufficient for her use, and as much provision of all kinds as any three men may think will serve the family one year, the above mentioned articles I leave the use of to my beloved wife Sally Bright as long as she lives my widow, and after her death or marriage I give the above mentioned articles the house and lands excepted, to be equally divided between my son Aaron Davidson Bright and my daughter Harriet Louise Bright to them and their heirs. Item. After the death or marriage of my said wife, I give the lands and plantation wherein I now live to my son Aaron Davidson Bright all lying between the two roads to the end of a house called Mrs. Lassons house, thence from the main road, by a line of marked trees to the back line between Thomas boy and myself; also I give part of a tract of land bought of May's heirs to my said son, beginning at a p<sup>r</sup> Summar tree standing on the side of the road, thence a south west course, by a line of marked trees to a beach, standing near Thomas boy's swamp road, thence hence a west course along side of Cope's swamp to a pine standing between my swamp and the main road, thence along said road to a p<sup>r</sup> Summar tree the first station to him and his heirs of — Item. also I give to my fore said son all the piece or tract of cypress swamp purchased of Germanak Seaton also one negro man called George and also one negro girl by the name of Matilda, and one feather bed and furniture and three hundred dollars in promissory notes for the purpose of giving my said son an education

all of which I give to him and his heirs. Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Hodges one piece or parcel of land lying over Moyock mill adjoining Dimer Northern, containing eighty eight acres, and also one piece lying back of the sawmill joining the entry being a piece Silas Bright purchased of James Bray, also one piece joining herself that Silas Bright gave her, it being a piece that I purchased of Cornelius Davis of twenty acres, and one half of a cypress swamp. Mr. Silas Bright left to Silas and Sally Bright, and one half of a piece adjoining aforesaid swamp. That belongs between Joseph Ballantine and Aaron Bright, and also I leave the use of the following named negroes, during her natural life viz. negro woman Leah, negro girl Hizick, negro boy, Jack, and after her death I give the above mentioned negroes and their increase if any, to be appraised and equally divided between all her children, that is living at her death, but if my said daughter Elizabeth Hodges departs this life without leaving any children or grand children, I give the above mentioned property to be equally divided between Sally Luffman and Louise Bright and Aaron Davidson Bright and their heirs, and also one feather bed ~~and furniture~~ which she has now in possession. Item. I give to my daughter Sally Luffman, one piece or parcel of land that I purchased of George Frazer and others, beginning at a post standing by the side of the road near Mrs. Lasson, thence south westwardly to a mulberry tree near the side of the branch, and thence over said branch to a gum, and thence to another gum near the fence over in the woods, thence along a line of marked trees to the back line in the swamp near the eastward end of the City old field, thence a west course along the swamp to a beach near Thomas boy's swamp road, thence along a line of marked trees to a p<sup>r</sup> Summar tree standing on the side of the road, thence as the road runs to the first station also I give the one half of the cypress swamp that Mr. Silas Bright gave to Silas and Sally Bright, and one half of that between Joseph Ballantine and myself, to my said daughter Sally Luffman, and also one negro woman called Patience, and one negro girl called Edy, and one negro boy by the name of Elvert, and one feather bed and furniture, that is, if my daughter Sally Luffman and her heirs makes a joint right and title to one half of a piece of land lying between Moyock Mill adjoining Dimer Northern, that falls to Elizabeth Hodges and Sally Luffman by the death of their brother Sally Bright, then and in that case I give the above mentioned articles to my said daughter Sally Luffman and her heirs. Item. I give to my daughter Harriet Louise Bright one piece or parcel of land that I purchased of Caleb Cox and others all the remainder part joining Thomas Allison, Thomas boy, my son Aaron Bright and my daughter Sally Luffman and the main swamp, and also I give a piece of cypress swamp I purchased of Jesse Joe, formerly the property of Josiah Sherry deceased to my said daughter Harriet Louise Bright, and also one negro man named Anthony, and one negro girl called Alice, and one feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs. And I also leave all the cash on hand, and the notes, and all the lumber on hand, and all the remainder part of my estate of every kind not already given away to be in discharging my debts, and if any remains after paying all my just debts, I give it to be equally divided between my daughters and my son, to them and their heirs forever. And I also constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sally Bright, and my son in law Thomas Luffman Executor to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th of February 1836 —

(Signed) Aaron Bright Seal:  
Signed in the presence of us / Recorded and examined the day of  
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