

North Carolina Wm. Superior Court  
Orange County May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Reuben Barnes deceased is exhibited for Probate in open Court by Patrick Lynch the executor thereof and the due execution thereof by the said Reuben Barnes is proven by the oath and examination of H. H. Best and J. M. Dunn the subscribers witnesseth.

It is Concluded and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and Testament of the said Reuben Barnes and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

P. Lynch  
C. S. C.

Last Will  
Testament  
of Jesse Wood

- In the name of God I Jesse Wood A.M. this - I Jesse Wood of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina this I am in my sound mind & memory in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty eight - June the 16<sup>th</sup> day this - I Jesse Wood this day do hereby make & publish do acknowledge that this is my last will and Testament - do hereby bequeath & leave unto my beloved wife the land where I now live with all its premises and improvements there belonging to it - her natural life time and Murphy place to and all household kitchen furniture and farming tools and all cows and fodder Bacon, hams, hogs, sheep & cattle, tools and riding carriage to her natural life time and beyond to keep my children together & I chose them
- 2 I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Harpe, Bridget tract of land being boy boy and and Mary those all who intend to one of the self of child after I should die with any kind of lawful heirs of them body that is all that I intend for her.
- 3 I give unto daughter Fannie, Charles whenever she leaves or marries
- 4 I give unto daughter Temperance, George whenever she leaves or marries
- 5 I give unto daughter Anna, Sarah whenever she leaves or marries

- 6 I give unto daughter Anna, Sarah whenever she leaves or marries
- 7 I give unto daughter Fannie, George whenever she leaves or marries
- 8 I give unto daughter Elmera whenever she leaves or marries
- 9 I give unto daughters Eliza, Lydia whenever she leaves or marries
- The remainder of my Negroes that is not named to be divided between my seven youngest Daughters after the death of my wife Land home tract and Murphy tract and all Stock other articles that are not named. I point - Murphy Wood to be my Executor to my last Will and Testament to be my Executor also to this Will and Testament the day and date above written Lynne Dugg  
R. H. T. Harpe
- Jesse Wood (Seal)

A true copy of the last Will & Testament of Jesse Wood as is on file in the Clerks office at Silver Hill

B. M. Bell - B. B. Bell  
Pr. J. A. Spivey D. B.

Last Will  
Testament  
of Henry Dugg

- I Henry Dugg of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following this is to say: This 1<sup>st</sup> day to my beloved wife Eddie Dugg the plantation whereof I now live, to gather with the following Negroes, viz., one woman named Rose, one do. Hagar, one do. Lucy, one give named Bridget, one do. Cherry, one boy named Ben one give named Sunday with all my house hold and Kitchen furniture Stock of all Kind, at my home plantation, all the plantation lands of every kind, and all the property on hand at my death. The above property to be given to her my first wife during her natural life or widowhood
- This 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Thos. H. Dugg one hundred & four acres of land known as the White House together with one bed & furniture at the discretion

Eddith Dugg

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Hill wife of Thomas W. Hill the following Negroes, Viz: One woman named Lucy, one boy named Needham, one boy named George, one woman named Lucy Hill the Woman named Nancy with the increase they now have in herofore may have to her and the lawful begotten heirs of her body, with all the property she has in her just said time, to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever. Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Son James W. Dugg all my lands in the South Side of the horse-paw branch containing of two hundred and fifty acres more or less belonging to his mother when life shall or widowhood the negro woman named Rose, one named Lucy one girl named Lucy, one girl named Cherry, one boy named Ben, with their increase thus they now have, and may hereafter have, two horses, one Cow and Calf, one yoke of oxen, one cart, two iron head of Hogs, Choice, one Brandy Still, one Shot-gun, two Pots and pantries, all my Sheep, also I give to my Son James W. Dugg all my tract of land lying on the South Side of Rain Bow containing one hundred and three acres more or less adjoining Thomas Brown Blount's land and others, also my tract of land lying on the same prong of Tyrod March adjoining the lands of Benjamin Mitchell and others containing fifty acres more or less provided the said Mr. W. Dugg should not arrive to the age of twenty one years, then my will and desire is that the above named property three acres to my daughter Nancy Hill wife of Thos. W. Hill and her lawful begotten heirs of her body forever.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my Son James Thomas Dugg the son of Robert W. Dugg, two hundred and sixteen acres of land the old plantation where my Father Aquilla Dugg formerly lived, joined the said James Thomas Dugg, until to the age of twenty one years if not then will and desire is that the said land desired by my Son Thos. W. Dugg forever, to my wife and desire that my Son Thos. W. Dugg and my wife Eddith Dugg take charge of the land at my death, and use the land as they may think proper and suitable my good son James Thomas Dugg arrived to twenty one years Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my good daughter Nancy Hill wife Dugg one bed and furniture at the death of my wife Eddith Dugg Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Eddith Dugg of all the costs in trust, all my notes and accounts from me, and trust I do hereby continue and appoint my wife Eddith Dugg, and Thos. W. Dugg my lawful executors to all intent and purpose to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same.

and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declining utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made for witness whereof I the said Henry Dugg do hereunto set my hand and Seal this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1857,  
Signed Sealed Published and  
Declared by the said Henry Dugg  
to be my last will and Testament  
in the presence of us, who at his  
request & in his presence do subscribe  
our names as witnesses thereto

Henry Dugg (Seal)

Patrick Dugg  
R. E. Jones.

D. J. A. Sperry Deputy Clerk of Burke County-Courts, do certify that this is a true copy of the last will and Testament of H. Dugg as on file in this office

D. A. Sperry dep. C.C.

Copy of the  
Last Will &  
Testament  
of  
Benjamin Thomas

I Benjamin Thomas of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say;

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Eddith Thomas all my lands wherein I now live to have and to hold to her and to her heirs and assigns in fee simple forever.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> After all my just debts are paid I give and devise to my beloved wife Eddith Thomas all the residue and remaining part of my estate to be held at her disposal absolutely forever.

For witness whereof I the said Benjamin Thomas do subscribe and sign this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1868

Signed Sealed Published  
and Declared this by the  
said Benjamin Thomas to be  
his Last Will and Testament  
in the presence of us who at his  
request in his presence do  
subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Benjamin Thomas (Seal)

John White  
Prostle  
Mother