

I leave James H. Batten executor to my last will and testament.

Johnston County Court-

February Term 1857

Then was this paper visiting duly proven in open court by the oaths of A. Tallon & John W. Brown to just be the last will and testament of John Batten Jr and ordered to be recorded.

J. H. Kennedy clk.

Will of Phoebe McLean

I Phoeby McLean of the County of Johnston & 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 that is to say

That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Spicy McLean the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid by my executor within two years from the time of my death out of my money belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of.

Item I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Phoebe McLean the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid by my executor herein after named as the above bequeaths.

Item I give and bequeath to Spicy & Phoebe McLean two chock beds and all my clothing and all the bed clothing that I shall leave on hand at my death and all the spun cotton included and cloth to the same to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item My will and devise is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devised and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payments of debts expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to all my children in equal proportions share and share alike to them and each and every one of the their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Nathan Tall for my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will & testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills.

and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Phoebe McLean do hereby set my hand and seal this 28. day of February A.D.
1856.

Sealed sealed published and declared by the said Phoebe McLean to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her present do subscribe our names as
witnesses thereto

Phoebe McLean Seal

Furney Tart
Isaac L. Moore

Johnston County Court

February Term 1857

Then was this paper writing duly proven in open court by the oaths of F. Tart & Isaac Moore to be the last will and testament of Phoebe McLean deceased and ordered to be recorded

J. H. Kennedy Clerk

Will of Elijah Lancaster

In the name of God Amen I Elijah Lancaster of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind do hereby give and bequeath unto my worthy friend John F. Ellington the whole of my small estate after the payment of my just debts out of the same this I do as a compensation in some degree to him for his great kindness towards me during my long protracted afflictions.

Sealed, signed and delivered this 16th day of April 1857
in the presence of

Elijah Lancaster Seal
mark

J. B. Stalling
P. B. Needlin.

Johnston County Court-

May Term 1857.

Then was this paper writing exhibited in open court and duly proven by the oaths and examination of J. B. Stalling & P. B. Needlin to be the last will and testament of Elijah Lancaster deceased and returned to be recorded and filed.

J. H. Kennedy clk