

In the name of God Amen  
 Oliver J. Griffin of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina seriously  
 Considering the Uncertainty of Life and mindful of the obligation upon every  
 to Leave Their affairs in Order, do make and Ordain; this my Last will and Tes-  
 -tament, in Manner and form following, (Viz.) I Impremis, I wish Executors herein  
 -after named, to liquidate and pay, all my Just debts also, my funeral expenses  
 from funds I may have on hand, at my death, or if none hand from pro-  
 ceeds of Sale herein directed to be made; I Wish my Executors, to sell as they  
 may think best either at public or private sale, my Lots, in Bollocks Ties with  
 their Improvements, and also the Goods in the Store and all other property I may  
 have on hand, I also wish my tract of Land adjoining John R. Kren der  
 and Others, sold, it was purchased by me from Jas. J. Plan by, and is known  
 as the Wrights Land; If There is anything Remaining after the payment of all  
 my just ~~and~~ Debts I wish the balance Remaining to be equally divided  
 between my Brethren and Sisters (Viz.) Craven, B. Griffin, Jackson Griffin  
 Cicero, M. A. Griffin, Adaline Griffin and Laura, sold, on their Hens and  
 assigns; I appoint my friends James S. Ward and Joseph Whitty, Exe-  
 -cutors to this my Last will and Testament;  
 In Testimony of all of Which I do here unto set my hand and seal this the  
 17th day of Sept. A.D. 1855  
 Oliver J. Griffin  
 Witness A. A. Barnes  
 Jones County Court

March Term A. D. 1860

A paper Writing purporting to be the Last will and testament of Oliver J. Griffin  
 Decd is exhibited for probate in Open Court and, the execution of the same is proved by the oath  
 and examination of John A. Barnes, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and by proof made  
 of the Hand Writing of Charles H. Hays, the Other subscribing witness who is shown to be  
 dead by the oath and examination of Roscoe Barnes, Esq. It is therefore Considered by the  
 Court that the said paper Writing, and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the  
 said Oliver J. Griffin and the same is Ordered to be Recorded and filed, And it further  
 appearing that James S. Ward and Joseph Whitty the Executors therein named Comes into  
 Open Court and Renounces, their Right, to qualify as executors to said will; And there-  
 -upon, On Motion to Court, it is Ordered that, Israel Dismore, be appointed administrator  
 with the will annexed and that said Israel Dismore Comes into Court and qualifies  
 as such by entering into bond and taking the oath required by law.  
 Attest Benj. Ashew. Clerk

I, John H. Cox of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being of sound  
 mind and memory, But Considering the Uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make &  
 declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,  
 That is to say, my Executor shall pay all of my Just Debts out  
 out of the ~~person~~ <sup>estate</sup> of the monies that may first come in to his hands as agent or parcel  
 of my Estate,  
 Item I give and Devise to my Eldest Daughter Mary Cox the following furniture  
 purchased Recently Made (Viz.) One Bedstead One Sofa, a pair of Androon  
 and fender 1 pr. Chairs & 1 pr. One Center Table & one Bill Chairs  
 Item My Will and devise is that all of my ~~probable~~ <sup>probable</sup> property Consisting of Horse  
 Hogs Pigs and Cattle and also Corn and fodder Pease Horse-Hold and Kitchen furn-  
 -iture Except, Such as have been herein before named, sold the proceeds thereof  
 to be applied to the Education of my Children.  
 I leave my Negroes I Wish sold for the benefit of my Children and  
 I want my Land sold on such terms as my Executor shall