

Jonathan I. Eason's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Jonathan I. Eason, of the County of Martin, and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, though of weak body, and considering the shortness of my earthly existence, do hereby make this to be my last Will and Testament on the 5th day of July, One thousand, eight hundred and Sixty, hereby revoking and making void, all others by me before made, in manner and form following, that is to say, I give my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently buried in the other earth; and after the payment of my funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, by my Executors — I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Martha Eason, all my land, Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Farming Utensils, and all my house hold and Kitchen furniture of every description and also the following Negro Slaves, Viz, Daniel, Nathan, Simon, and Chany, and all the rights and property which I now possess on earth to have and to hold to her my beloved Wife Martha Eason her heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns forever; and last of all I leave and bequeath and it is my will and desire that my beloved Wife Martha Eason be and she hereby appoints her to be my Executor to execute this my last will and Testament, according to the intentions and purposes therein specified — In witness whereof I the said Jonathan I. Eason do hereby set my hand and seal on this 5th day of July 1860 —

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in presence of

J. I. Eason (Seal)

" M. S. Short
" J. M. Rice

Witnessed and attested on Tuesday, 4th April 1863

Amelia Madson's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Amelia Madson of the State of North Carolina & County of Martin, being sick in body, but of sound mind, do make & declare this my last will and Testament. I give and bequeath to Fred Ann Ellington, daughter of Sarah & Ellington all my entire estate, to her and to her heirs and assigns in fee simple forever — I hereby nominate & appoint my friend Joseph D. Biggs, Executor to this my last will and Testament — In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand & seal, this 12th day of June 1863 Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us, and in the presence of each other —

Amelia Madson (Seal)
Joseph D. Biggs

William A. Mathews' Will

State of North Carolina, Martin County, April 14. 1863
I William A. Mathews, of the State of North Carolina, being fully sensible of the uncertainty of human life and knowing it is proper, that all men, should be as nearly prepared for death as possible, do declare make & declare this to be my last will and Testament. It is my wish and desire, that my Wife Sophia Mathews should remain at my House and have possession of all my property of every description during the term of her natural life or widowhood with the exception set forth hereafter — I give and bequeath unto Joseph Lawrence Jenkins, fifth, John Jones — I give and bequeath unto the heirs when I now live and also, one acre of land to include the house when I now live and also, one horse, one saddle, the horse, and saddle, and also my deer, and should go into the possession of the said Joseph Lawrence Jenkins, immediately after my death the land not until the time stated in item first — I give and bequeath to my brother Haman Mathews & John M. Mathews all the balance of my land to be equally divided between them at the death or marriage of my Wife — I give and bequeath unto Mary Frances Jenkins, one hundred dollars in money or note, and one feather Bed, Head & Furniture, and also one Cow & Calf which property she is to become in possession of at the death or marriage of my Wife — I give and bequeath unto my brother Joseph Mathews, and my eight sisters in their lawful representatives, viz, Elizabeth Mathews, Annilla Mathews, Abnera Mathews, Francis Mathews, Thiridiana Mathews, Jathika Mathews, & Martha Ann Mathews, all and every part of the residue of my property not herein before disposed of, of every description to be equally divided between them at the death or marriage of my Wife as herein before set forth in item first — I hereby ordain, constitute & appoint my particular friend and neighbor Joseph B. E. Andrews, my Executor to settle my estate according to my wishes, and desires as herein before set forth — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of April A.D. 1863

Signed, Sealed in the
presence of J. B. E. Andrews

Wm. A. Mathews (Seal)
mark

Attest June 1863

The foregoing paper purporting to be the last will & Testament of W. A. Mathews was offered for probate in open Court and the due execution thereof was proven by the oath of J. B. E. Andrews and J. B. E. Andrews, and the Court do hereby certify that the said will of W. A. Mathews, and the probate be registered