

April Term 1857

Item 7 I land unto my wife Nancy Eason one half of a negro Boy by the name of Isaac and at her death I give the same negro Boy Isaac unto my son Abner Eason. Item 10 I land unto my wife Nancy Eason one half of a negro Girl by the name of Mattie and at her death I give the same negro girl Mattie unto my son Abner Eason. Item 11 I land unto my wife Nancy Eason one negro girl by the name of Eliza and at her death I give the same negro girl Eliza unto my son Abner Eason. Item 12 I land unto my wife Nancy Eason one negro Boy by the name of Charley and at her death I give the same negro Boy Charley unto my son Abner Eason. Item 13 I give unto my wife Nancy Eason one negro girl by the name of Patsy and her manse and one hundred dollars in money. Item 14 I give unto my son Abner Eason one half of all my land including one half of my house hold and kitchen furniture and one half of all my stock of hogs horses and cattle and one half of all my stock of Rice and one half of all the things that I have on hand and one half of all my farm and one half of my farming utensils. Item 15 I give unto my son Abner Eason one half of a negro Boy by the name of Isaac and one half of a negro girl by the name of Mattie and all her increase and one half of my furniture. Item 16 I give unto my son Abner Eason one negro Boy by the name of Stewart. Item 17 I give unto my son Abner Eason one negro Boy by the name of John. Item 18 I give unto my son Abner Eason one negro girl by the name of Elizabeth. I hereby appoint Abner Eason my Executor to let my last will and testament in writing whereof I am bound to let my name and Seal this 7th day of May 1854.

William S. Leggett
I took Liberty

Rubin Eason Seal

State of North Carolina

Notary Public for the County of Wayne April Term 1857, there was the execution of the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Rubin Eason joined in form Court by the oath of W. S. Leggett one of the Subscribing witnesses that the other Subscribing witness being presumed to have died since the execution of said will it is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Rubin Eason and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed when upon Abner Eason appears and is qualified as Executor there to according to Law.

D. Johnson Clerk

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In the name of God Amen I Henry Griffin Junior of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being of lawful age and sound mind and memory do hereby certify to be the last will and testament of my father Henry Griffin Senior and of my father's free will and publish this my last will and testament. 1st I give to my son John S. Griffin my Land and plantation whereon I now live with all appurtenances thereto belonging also I give to the said John S. Griffin one hundred acres of Land adjoining the Plantations area of John S. Hatting's also I give to John S. Griffin Black mare and her increase also two Sials and Saddle also one cart and gear also I give to John S. Griffin all of my farming tools and my ground stone also one hand mill and hand saw also I give to John S. Griffin all of my stock of cattle with the exception of one cow's calf also I give to John S. Griffin three sows and thirty pigs also I give to John S. Griffin all of my stock of Pigs Bacon Lard and fowls also I give to John S. Griffin all the feather Bed and furniture also all my kitchen furniture I give to the said John S. Griffin and Nancy Griffin also I give to John S. Griffin his Shot Guns and all my carpenter tools also I give to John S. Griffin my iron wages 2nd I give to my son Henry M. Griffin twenty acres of Land lying on the paper Branch joining John Callahan and others 3rd I give to my daughter Nancy Griffin one feather Bed and furniture also one Sower and a garden one cow and calf also one Linen Wheel and one Wooden Wheel to my daughter Nancy Griffin 4th I give to my daughter Hamilton Rogers one feather Bed that she has now in her possession 5th I give to my daughter Clara Lewis two year Sows and one feather Bed that she has now in her possession 6th I give to my daughter Sarah Hatting one feather Bed. I want my key more to be used by my Executors for the purpose of paying my just debts and if any remainder left after so doing I want the same to be equally divided between my four daughters to wit Nancy, Mary, Sally & Elizabeth also I want my daughter Elizabeth with to have out of my estate five dollars in Cash I want all of my sheep not mentioned above to be sold and the money to be equally divided between my four daughters to wit Nancy, Mary, Sally and Elizabeth. I hereby make and ordain my son John S. Griffin & Henry M. Griffin, Executors of my last will and testament in writing whereof I am bound to let my name and Seal this 7th day of May 1854.

William S. Leggett
Notary Public

Henry M. Griffin Seal
Nancy Griffin Seal

State of North Carolina

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