

State of North Carolina
 This is to certify that F. Mary E. Bryan
 of the State and County before named
 being in a low state of health but having as sound a mind as ever
 I had do make and declare the following as my last will and
 Testament viz.

I want my three daughters Francis C. Susan R. and Ella George
 and Bryan to have one bed and furniture each three trunks
 one in each when necessary for them to be got for their use

I want my two sons Benjamin H. & John W. Bryan to have the
 small trundle bed and the furniture for the same also one chest
 also fifty dollars each in specie to make as near equal as the girls
 beds

I want my executor to sell all the balance of my property and
 convert all the funds that may come into her hand into specie
 if he thinks best and after paying off and settling my estate for
 the balance to be equally divided between my five children share
 and share alike I hereby appoint Benjamin C. L. Bryan
 my executor to this my last will & Testament

Witness my hand and seal March 22nd 1867
 Mary E. Bryan (Sd)

Bryant Bennett
 J. W. Sherrod

State of North Carolina

March Term 1867

The within paper writing purporting to be the last will
 and Testament of Mary E. Bryan was exhibited in open Court
 by Benj. L. to Bryan the executor therein named for probate and
 the due execution thereof being proven by the oaths of Bryant Bennett
 and J. W. Sherrod his subscribing witnesses thereto it is ordered and
 adjudged by the Court that said paper writing and every part
 thereof and clause thereof is the last will and Testament of
 Mary E. Bryan Let it and the certificate be recorded
 Ex. duly qualified by taking the oath of office

Jos. Newman Clk

In the name of God, Amen I James R. Purvis of the County of Martin and
 State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory do make
 publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking
 all others in manner and form following To wit

Item first I give unto my sister Arlinda Stevenson my tract or
 parcel of Land lying and being in Martin County in the North side of
 Concho Creek said tract is more particularly described in a deed
 from Joshua Taylor to me the condition of this gift of the foregoing
 land is to pay to my sister Arlinda Stevenson the sum of Four
 hundred dollars which I justly owe her and provided she receives
 the same in payment and in case she refuses to accept the same on
 the foregoing conditions it is my will and desire that my executors
 hereinafter named shall sell the said tract of land and pay
 the said amount out of the proceeds of such sale

Item 2 I lend to my sister Arlinda Stevenson during her
 natural life my home tract of land and at her death I give the
 said land unto her children George and Willie and their heirs
 forever (Provided and with the distinct condition that my mother
 Elizabeth Purvis shall have and claim a home at my house
 and upon my home tract during her natural life if she desire
 it

Item third I give all my stock of cattle to my sister Arlinda
 Stevenson

Item 4th I give unto my sister Laura Purvis my gold watch &
 chain

Item 5th I give unto my sister Ocellar Purvis one gold chain

Item 6th I give unto my Bro. W. H. Purvis my double barreled gun
 and walking cane

Item 7th All the residue of my estate of every description
 notes accounts debts in action or possession I leave for my executor
 hereinafter named to collect and sell or so dispose of as he may
 think best for the interest of my estate and heirs

And lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my brother
 Wm. H. Purvis my executor to this my last will and Testament
 this 20 Sept. A.D. 1865
 James R. Purvis

signed sealed and published and declared by James R. Purvis to be his last will and testament who signed this instrument in our presence and requested us to sign the same in his as witnesses this 20th Sept 1865

W. G. Taylor

L. W. Hally

State of North Carolina Martin County Court Jan'y Term 1866

There was the following foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James R. Purvis delivered exhibited in open court for probate by Wm. W. Purvis the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said James R. Purvis is proved by the oath and examination of W. G. Taylor one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said James R. Purvis and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed and thereupon the said W. W. Purvis executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law

Wm. W. Purvis ex

Frederick Taylor's Will

I Frederick Taylor of the County of Martin 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 following That is to say

First that my executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I lend to my beloved daughter Fendarilla Satterwhite certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Martin County and State of North Carolina situated on an Spence branch

adjoining the land of Messrs Harrell and Wm. L. Brown, being beginning on the branch where the road crosses the branch running North 20 west 4 poles thence along the thence along the North 20 west 60 poles thence north 22 east to Harrells line thence south 60 east to the run of Spence branch thence down the various courses of said branch to the first station containing by estimation fifty acres more or less and give it to her children if any If no children I wish it to return to my lawful heirs

Item I lend to my beloved daughter Ann Eliza Harrell a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Martin County and State of North Carolina situated as follows Beginning where the road crosses Spence branch adjoining the heirs of L. W. Shened running North 23 east 4 poles thence north 25 west 65 poles thence south 80 west to Wm. R. W. Sheneds line thence along Wm. R. W. Sheneds line 29 poles thence down thence a shale corner to the beginning and I give it to her children if any if no child to return to my heirs

In witness whereof I the said Frederick Taylor do hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of December A.D. 1865

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Frederick Taylor to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who subscribe at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

J. G. & Parker

Wm. R. W. Shened

Frederick Taylor Esq

State of North Carolina

Jan'y Term 1866 of Martin County

The due execution of of the foregoing paper writing purporting to be and contain the last will and testament of Frederick Taylor dec^d was proved in open court by the oath of J. G. & Parker one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who swears that the said Frederick Taylor subscribed his name in the presence of the said witnesses in presence said witnesses and in presence Wm. R. W. Shened the other subscribing witness and that he J. G. & Parker read W. R. W. Shened subscribed the same as witness in the presence of and at the request of said Frederick Taylor that said Frederick Taylor was at the time of executing said paper writing of sound disposing mind and memory and that Wm. R. W. Shened the other subscribing witness is dead and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine and that said Shened deposed as witness in presence of said J. G. & Parker in presence of J. G. & Parker therefore let the said paper writing together with this certificate be recorded

Frederick Taylor Esq