

Princes Royal
Queen of Great Brit

I Frances Brown 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 & form following, that is to say - First, That my executors herein after mentioned shall provide for my body such burial as may suit the wishes of my friends and relations, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part & parcel of my Estate. I give to my beloved James Brown, my land and tenements and other beds the same choice, the Negroes by Haynes Penny and Bellair and give him such farming utensils as he may need of out of farm. And here his choice, one cow & calf his choice one sow & pigs his choice, all the kitchen furniture, one wheel & four cards his choice, one chest his choice, one half dozen chairs his choice, one stool & chair his choice
Item - I give my beloved Niece Susan A Brown, one Bed her choice and dress bureau, one wash stand, two tanks, her choice
Item - I wish the balance of my estate together with what I have left to my beloved brother after his death equally divided between my three Nieces Easter E. Susan A and Charity J Brown, Stand share alike to them and their heirs of any and partly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend William R. A. Sherrod my lawful executor to all intents & 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 to me heretofore made) Frances Brown (S)

Signed Sealed & published and
declared by the said Frances Brown
to be her last will and testament
in the presence of us, who at her
request and in her presence do subscribe
the names as witnesses thereto

Prud — October Term 1864

James Salsbury's Will

State of North Carolina } Martin County } I James Saltsbury et al the State & County
before named, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of
death, being liable in health but thanks to Almighty God sound as
my mind as never was do make and ordain the following dispensation
of my earthly estate, it being my last Will and Testament—
1st I want all my just debts paid for the funds of my
estate that shall come into the hands of my executors—
2d I give unto my son James C. Saltsbury the tract of Land wherein
he now lives containing One hundred and forty nine acres, adjoining
the lands of James Bevers his son & other also One Bed & furniture
which he has, and One half of the Brandy Still Apple Mill, Barns,
ells & presses, also One Negroe woman Mary & child, Boy Charles
& Negroe woman Patti—
3rd I give unto my Son John C. Saltsbury One tract of land called
the Norton tract where I. J. Gresham now lives containing One Hundred
and forty four acres, provided he has an heir or heirs lawfully
begotten of the Body, and in the event he should die before he has
and leaves at his death said heir or heirs the said tract of Land and
all the improvements shall return to my Daughter Mary C. Saltsbury—
I give unto the Said John C. Saltsbury the following named Negroe
Mrs. William, woman Spter her child William, also One slave Bill
him his choice, One half of the Brandy Still, Apple Mill, Barns,
& presses, also my Buggy & Harness & One Bed & furniture, also
One Cow & Calf—
4th I give unto my Son Richard B. Saltsbury, the tract of land
wherein I now live containing One Hundred & Twenty Acres, his
the same more or less lying and being on the South East Side
of the Mill pond run called Juniper Run to the Run of said
Juniper Run Branch, save and except four acres which will
be described hereafter, the above named lands and improvements I
give to the said Richard provided he has an heir or heirs lawfully
begotten of the Body, and in the event he should die before he
has, and leaves at his death said heir or heirs, the said tract of
Land shall return with all the improvements to my Daughter
Sally C. Saltsbury, I also give to the said Richard B. Saltsbury
One third of the Saw & grist Mill together with all of the One
third interest in the Pond, privileges the tract of Land where the
Mill House stands also $\frac{1}{3}$ of the acres reserved on the bottom
at the Miller's House, also One Boy Henry, Negroe, son of child
Sarah, One Bed & furniture, one Boy Horn I bought of Dr. Hugh
and One Single barrel Gun—
I give unto my Sons Augustus H. Saltsbury & Robert H. Saltsbury the tract
of land in the fork of the Mill Pond called the Joseph R. Ballard and
Henry containing two hundred acres more or less, also the tract of Land

James Salisbury's Will Continued

According to valuation and should either of them die before they
arrive of age or have a lawful heir or heirs, the other is to share his share
and should both die before they arrive to age or have an heir or heirs
lawfully begotten of the Body, then in that case the same tract of
land and all the improvements shall go to my Daughter Stancy Elizur
Salisbury to my Son Augustine W. Salisbury, One Negroe Woman and
One Slave, A Bed & furniture, One Servall Man, One Single barrel
Gun, also the barrel of the Pistols and Milt, with all the privileges
as described in the gift of the same to Richard B. Salisbury - I also give
unto my Son Robert H. Salisbury, One Boy Sam & one girl Dancy, One
Bed & furniture, One double barrel Gun, one writing Desk, also one third
of the sum & this I Mill, with all the privileges as described in the gift
of the same to Richard B. Salisbury.

8th I give unto my Daughter Stancy E. Salisbury, One Negroe woman
Harriet, One Man Moses and one woman & child, One Bed & furniture, One
Bureau, One Spring Waggon & Harness, One Bay Horse called
Cheese, One Bureau, One Spring Waggon & Harness, One Bay Horse called
Tom, one Cow & Calf her choice, One Horse Cart & Box, all the Crockery
Horse, & Tools, and One thousand dollars in Bonds, against individuals
9th I give unto my daughter Stancy E. Nor and One Negroe man Moses
One Girl Amanda & Emma, One Bed & furniture, One Bureau, One
Cow & Calf and Four hundred dollars -

10th I give unto my Daughter Mary Luisa Salisbury, One boy
Milt, One Slave & Girl Martha, one Bed & furniture, one Bureau
choice and fifteen hundred Dollars, against individuals

11th In addition what I have given my Son Robert H. Salisbury, I give
unto him One thousand dollars in Bonds, against individuals

12th During his present inability, or should he be taken
by the enemy, and should any of them die before a general division
of my estate that I have given to them and in that event, the said
Negro or negroes, so dying or being carried off ergoing off, so that
the owners do not get them then the said Negroes, shall be valued and
the Quantum be made good from all my children, Shan & Shan alike
as I desire each make them equal in the lots

13th I want my estate to remain together for the present year, and should my
Executor think best still longer, but whenever after this year he may think
to the interest of my estate, I want him to sell all of my Chattel property
that may be in hand after giving one paying over as before
named to my Children and the balance of all my estate of every
Kind, save one, except two acres of land which I reserve in P. B.
Salisbury's tract, said two acres I leave to my Sister Sarah
Branton during her life time, said two acres to adjoin the
Miller's House and lot so as to include the House when Mrs
Martha Johnson now resides, and at the said Mrs. Branton's death
said two acres, are to go to Daniel R. B. Salisbury's tract to be
equally divided, Shan & Shan alike, between all my children
also allowing a year for the children that is with me

James Salisbury's Will Continued

12th last I do hereby constitute and appoint my Friend Bryant
Bennett Executor to this my last Will and Testament also Guardian
of my minor heirs - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal in presence of us this the 16th January Anno Domini
and, Eight hundred and Sixty four
Witness'able attesting a year, sufficient for the children that is
with me, interlined before I signed

Attest A. B. Cooper
Ara Johnson }

"James Salisbury *Sig.*

Court of Pleas and Admiralty
Sessions July Term 1864 } The foregoing paper writing pur-
porting to be the last Will and Testament of James Salisbury and
is exhibited in open Court by Bryant Bennett the Executor there-
in declared and offered the same for probate. The decree contains
of the same was duly pronounced the Clerk of A. B. Cooper and
Ara Johnson the subscribers thereto. Thereupon Bryant
Bennett the Executor therein named came forward and duly
qualified - Declared by the Court, that the Will and the certificate
hereby be recorded

"W. H. Harrell Clerk

Benjamin Leggett's Will

I Benjamin Leggett of the County of Martin, State of North-
Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, knowing the uncer-
tainty of life and the certainty of death, do in Consideration of the prop-
erty that God hath blessed me with Revoking all others, publish
here this, the my last Will and Testament in manner and form aforesaid

Item 1st It is my wish and desire to be decently buried and that
my Executor hereinabove named Supervise the same

Item 2nd It is my wish and desire that all of my just debts be paid
and that my Executor sell the piece of land bought of Daniel Burgess,
and also the tract patented by me to pay my indebtedness if any

Item 3rd After the payment of my just debts, I give and bequeath unto
my beloved wife Minnie Caroline Leggett during her life my Manor
plantation, builded as follows: Beginning in a small branch
at a corner in Elizabeth Taylor's line, running thence nearly East up a
small branch to a Nother small branch thence along said branch to the run
of Turkey Swamp to the lower corner of my old place fence, thence along
the fence to upper corner of the plantation thence nearly a west course
to the Boundary Branch, thence along said Branch to my corner, thence
along a line of marked trees to Elizabeth Taylor's corner, thence a
straight line to the beginning - and after death I give the said Land to
my son Joseph B. Leggett his heirs and assigns forever

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Minnie Caroline Leggett
during her life three of my Negro slaves - Ben, Vice & Louis, also one horse
two mules, two donkeys, three cows & lambs, her choice two &
sixteen, six cattle, one Bureau, one desk chair, one looking glass, one