

Signed in the presence of
Bryant Bennett

Charletta ^{her} Everett
Nease

Isabel ^{her} Stanford
Nease

North Carolina Martin County Court of Pleas & Quarter
Session Oct Term 1854 There was the foregoing written
and sealed instrument purporting to be and containing the last will
and testament of Charletta Everett ^{her} exhibited in open court appeared in due form
of law by the oath of Bryant Bennett one of the Justices of the Peace and when sworn
he is ordered that the same with this certificate be recorded and at the same time each of the
witnesses named in said will come into Court & Qualify as such as well to Law
J. Johnson Clerk

In the name of God amen I Joseph Burdette of Martin County
North Carolina being of sound mind and memory (bind to thoughtfully
God do make and publish this my last will and testament
Item 1st I leave to my wife Mary Burdette during her lifetime or
widowhood a negro woman Mary and her increase also a much
of my house hold and kitchen furniture as she may want also
I wish her to take choice of one of my horses also I wish her to have
all of my sheep also four cows & calves also my buggy & harness
also sufficient for her and family for one year and such farming
tools as she may want that is on the plantation also my double
bount corn three down & eight one bushels I leave to my wife
during her lifetime or widowhood all of my land at her debt
to Shunda the money in that case I wish for the lands to be sold
and the money divided among her and all my children
Item 2nd The property which I have not given or bequeathed away I wish
for my debts to be paid and pay all of debts and should there be any money
left then I wish it to be equally divided between all of my children
Item 3rd I nominate constitute my beloved wife Mary Burdette Executor
to my last will and testament discharging all other wills made by me
This 27th March A.D. 1854
Witness
Wm. J. Williams
Wm. J. Hyman

(State of North Carolina

Martin County Court Oct Term 1854 There was the foregoing written
instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph
Burdette exhibited in open Court and the due execution thereof
according to Law proved by Wm. J. Hyman one of the Justices of the Peace
whereby he is ordered to be recorded at the same time
Mary Burdette the executing & named in said will appeared in Court
and renounced her right to Qualify as Executrix and also as
widow disclaimed from the said will and prayed that the same be entered
and thereupon the Court appointed John D. Hyman Administrator of the said will
of said Joseph Burdette upon his entering into bond in the sum of \$1000 with
Wm. J. Williams & Samuel Hyman his securities bond given & Adm^r Qualified
J. Johnson Clerk

I Elizabeth Purvis of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory but considered and the
uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my
last will and testament in witness and firm following that
is to say First That my executor hereinafter named shall provide
for my body a decent burial subject to the wishes of my relatives
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 Give and bequeath to my eldest
son James R. Purvis one lot of rock iron ore or cast and take
and all other implements belonging to the job of even ready
for work two cows & calves one saddle mare one feather bed
& furniture on folding leafed table four tea boxes nine chairs
all the provisions on hand and crop growing of any at the
time of my death nine plates and one dish one glass sugar
dish to have and to hold to his disposal absolutely forever
Item I Give and bequeath to my youngest son Henry R. Purvis
one cow & calf one sow & seven sheeps eight head sheep two
tea boxes one table eight chairs one dish nine plates one
feather bed & furniture to his own use and behoof forever
Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Martha G. Purvis
one feather bed and furniture one sow & pig eight head
of sheep one pig eight chairs nine plates & one dish six
small glass plates & six basins then to have one flog what to
be his and at his disposal absolutely forever also I Give and
bequeath to my daughter Martha G. Purvis thirty dollars to
be paid by my executor out of my estate not otherwise disposed of
to be hers & to her use forever Item I Give and bequeath to my
eldest son James R. Purvis one mule one wheel nine sheep and all
the balance of my hog not otherwise devised one down & year
absolutely forever Item I Give and bequeath to my youngest son
Henry R. Purvis one glass dish to be his with the same before devised
and at his disposal absolutely forever Item My will and desire is
that the remainder of my estate not herebefore devised except one dish
which I Give to my son Henry R. Purvis to be his absolutely forever
to Purvis Henry R. Purvis & Martha G. Purvis to be theirs
and to their own use & behoof forever And lastly I do hereby
appoint my trust son James R. Purvis my lawful executor
to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will & testament
according to the true intent & meaning of the same and
every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and