

## October Term 1859

I Brown Coburn of Martin County being of a sound mind do this day make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner as follows viz I give to Godfrey Whitfield the son of Arnold Whitfield all my property of every denomination who ever at my death except my notes and money I may have & give and bequeath to my brother Abel Coburn Five Hundred dollars out of my stock of notes and money at my death. 3dly I give to Henry Ervinette jun the son of Henry Ervinette sign my gun & nominate constable and appoint sole executor of this my last will and testament Henry P. Brown in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 9<sup>th</sup> of October in the year of our Lord 1859

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator Brown Coburn to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the said testator

Witness,

Brown Coburn Esq.

R. B. Smith

Orman L. Gray

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter  
Martin County before October Term 1859

The foregoing paper writing was at this term of the court submitted to jury who find the same and every part thereof to be the last will and testament of Brown Coburn deceased. And Henry P. Brown having renounced his office of Executor the Court doth appoint A. S. Coffield and Henry D. Robison Administrators with the will annexed And it is further ordered by the Court that said will with this certificate be recorded

H. H. Harrill Clerk

## January Term 1860

Know all men by these presents that Levi Howell being in my better mind and senses do make and ordain the following as my last will and testaments

1st after paying all my just contracts I give unto my beloved wife Dorothy B. Howell all my passable property of every kind upon the condition that she give the same to my children at her death to be given by her as she may think proper

2nd I give to my son John W. Howell Two Hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining my tract I now live on commencing at a little limestone stump below his house where he lives thence down the Mill Branch to the cut, thence up the cut to the ship yard landing, thence a straight line to a ravine on the north side of the ship yard field so as to include to him the ship yard field, thence at the ravine to the head of the same, thence a straight line to the back line, thence along the back line to the beginning so as to include Two Hundred and fifty acres.

3rd all the balance of the up land of the Carnal tract I leave to my wife during her lifetime, at her death I give said land to Julius Henry Lee Howell, all the balance of the two grantees of the Carnal tract and the Taylor tract I give to my wife for her to dispose of as she may think proper it being the balance of all my lands in the County of Martin the proceeds of said land for her own use and need during her lifetime

then for her to give the same to my children as she may think proper

4th It is my desire for my wife to have all together and do with as she may think proper as regards disposing of or trading for the benefit of herself and my children of all my passable estate of every kind

5th I give to my Grand Daughter Allice Madora Williams an interest in my estate as one of my own children but that interest to be as my wife thinks proper to give her

6th I appoint my wife my Executor my son John W. Howell will I expect make all calculations and aid her in the settlement of all my business

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1860

In presence of  
Bryant Bennett  
Archibald Stalter

Levi Howell Seal

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas and quarter sessions  
Martin County } Jan. Term 1860  
The within and foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will