

I give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Ballard, my Plantation called the Old Daverson Land containing one hundred and ninety five acres more or less to him & his heirs forever.

Now my will & desire is that my two sons Thomas & Elias Ballard be educated so as to make them in learning equal to my other two sons and that the expense of tuition be paid out of my estate.

I nominate and appoint my loving wife Nancy Ballard Executrix and my sons John & Martin Ballard Executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18th June 1821

Signed sealed published and acknowledged before us

Arthur Watson
Samuel Baskette
David Hyman

Elias C. Ballard

In the Name of God Amen as this is my Last will and Testament and I am now in a feeble state of Health but in perfect sound mind and memory I now leave for all my Just Dues to be paid out of my estate. I leave fifty acres of land to be sold lying on the well known Sales leave one negro woman named Pender to be sold for the purpose of paying my debts I leave one lot to be sold, also one cow and two colts. I leave all the rest of my estate I now leave to my well beloved wife Peggy Laniel during her natural life & afterwards for the support of herself and children and at her death or marriage then to be equally divided amongst my three children Helen Laniel Pauline Laniel and Magdalen Laniel I leave William Mearns, Peggy Laniel my wife my executrix this the 20th of October 1821
Test James Laniel

Adams Laniel

State of N Carolina } December Term 1821 the within writing purporting to be the Last will and Testament of Adams Laniel was proven in open court by the oaths of James Laniel the subscribing witness thereto and to be Read
H Hunter Clerk
by Joe Biggs Esq

In the Name of God Amen I Frances Bannard being of perfect sound mind and memory blessed be god!! as this 18th day of June 1821 made and publish this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, that after all my Just Dues be paid, and that my executors in that my three sons John Bannard and every thing that is considered most useful to my family should be sold to pay my debts - Then I leave unto my beloved wife Mary Bannard the Land whereon I now live together with the dwelling house kitchen and service house, on box and furniture, half day or share me take one wooden wheel one horn Pot half dozen spoons during her natural life then to be equally divided between my children and the residue of my property my well and estate is to be divided to be paid for my children until my eldest child come of age a gift manured and then to be equally divided between them, my wish is that my three horses should be cut out for the benefit of my children - And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Samuel Hyman and John Laniel executors of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said Frances Bannard have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal this day and year above written signed and sealed in presence of us

James Bannard
Joshua W. Baskette
Edward G. Galloway

F Bannard & seal

State of N Carolina }
Martin County } Decr Term 1821 the within paper purporting to be the Last will and Testament of Frances Bannard did was proven in open court by the oaths of Joshua W. Baskette and Edward G. Galloway two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and to be Read
H Hunter Clerk

by Joseph Biggs Esq

In the name of God Amen I Moses Ashew of the State of North Carolina and county of Martin being in perfect mind and memory blessed be god forever and calling to mind the constancy of death and the shortness of life do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament form and manner as follows (viz)
First of all I give my soul to god who first gave it and my body to be buried in a christian and decent manner then I had unto my wife Warbury Ashew all my land and moveable property during her natural life or widowhood for the support & schooling of my children and at her death or marriage for all my land & moveable property to be equally divided between all my children and I do hereby nominate and appoint my worthy friends Wm Biggs Esq. and my wife Warbury Ashew all of this my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 20th day of June in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two
Test Wm Baskette
William Taylor
Moses Ashew & seal
State of N Carolina } Lane Term 1822 the within paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament

of Moses Ashew dec^d was proven in open court by the oath of Joshua H. Hapell one of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be recorded

A.B. Hunter Clk

By Jos. Biggs Jf.

State of N. Carolina In the name of God Amen
Martin County I Abner Brown being weak of body but of sound mind & memory blessed be God for the same calling to mind the mortality of man and knowing that all must die do make & ordain this & no other to be my last will & testament in manner & form as follows

First I recommend my soul to God & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner and as touching the estate that God has blessed me with I give & dispose off in the following manner

Item My desire is that all my land on the north side of a line beginning at the run of the creek in the road running easterly along S^d road to the center of two white oaks at the corner of the fence next to the creek thence across the field to a marked pine & then in Nathan Taylor's line in the south side of the marked pine and my negro man Nathan & negro girl Esther be sold and the money arising from such sale be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter Flossie Bennett

Item I give & bequeath unto the widow Keen of my son Hugh Brown ten dollars to be divided between them equally

Item I give & bequeath unto William R. Brown & his children all my land on the south side of the abovementioned line my negro man Brister & my negro boy Darcy to them & their heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath unto Mary Cherry the former widow of my son Willie Brown one dollar to her & her heirs forever
Item I leave unto my daughter Elizabeth Davis all the land I bought of her husband Henry Davis & my negro boy Stephen & my negro boy Sam during her natural life and if the S^d Elizabeth should have any issue of her body at her death I give the abovementioned land & negroes to the issue of the S^d Elizabeth & their heirs forever but in case the S^d Elizabeth should die without any living child that it should return back to the rest of my living heirs

Carried up

Item It is further my will & desire that my negroes that I have not before been mentioned or written away & all the rest of estate of every kind or nature be sold & after paying all my just debts & necessary expenses should together with what is due me & money that may be found in hand together with what I have in the hands of Nathan Brown be equally divided amongst the children of my dec^d daughter Flossie Bennett and the children of my daughter Polly Brown dec^d and Elizabeth Davis so as for the children of S^d Chloe to have one third & the children of S^d Polly one third & Elizabeth Davis one third to them & their heirs forever

I also nominate & appoint William R. Brown executor to this my last will & testament whereunto I set my hand & seal the 27th day of May one thousand eight hundred & twenty two

Signed in
Presence of us
Joseph Long
John Hensell
Wilson Sherman

Abner BROWN Seal

State of N. Carolina In the name of God Amen I Ruth Martin County writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Abner Brown dec^d was proven in open court by the oaths of Joseph Long & Wilson Sherman two of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be recorded

A.B. Hunter Clk

By Jos. Biggs Jf.

State of N. Carolina In the name of God Amen I Ruth Martin County Kennedy of the state and county above mentioned calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die being in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament

First I give my soul to God who gave it first to me my body to be buried in a Christian like manner as the direction of my executors and as for such worldly goods as it has been pleased God to bless me with I give & bequeath in the following manner

Item I give my daughter Emily Caraway five shillings
Item I give my daughter Nancy Selley one tub water pail & ten tubs
Item I leave to my daughter in law the wife of my son J. H. Kennedy my house and two acres of land on the road beginning and joining the rear of land I sold to Brown and running the north line back from opposite Plymouth so far as includes the same and all the rest of my movable property that I have not given away I leave her in like manner during her life that is if she retains the wife of my son J. H. Kennedy as and when