

April Term 1858

The foregoing last will and Testament of Henry Brown was this day borne in open Court by the oath of J. S. Williams and J. S. Harrell and it was thereupon ordered, that the same be recorded. Witness my hand and the seal of the Court this 4th April 1858.

L Johnson Clerk

I, Nancy being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to-wit:
 That I do give and devise unto my daughter Betty Clark the sum of Four dollars to her and her heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Riddle the sum of Four dollars to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my son Martin B. Ballard the sum of Four dollars.
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Louisa Ballard my Negro Boy Henry to her and her heirs forever.
 I also lend unto my daughter Louisa Ballard one Negro girl Chan, during her life and at her death I give unto my grand daughter, Nancy Winford Ballard the said Negro girl Chan to her and her heirs forever.
 I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Louisa Ballard, my Negro woman, Fanny and child Jack to her and her heirs forever.
 I lend unto my daughter, Francis Ballard my Negro girl Betty during her life and at the death of my daughter Francis Ballard I give and bequeath unto Louisa Ballard the said Negro girl Betty to her and her heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Francis Ballard my Negro Boy, Eos to her and her heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Louisa Ballard one mare called Eliza and a colt to her and her heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Francis Ballard one young Lord Mace to her and her heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Louisa Ballard two Feather Beds and furniture to her and her heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Francis Ballard one Feather Bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.
 I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Francis Ballard her choice Cow & calf of my stock of cattle to her and her heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Louisa Ballard one white face huffin to her and her heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Louisa Ballard all the rest and residue of my stock of all kind, from house & kitchen furniture together with all last crop of not before named now growing in my garden & unto me belonging to her and her heirs forever.

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Ballard, and her heirs forever. And I the said, Nancy Ballard do nominate constitute and appoint my friend Laurence Henry Executor to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

My hand and seal and a knowledge
 in presence of.

Richard Andrews.
 Joseph Guffin

Nancy ^{her} Ballard ^{mark}

State of North Carolina }
 Martin County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

April Term 1858. This was the foregoing paper writing duly admitted to probate, as the last will and Testament of Nancy Ballard upon the oath of Joseph Guffin one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. It appearing to the said Court that Alonzo Adams, the other subscribing witness is a resident of another State & is now beyond the limits of this State.

L Johnson Clerk.