

Elizabeth Purvis' Will

I Elizabeth Purvis of the State of North Carolina & County of Martin do make and declare the following as my last Will in manner as follows - First I give unto my beloved Daughter Laura E Purvis, my tract of land wherein I now live, containing about Sixty acres, being the land I brought of the Estate of Margaretta Purvis, together with all the improvements thereto belonging, also the Bed, Furniture, and one half of all the Household Furniture of every description that is in the Dwelling House except One Bed and Furniture - Second I give unto my beloved Daughter Delia Purvis, Two Beds & Furniture and one half of all the Household Furniture of every description that is in the Dwelling House except one Bed & Furniture also two Cows & Calves, her choice - Third I give unto my beloved Daughter Ardinda Stephen one Black faced Horse & my Old Buggy & Harness - Fifteen hundred Dollars to my Daughters Delia & Laura Purvis, Guardian for them for which I dooms the Good that is in my possession at the time of my death to be applied by my Executor to the payment of said indebtedness as Guardian of Said Delia & Laura - Fourth I want my Executor to sell all of my property of every description that I do not give away in this Will upon such terms as he may think best except the Collar that I want sold for Specie - Fifth I give unto my beloved daughter Charlotte Jane Whitehead, one Bed & Furniture fifth choice - Sixth I want my Daughter Laura E Purvis to go to School twelve months and her board & tuition to be paid out of my estate and after all my just Contracts are paid the balance if any to be equally divided share & share alike between my living at this time, also the children of Joshua Taylor, wife so that said Children shall have their mothers part - Seventh I do hereby appoint my friend Mr M Sherrill Executor to this my last Will he giving bond & security, hereby revoking all wills by me made heretofore "Elizabeth Purvis" <sup>Seal</sup> <sup>1866</sup>

Signed Sealed impreseice of us,  
the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1866, Bryan & Bennett

Lori Herter - M C M Sherrill

The foregoing paper, certifying purporting to be the last Will Testament of Elizabeth Purvis doth exhibit before Court to be probated by whom M Sherrill the executor thereon named & the due examination done by the said Elizabeth Purvis is proved by the oath & examination of Bryan & Bennett & M C M Sherrill the subscriber certifying thereto It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper certifying to this part thereof is the last Will & Testament of the said Elizabeth Purvis and the same is ordered to be recorded filed & put up under the seal of the Court & to be witnessed by right to equally as executors and wills upon or more it is ordered by the Court that M C M Sherrill be appointed administrator with the like authority of the said Elizabeth Purvis that he enter onto the sum of One thousand dollars to be used in the payment of her debts & expenses.

Noah Griffins Will

I Noah Griffis being of sound and disposing mind & memory do make and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner and form as follows Viz

First It is my will & desire that a decent Burial shall be prepared by my Executor for body suitable to the wishes of my family & friends and that my just debts together with my funeral charges be paid by my Executor out of the first money that may come into his hands as part & parcel of my estate. Item I give to wife Elancy Griffin all & every article of property of every kind which is or may be in use at my death which she brought with her at our Marriage, together with a sufficient quantity of my Cloth, Stock & necessaries for her support for one year to be judged & delivered to her by my Executor with me now, one day & pay her on hand to be her absolutely forever -

Item I lend to my wife Elancy Griffin four chairs, one stool & cards, one table all the Cutlery utensils, one set of Blue & white plates, three bowls, set Cups & saucers, enameled one ceramic beautiful and looking glass to her use & benefit lifetime and at her death I give the above articles, to my wife to bequeath to my daughter Sally Ann Price her & her heirs forever - Item I lend to my wife Elancy Griffin the land & plantation wherein I now live including all the land up to the tract known as the Head Tract to have and to hold use possession and enjoy the same during her life time instead and in lieu of the above and third in all of my land -

Item I give & bequeath to my wife Elancy Griffin all the Cottages partly & speak on hand -

Item I lend to my Son Theophilus Griffin during his life time the tract of land wherein he now lives known as the Day tract included within the following waters mentioned by Beginning at a May pole in the mouth of a small branch at the entrance into a spring of water, branch running thence down the said branch to a pine in the mouth of a small branch emptying into Bells branch on the same side, thence along the said small branch to the pine called Days Corner, thence along a line of marsh to a pine & oak a corner in Bogards Creek a corner marked by a poplar log in the head of a small branch thence down the said branch to the beginning of other death to equally divided between his then surviving lawful Heirs but then his three

Item I lend unto my Daughter Sally Ann Price one half of my Head tract of land wherein she now lives to be divided evenly among her three sons to divide it into equal number of acres as other does to be equally divided between and among her living Children to them and their heirs in undivided shares

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Sally Ann Price one half of my Head tract of land wherein she now lives to be divided evenly among her three sons to divide it into equal number of acres as other does to be equally divided between and among her living Children to them and their heirs in undivided shares

Noah Griffin's Will Continued

In them and their heirs forever —  
Item It is my will & desire that all the balance of the property,  
of every kind which I have not already named & disposed  
of by this my last Will & Testament be sold by my Executor  
and the proceeds thereof after paying all my just debts & expenses  
to be equally divided between my daughter Sally Ann Pierces'  
living children and my three grand children Asa J Griffin  
Sarah W & William H Griffin the three last named who are living  
in another County the third & their heirs forever, provided never-  
theless that the above said Asa J, Sarah W & Wm H Griffin after  
notice being given them that they do not appear to their share  
at my death or within two years thereafter, then & in such case  
the same to be equally divided between my above said Sally  
Ann's living children —

And of the said Noah Griffin do hereby nominate my friend  
Joseph Griffin Executor to this my last Will & Testament  
to execute to all intents & purposes according to the true  
intent and meaning of the same

In witness whereof the said Noah Griffin have hereunto  
set my hand and seal, this 27<sup>th</sup> January 1860

Signed sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of E P Dorsey } Noah Griffin Seal  
Elisha Everett }  
Signed sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of E P Dorsey } Clara Rogerson Seal  
Elisha Everett }

State of North Carolina, Martin County; Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions  
October Term 1863

It is now the foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the  
last Will and Testament of Noah Griffin deceased produced in open  
Court and the due execution thereof by the said Noah Griffin duly  
proved by the oath & examination of Elisha Everett a Subscribing witness  
thereof, whenupon it is considered by the Court that said paper writing  
and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of the said  
Noah Griffin sufficient in law to pass both the real & personal  
property — Ordered by the Court that said Will together with this  
probate be recorded — And Joseph Griffin the Executor therein  
named comes into open Court and is duly qualified as such  
by taking the Oath required by Law — Wm H Harrell Clerk

America Gilbert's Will

In the name of God Amen, I America Gilbert of the State of North  
Carolina, County of Martin, being of sound disposing mind & memory  
do make, constitute & appoint this my last Will and Testament  
I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Dorothy Gilbert all my property  
and effects of every kind & description to her and her heirs and assigns  
forever & also constitute & appoint her my sole & absolute executrix to this my  
last Will & Testament in writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1859 America Gilbert Seal

Probate of America Gilbert's Will

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of  
America Gilbert was exhibited in open Court and was duly  
proved by the Oath of Wm H Harrell a Subscribing witness  
thereof and ordered to be Recorded —

Clara Rogerson's Will

In the name of God Amen  
I Clara Rogerson of the County of Martin, State of North  
Carolina, being of sound disposing mind & memory, do make  
publish and declare this to be and contain my last will  
and testament in manner and form following, that is to say —  
Firstly my will and desire is that all my just debts and  
funeral expenses shall be paid by my Executor.  
Secondly, I give and devise unto my beloved Son Henry Roger  
Son all my property and estate of every kind and  
description whatsoever, to him and his heirs forever —  
Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Son  
Henry Rogerson Executor to this my last Will & Testament

In witness whereof, the said Clara Rogerson  
doth subscribe & set my hand, seal this twenty-fifth  
day of December next year of our Lord One  
thousand eight hundred and sixty two —

Signed sealed, published & declared  
by the said Clara Rogerson before certain  
her last Will & Testament before us,  
who at her request and in her presence  
do subscribe her names as witnesses  
thereof — E P Dorsey & Williams  
John Roffeby

Martin County Court  
October Term 1863  
The last Will and Testament of Clara Rogerson was at  
this term admitted to probate in the common form —  
Attala J Williams, one of the Subscribing Witnesses came  
into Court and testified to the signature of the testator  
Let this will together with its probate be Recorded  
W H Harrell Clerk