

52. September Term 1877 this instrument of writing was submitted to a Legal Jury and it is the last will & testament of Joel Bennett it is therefore ordered to be Recorded.
Test H B Hunter Clerk

Joel Bennett being in a feeble state of bodily health but having my wife and family having that all must die so make this my last will and testament as followeth

1st I leave all my house & lots in the town of Williamson to be sold and all my considerable property also to be sold for the purpose of paying my last debts.

2nd I give to my wife Elizabeth Bennett all my lands left me by the will of my father.

3rd I leave all my negroes to my wife Elizabeth Bennett for the term of fifteen years and then to be equally divided between my wife Elizabeth Bennett my son Bryan Bennett and my daughter Eliza Bennett.

4th I give to my wife Elizabeth Bennett all the lands which I purchased of my brother William Bennett.

I do appoint my friend Thomas James Croston to this my last will and testament this 20th day November 1877.

Signed sealed and Delivered in Presence of
Test J. Bennett
B. Bennett

Joel Bennett I seal

Martin County } This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will & testament
December Term 1877 } of Joel Bennett was offered for Probate by Thomas James Croston
therein named and was proven in open court by James Bennett one of the subscribing
witnesses & on motion ordered to be Recorded.
Test H B Hunter Clerk

In the Name of God Amen - I Thomas Rank of Martin County being of sound & perfect mind & memory (Blessed be God) do this the eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven make & publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First I give and Bequeath to my Mother one Hundred and fifty Dollars per year during her natural life for her support.

Secondly I give & Bequeath to my son Theophilus Hensel the son of Colley Hensel five Hundred Dollars if he lives to the age of twenty four years.

Thirdly I give and Bequeath to my son Thomas Hagens the son of Samuel Hagens five Hundred Dollars if he lives to the age of twenty four years.

After all my lawful debts are settled all the lands and every Department of the Residence I my Property to be equally divided Between my five Children, Nancy S. Rank, Sally W. Rank, Mariah A. Rank, Joseph S. Rank, and Anthony A. Rank.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend William M. Clark executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Thomas Rank have to this my last will and testament set

my hand and seal this day and year before written
I Request my friend William M. Clark to act as guardian for my five Children as soon as the business will admit of it.
Signed sealed Published and Delivered by the said Thomas Rank the testator as his last will and testament in the Presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof
Test J. McCloskey
Matthew Gifford

Thomas Rank & exec

Martin County } this instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of
March Term 1878 } Thomas Rank was proven in open court by the oath of James McCloskey one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be Recorded.
Test H B Hunter Clerk

In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Winburn of the county of Martin and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory (Blessed be God) do this the eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven make & publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First I leave the use and Enjoyment of all my Personal & Real estate except one lot that I give to my son John S. Winburn known by the name of Midley to my well beloved wife Sarah Winburn until my youngest child shall come to be twenty one years of age except she should marry and in case she marries then for the above Property to be equally divided Between my Children. But if my widow does not marry until my youngest child comes of age then for the Property to be equally divided Between my widow and Children in manner as follows for my widow to have one third of my annual Plantations including the Dwelling houses and a child's part of all the rest of the Property except the lands during her life or widowhood. But if she marries a dose then the Property to be equally divided Between my Children. John S. Winburn, Henry S. Winburn, & Myrlaby S. Winburn & Mountable S. Winburn my four sons - My will is for my widow to sell as much of the considerable part of the Property as she thinks Best as shall pay all my last debts and if any of my sons should marry before the youngest comes of age I want my widow to give him such Property as she shall think proper and for him to account for it in the Division Between them all.

I nominate and appoint Sarah Winburn my wife my executor to this my last will & testament in witness whereunto I have set my hand and affixed my seal this November the 6th day in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven.

In presence of us
Witness J. Smithwick
John Rankin

Henry H. Winburn & seal
exec

Martin County } this instrument of writing was proven in open court to be the last will &
March Term 1878 } testament of Henry Winburn by the oath of Benjamin Smithwick one of
the subscribing witnesses & on motion ordered to be Recorded.
Test H B Hunter Clerk