

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Martin County
April Term 1866

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Starky Swain deceased exhibited in open Court for probate by John Short the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Starky Swain was proved by the Oaths of John Short the executor therein named, Charles, whereupon John Short the executor therein named appeared in open Court and qualified as such by taking the Oath prescribed by Law. Ordered by the Court that the will and certificate be recorded & filed.

Wallace Andrew's Will

I Wallace Andrew of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin, taking into consideration of my earthly existence and being of sound and disposing mind, to make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows, that is to say - Item 1st I give unto my wife Nancy Andrews, all of my land, and Negro Slaves, Indian Rodeo, Red, Orange, Town, and money, subject however to the conditions, stipulations, and limitations herein after named - Item 2nd I also give unto my wife Nancy Andrews, all my Item 3rd I also give unto my wife Nancy Andrews, all my meat, Corn, fodder and her choice of my stock (except one man and one cow) all of my house hold & kitchen furniture (except six beds & furniture) and all of my Farming utensils, subject however to the conditions, stipulations, and limitations herein after named - Item 4th I lend unto my son Thos A Andrews, one feather bed and furniture, which he has already got - I also lend him one Negro boy named Charles, subject however to the conditions, stipulations, and limitations herein after named - Item 5th I lend unto my son Samuel A Andrews, one Negro boy named Eliza, and one feather bed and furniture, which he has already got during his natural life and at his death I give it to his lawful children forever - Item 6th I lend unto my daughter Deborah Robinson the bed and furniture which she has already got during his natural life and at her death I give it to her lawful children forever - Item 7th I lend unto my daughter Annal Andrews, one Negro Girl named Jane, one feather bed and furniture during her natural life and at her death I give it to her lawful children forever - Item 8th I lend unto my son William W Andrews, one Negro Slaves, mares & hogs, one feather bed & furniture, one man and one cow during his natural life and at his death I give it to his children

Wallace Andrew's Will Continued

Item 9th, I lend unto my daughter Harriet A Andrews, one Negro Girl named Julia, one feather bed & furniture and three hundred dollars in money during her natural life and at her death I give it to her lawful children forever - Item 10th I lend unto my daughter Agnes Andrews, one Negro boy named Ben, one feather bed and furniture during her natural life, and at her death I give it to her lawful children forever - Item 11th I lend unto my daughter Annal Andrews, one Negro boy named Lawrence, one feather bed & furniture during her natural life and at her death I give it to her lawful children forever - Item 12th I lend unto my son Cicero D. C. Andrews, one Negro boy named John, one feather bed and furniture during his natural life and at his death I give it to his lawful children forever - Item 13th, The property named in the first and second clause of this my will at the death of my wife Nancy Andrews I want disposed as follows, viz my land and Negroes, Orange I lend to my son Cicero D. C. Andrews during his natural life and at his death I give it to his lawful children forever - The balance named in the first and second clause of this my will I want equally divided between my four single daughters, viz Nancy, Harriet, Agnes, and Annal - Item 14th, The Negro boy Charles of this my will is to be held a Andrews in the third clause of this my will is to be held against a debt due M. B. Ballard when I am his security to a note payable to said Ballard, Now if my said son Thos A Andrews pay, the said debt and liberate me from all obligation as security to said note, then the said Negro Charles, I lend unto my son Thomas, during his natural life or if he has to be sold to pay, said debt and then is any debt after said debt is satisfied I lend it to him during his natural life and at his death I give it to his lawful children forever - Item 15th, I give unto all my single children all the money, Harriet, Agnes, Annal and Cicero D. C. twenty five dollars each to purchase clothing, utensils, to them and their children forever -

I hereby nominate appoint and declare my Elizabeth Andrews, Joseph B. C. Andrews and John A. Manning, my Executors to this my last will and testament, this the 30th day of January in the year of our Lord 1864

Wallace Andrew

James A. Manning

For probate see next page

Probate of Wallace Andrews' will

State of North Carolina, Martin County, October Term 1865

The within paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Wallace Andrews was exhibited in open Court, for Probate and the same executed thereto by the Oath of J. A. Manning one of the Subscribing witnesses. It was considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof was the last will and testament of said Wallace Andrews, and it is ordered by the Court to be recorded with this probate & filed. Whereupon J. B. E. Andrews, and J. A. Manning Executors named in said will, renounced, whereupon Attorney Andrews, Ex pro diversis nomine qualiter as such

James J. Sherrod's Will

- State of North Carolina, Martin County, I James J. Sherrod of the before named County, State do make and declare the following my last will and testament having my mind and sense, as well as I ever did at the time wheneth-
- 1st I give unto my Son Archibald Sherrod my Wardrobe, one Bed & Furniture, one Trunk, One double Barrel Gun, two small looking Glasses, one Hearth rug, One half of the tract of land whereon I now live to be divided equally, near as can be so for my daughter to have the other half with the House attached to her part
 - 2nd I give unto my Daughter Mary Robert Sherrod One Pine One Bed & Furniture, One Hearth Rug One half of the tract of land therein as described above and in this event that either should die before they arrive of age or have a lawful heir of the body the other shall heir his or her estate of every Kind which I have given them or shall hereafter give
 - 3rd I wish all my Estate of every Kind that I have possession of or may belong to me sold & after paying all my just debts, equally divided between my Son Archibald Sherrod and my Daughter Mary Robert Sherrod and in the event of my death shortly, I wish my brother Joseph G. A. Parker to take my children home
 - 4th I do hereby appoint my friend Bryant Bennett Executor to this my last will and testament. Witness my Hand and Seal this 14th day of Sept. 1865. Signed sealed in presence of J. J. Harnell } (Probate on next page)
J. J. Harnell
J. J. Harnell

Probate of James J. Sherrod's will

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of James J. Sherrod was exhibited in open Court and offered for probate by Bryant Bennett and the due execution thereof proved by the Oath of J. J. Harnell. Whereupon the Court doth declare that said paper writing every part and clause thereof is the last will & testament of the said James J. Sherrod. It is ordered that the same be recorded & filed.

Crish Martin's Will

In the name of God Amen: I Crish Martin of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory do make, publish and declare this to be my and contain my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say -

First I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executor (hereinafter named) out of the best moneys that come into his hands as part or parcel of my estate

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Roxelana and my four children by her viz Crish, Milley, Thomas and Mary Elizabeth all my property and estate of every kind & description which I own to them & their heirs forever

Lastly I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend James H. Ellis my Executor to this my last will & testament - hereby revoking all other wills or wills by me heretofore made

In testimony whereof I the said Crish Martin do hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of Sept. 1865

Let my hand and seal this day 14th day of Sept. 1865

Signed sealed and declared by the said Crish Martin to be his last will & testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

Crish Martin (Signature)
J. R. Spurrell

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1865

The foregoing paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Crish Martin is exhibited for probate in open Court by Jas. H. Ellis in the Executor therein named, and the due execution thereof proved by J. R. Spurrell a Subscribing witness thereto. It is then and considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part and clause thereof is the last will & testament of the said Crish Martin and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed. Whereupon the said Jas. H. Ellis my Executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the Oath & giving the same