

State of North Carolina) In the name of God Amen I Starkey S. P. Ruffin being
 Martin County & of perfect mind and memory thanks be to the almighty
 God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form
 following in the first Place I commend my soul into the hands of God my creator
 hoping & believing that through the merit of Jesus Christ my Redeemer it will be
 made partaker of life everlasting and my body to the Earth wherof it is made
 2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth A. Ruffin all the negro Slaves
 which belonged to her before we were married and then of this in case she dies I give
 and bequeath to my said wife all my House hold and kitchen furniture I lend unto
 my wife all my other negroes during her widowhood at the Expiration of that time
 I give & bequeath the said negroes to my Brothers Thomas Ruffin Henry Ruffin and James
 Ruffin and my sister Sarah King as the above negroes will have to be sold to make in
 equal division it is my will and desire that they shall chose their own masters or
 masteres to buy them this to be left to my Executors I want as much of private property
 to be sold as will satisfy all the Just demands against me I hereby constitute and ap-
 point Thomas Ruffin & William W. Ward Executors to this my last will & Testament
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day February
 1817 Signed & delivered in the Presence of us

Starkey Ruffin & seal

Francis Ward
 Magd. F. Pyman
 W. W. Williams

Martin County March Term 1817 This Instrument of writing was proved to be
 the last will and Testament of Starkey S. P. Ruffin in open court by the oath
 of William W. Williams one of the subscribing witnesses & ordered Recorded
 H. B. Hunter ckk

In the name of God Amen I William Brown being in a low state of health but of
 a sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same do make this my last
 will and testament in the form and manner following I give unto my loved
 wife Mary Brown the chair bed and furniture two tables and fifteen chairs her share
 of litters and all of my spinning wheels & cards and all of my pet pans bottles and
 Dutch ovens during her widowhood and all of my working worn and Rusty also and one
 Mare bridle & saddle life & better like mine and after her death to be Equally divided
 amongst all my children I then I give unto Daughter Elizabeth Brown one feather
 bed and furniture and one chest I then I give my Daughter Nancy Brown one
 feather & furniture & chest I then I give my Daughter ~~Nancy~~ Sally Brown
 one feather bed and furniture & chest I then I give to my Daughter Lucinda
 Brown one feather bed and furniture & one chest In that corner of my land lying
 Larry Mays land next to my house I have to be sold and then along the
 Road as far as it will take to make fifty acres I have to be sold to pay debt and one
 cow and two sows hides them and the rest of my land have to my sons Ben Brown
 and William Brown to be equally divided between them after my wife and our
 loved them give my son Ben Brown one feather bed & furniture

43) and one be have Starkey give my son William Brown one feather bed and furniture
 and one be have my will is that my cattle and outbuildings hogs and gear
 and fowls say on my land for the support of my family and my will is that my
 horse and farming tools they on my plantation for the use of my family cattle
 and hogs and other utensils and give to my wife my meat and my corn for the
 support of my family and also by Revoke all other wills by me made and appoint
 my friends Edmund Andrews & Arthur Andrews Executors to this my last will
 and testament this the 24 of February 1817
 Wm Brown

Witness Ben Brown
 Edmund Manning

Martin County March Term 1817 This Instrument of writing was proved in open
 court to be the last will and Testament of William Brown by the oath of Ben
 Brown one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded
 H. B. Hunter ckk

State of North Carolina Martin County even In the name of God Amen I Joseph Garrison being
 being very weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and being to mind
 the mortality of man kind and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do
 make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following
 viz) first I will that all my Just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied by payment
 out of my estate I then to my beloved wife Annetta Garrison my bed and plantation
 in the Islands and my negro woman Mary & my negro girl Rachel as long as she lives
 & after death it is my will and desire that the debt and title of the above land go
 to my son Samuel W. Garrison and to his heirs and assigns forever and the above land
 negroes and down to be Equally divided between all my children viz Nancy David Ben
 Samuel W. and Joseph G. Garrison I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife one horse two
 cows and calves one bed and furniture one chest one black woman with two looking glasses
 one riding chain & harness to the her heirs her assigns forever I also had in all of my house
 furniture or as much as she wishes to keep of it as long as she lives might then to return to
 all it is my will and desire that all the rest of my lands and etc be sold by my Executors on
 a credit of one year and two years and that with the rest of my Estate not to be for convenience
 to be Equally divided between my four children viz Nancy Garrison David Contrite
 Garrison Samuel Whately Garrison & Joseph G. Garrison lastly I constitute and
 appoint my friends Durham Davis and Oliver Whately Executors to this my last will and
 testament hereby Revoking and Disannulling all former wills by me made and ratifying
 and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th of February 1817

Martin County }
 March Term 1817 } this instrument proposing to be the last will and testament
 of Joseph Garrison Garrison did was offered up to probate by the Executors therein
 named and the will and every part therein was proved to be in the hand writing of him
 the said Joseph Garrison Garrison by Ben Brown and John McEach and George
 Smithwick Junr & John Smithwick and the court being satisfied that it was sound
 amongst the valuable papers of B. G. and it was ordered to be Registered
 H. B. Hunter ckk