

Jonathan T Eason's Mill

In the name of God Amen. I Nathaniel Eason, of the County of Martin, and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, through of weak body, and considering the shortness of my earthly existence, do hereby make this to be my last Will and Testament on the 5th day of July, One thousand, eight hundred and Sixty, hereby revoking and making void, all others by me before made, in manner and form following, that is to say, 1st I give my Soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently buried in the mother earth, and after the payment of my funeral expenses, together with all my just debts by my Executors — I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Martha Eason, all my land, Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Farming Utensils, and all my house hold and Kitchen furniture of every description and also the following Negro Slaves, Viz, Daniel, Nathan, Simon, and Chany, and all the rights and property which I now possess on earth to have and to hold to her my beloved Wife Martha Eason her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever; and last of all I leave and bequeath and it is my will and desire that my beloved Wife Martha Eason be and she is appointed her to be my Executrix to execute this my last will and Testament according to the intentions and purposes therein specified — In Witness whereof the said Nathaniel Eason do here to set my hand and Seal on this 5th day of July 1860 — Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of

J. J. Eason

J. J. Eason, Cash

" M. S. Short
" J. M. Reed

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Amelia Madworth's Mill

In the name of God Amen. I Amelia Wads worth of the State of North Carolina & County of Martin, being sensible in body, but of sound mind, do make & declare this my last will & testament, 1st I give and bequeath to Creed Ann Ellington, daughter of Sarah & Ellington all my entire estate, to her and to her heirs and assigns in fee Simple forever—
2^d I hereby nominate & appoint my friend Joseph D. Briggs, Executor to this my last will and testament— In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand & seal, this the 12th day of June 1856 signed, sealed and delivered in presence of } Amelia Wads worth and
in presence of each other }
in presence of the testator—
C. H. Russell
J. D. Briggs

Much of the work is done

C. Nassell
A. Briggs

William A Mathers Mill

State of North Carolina, Martin County, April 14. 1863

I William A Mathews of the State of North Carolina, being fully sensible of the uncertainty of human life and knowing it is proper, that all men should be as nearly prepared for death as possible, do hereby make & declare this to be my last will & testament in full.

It is my wish and desire, that my wife Orpha Mathews should remain at my home and have possession of all my property & every description during the term of her natural life or widowhood with the exception set forth hereafter -

Item First - I give and bequeath unto Joseph Lawrence Jenkins, fifty acres of land to include the house where I now live and also, sixteen hundred & eighty dollars, to the use of said Joseph Lawrence Jenkins, immediately after my death the land not until the time stated in Item first -

Item Second - I give and bequeath to my brother Harmon Mathews & him third - I give and bequeath to my brother Harmon Mathews & him fourth - I give and bequeath to my wife Orpha Mathews all the balance of my land to be equally divided between them at the death or marriage of my wife

Item Fifth - I give & bequeath unto Mary Frances Jenkins, one hundred dollars in money or note, and one feather Bed, one & a half bushel, and also one Cow & calf which property she is to become in possession of at the death or marriage of my wife

Item Sixth - I give and bequeath unto my brother Joseph Mathews and my eight sisters or their lawful representatives, viz Elizabeth Mathews, Levitt Mathews, Alvonia Mathews, Francis Mathews, Wendell Mathews, Sallie Mathews, & Martha Ann Mathews, all and every part of the residue of my property not herein before disposed of, of every description to be equally divided between them at the death or marriage of my wife as herein before set forth in Item first

I hereby ordain, constitute & appoint my particular friend and neighbor Joseph B. Andrews, my Executor to settle my estate according to my wishes, and desires as herein before set forth

Mr. A. K. Mathews, Secy

Signed & Sealed in the
presence of Mr R Lavin
Mr B E Andrews

Oct Term 1864

The foregoing paper, written purporting to be the last will & testament of N. A. Matthews, was offered in probate in a manner not authorized by the due execution thereof was, proven by the oath of Mr. R. Lane & Mr. B. Andrews. Order by the Court that the said will of N. A. Matthews, and this probate be Registered.