

which she may have been made to any of my children during her life, thereby constitute and appoint my wife Lissy executrix to this my last will and testament. Signed and acknowledged as my last will and testament this 9th day of November, 1899.

J.M. Taylor
H.B. Lewis

Wm. Hallentine, (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Hesh County May term 1900

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Hallentine deceased is offered for probate on the testimony of J.M. Taylor a subscribing witness thereto who duly proves the same and that H.B. Lewis the other subscribing witness is out of the state and that he saw him subscribe his name to said will as a witness in the presence of the testator. It is ordered by the court that said will be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said William Hallentine and is ordered to be recorded whereupon Lissy Hallentine the executrix therein named comes and duly qualifies as such.

Attest H.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest H.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

I Hiram Lewden of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this is my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First that my executor, hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all my just debts however, and to whomever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate. Item 1; I leave to my beloved wife Martha all of my estate consist of what it may during the term of her natural life. Item 2. After the death of my wife Martha I leave to my daughter Elizabeth H. Johnson Ten acres of land including the improvements where she now lives, for her special use and benefit during her life or during the time she may remain there, but at her death should she remove therefrom, then I give it to my two sons Malchus and Harry to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3. I give and devise unto my sons Malchus and Harry the tract of land upon which I now reside to be divided equally between them my youngest son Harry is to have the improvements, to them and their heirs forever.

Item 4. All the balance of my estate of what ever description I give and bequeath to my three children Malchus, Elizabeth H. Johnson, and Harry to be divided equally between them, my executor is to retain in his hands the share of Elizabeth H. Johnson and give to her and children as he may think fit. Malchus my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to my true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Hiram Lewden do hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of April, A.D. 1891.

signed, sealed published and declared by the said Hiram Lewden to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Hiram Lewden (Seal)

Geo. H. Lewis

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Hesh County May term 1900

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Hiram Lewden is offered for probate by the executor therein named Malchus Lewden and the due execution thereof was proved by the oath and examination of H.C. Lewis one of the subscribers of the will at Feb. term of this court and at that time it appearing that H.B. Lewis, the other subscribing witness is absent in the army his handwriting is proved by the oath and examination of H.C. Lewis it is therefore adjudged by the court that the paper writing is in every part the last will and testament of Hiram Lewden it is therefore ordered that it be recorded.

Attest H.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest H.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

I Wilson Bailey, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First that my executor shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife during her natural life a widowhood all my lands except the mill tract after her decease it is to be equally divided among my lawful heirs. Item: I leave to my beloved wife three miles two cows and calves one yoke of oxen and cart also unto her all of my household and kitchen furniture also one years provision and all the farming

utensils fifteen head of dry hogs, ten sheep, my mill tract of land and mill thereon is to be sold but should it not demand fifteen hundred dollars is to be called in and the land and mill thereon is to be equally divided between my two sons Thomas and Columbus if the mill and tract of land thereunto belonging be called in and be given to Thomas and Columbus they are not to demand more property until the death of the legatee have had one equal proportion. I leave to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood my negro boy Ben, the following negroes: Jackson, Solomon and Lawrence together with the rest of my property not herein mentioned are to be sold and the proceeds thereof after the payment of all of my just debts is to be equally divided among all of my lawful children. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Kinchen Bailey my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Wilson Bailey do hereunto set my hand and seal this Feb. 23, 1893.

Wilson Bailey (Seal)

declared by the said Wilson Bailey to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Charles H. Harris, A.F. Lewis.
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Hesh County May term, 1900

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wilson Bailey deceased is offered for probate on the testimony of Charles H. Harris, and A.F. Lewis, the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded. And Kinchen Bailey the executor therein named is qualified and.

Attest H.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest H.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. Knowing the uncertainty of life and being of sound mind and memory I make the following as my last will and testament. It is my will that all my just debts be paid by my executor hereinafter named, and the balance of my estate of every quality and description I give to my wife Nancy K. Vick. Item 2nd. I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Hoverson B. Cooper executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 20th day of Jan. 1892.

B.S. Vick (Seal)

impressed of H.H. Williams

W.F. Rignland

State of North Carolina, Nash county court of pleas and quarter session N.V. term 1900.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of B.S. Vick is offered for probate on the testimony of Henry G. Williams and W.F. Rignland the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded and H.V. Cooper the executor therein named comes into court and renounces his right to qualify as such and thereupon letters of administration on said estate with the will annexed are granted to Nancy K. Vick who entered into bond of eight thousand dollars with Lawrence Battle and H.V. Cooper as sureties.

Attest H.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest H.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Arnold Strickland of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: First after my decease hereinafter mentioned shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomever owing out of the first moneys that may come into the hands of my executor as a part of my estate. Item 1st. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy Strickland one hundred acres of land off of the tract on which I now live to be in her name as to be included my mansion house and land to be run as a net to cross the land on the north side and to take a sufficient quantity of cleared land on the south side of said land and also all of my house hold and kitchen furniture to be hers, her lifetime and at her death the land to belong to my son H.C. Strickland, also I give her one cow and calf and horse such as I may have at my death. Also I give and bequeath unto my grand son George A. C. Madeline one cow that is at this time at Hiram H. Madeline and one bed and furniture kept in the possession of executor his heirs and assigns, until he arrives at the proper age the balance of my estate, both real and personal, is to be equally divided amongst my six children that is to say my land to be divided without sale and the rest of my property to be sold and according to law and devised as before mentioned viz: The body heirs of Elizabeth Madeline, Billy Hill, Sam H. Strickland, H.C. Strickland and Linscombe Madeline. The part that I allot of Lucy Strickland I leave it to her during her life time to be at the disposal of my executor his heirs and assigns during his lifetime and then to be equally divided between said heirs. I give and bequeath unto all of my heirs the property that they have heretofore had and also constitute and appoint H.C. Strickland my preferred and lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof and all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, and I do hereby revoke and declare utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made and I the said Arnold Strickland do hereunto set my hand

