

and stand to execute and fully discharge the obligations of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16th day of March A.D. 1863.

Witness to Signature: J.J.M. Collins, L.N.B. Battle, L.N.B. Battle, State of N.C. Nash County

Nicholas W Arrington (Seal)

court of pleas and quarter sessions
Aug. term 1865

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Nicholas W. Arrington is offered for probate on the testimony of J.J.M. Collins, L.N.B. Battle, the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded and L.N.B. Battle and L.F. Battle the executors therein named are duly qualified as such.

Attest B.H. Sorsby, C.C.C. clk.

In the Name of Almighty God Amen. I Benjamin W Dunn of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed with health and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die at what hour he knoweth not, and in order to be prepared for the final dissolution of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made in manner and form following: viz: Item 1st. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried in a christianlike manner, by and suitable to the wishes of my family and friends, and such monies and other worldly inheritance as I have pleased God to bless me with, I will and dispose of as follows: viz: Item 2nd. It is my will and desire that all my just debts of every kind and description shall be first paid. Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my dear and beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn the following property in fee simple viz: Mary Ann, Harriett, John, Rose, Alstin, Sarah, Henry, Sallie and Willie, and what servants there may be in Tennessee (if any) and their increase, the above named servants were former myslaves when we were married, with this provision, that my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn is to take all the above named servants, except Henry or such part of them as may be on my plantation at the time of my decease, and make whatever disposition of them as she wishes, so as to have them taken from my plantation, I also give to my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn her wardrobe and her bureau, her rocking chair, bed and bed covering, that was formerly here when we were married, and all that she may be justly entitled to including bonds, monies and all kinds of property arising from her deceased father Willie Powell estate, and one thousand dollars in current money to be paid by my executors. Item 4th. I loan to my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn, former benefit and for the sake of my children living at home when not at school my house and lot household and kitchen furniture of every kind and description, carriage and horses, and this provision, I loan them to her former benefit and the benefit of my children, and wish every thing kept on as though I were living, with the understanding that things as are raised on the plantation so long as she is disposed to keep it as a home for her benefit, and the benefit of my children and so long as she remains my widow and no longer. But should my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn continue to be my widow and wish to remain at the old home, when my youngest son Francis W. Dunn arrives to the years of maturity say twenty one years, I then loan to her three hundred acres of land including my dwelling house and lot and the following named servant for her life time or as long as she remains to be my widow viz: Anthony G. Sizer, and their children, (that are not disposed of and given away in this writing) London and Betsey, Moses and Mary; I also loan her one yoke of oxen and cart, two horses, one mule and cart two cows and calves two sows, and pigs, and ten head of sheep and give her all the poultry. Item 5th. My wish is for my executors hereinafter named to keep my plantation and every thing belonging thereto as though I were living, until my son William Orris Dunn completes his education and arrives to the years of twentyone, then I wish for him to receive ten of the average negroes in value that may be on the plantation at that time and I wish for my executors to pay to him ten thousand dollars in current money. I also give and bequeath to him my watch. Item 6th. I wish the remainder of my estate kept together until my daughter Martha Susan Dunn arrives to the years of twentyone, and then if she wishes, I wish her to draw the same proportion as her brother William Orris did, say ten of the average negroes that may be on the plantation at that time and for my executor to pay to her in current money ten thousand dollars. I also give and bequeath to her my piano. Item 7th. I wish the remainder of my estate kept together as usual and in the same way as is prescribed in this writing until my son Francis Wilkinson Dunn arrives to the years of twentyone and then for him to receive the same portion that his brother William Orris and his sister Martha Susan Dunn received say ten of the average negroes that may be on the plantation at that time ten thousand dollars in current money and the choice horse or mule that may be on the plantation. I also wish that the time my son Francis Wilkinson Dunn becomes of age say twentyone years for all of my lands, stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils that I am not loaned to my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn to be sold and an equal division made with what negroes there may be remaining on the plantation and all monies due the estate between my three children viz William Orris, Martha Susan and Francis Wilkinson Dunn or the survivors of either of them.

Item 7th. should my daughter Martha Susan Dunn die leaving no issue from her body I wish for her portion of my estate to be equal divided between her two brothers William Orris and Frances Wilkinson Dunn or the survivors of either. Item 8th. At this critical term and the uncertainty of every thing should my estate be molested by the Yankee, or become diminished in such a way as not to fill each one's portion, I wish an equal division made between the three of what my estate may be worth. Item 9th. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my worthy friend Edward Conmigliani my executor on all of my financial matters including all monies, bonds and o. that I may be in possession of at the time of my death, and I further do constitute and appoint my worthy brother Lemon S. Dunn and my friend col. J.M. Parker on the remainder of my estate both real and personal my executor to carry out this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 31st day of January, 1865.

signed in presence of
Frederick Dozier
E.M. Conyers

B.W. Dunn (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Nash County. Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nov. term 1865

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of B.W. Dunn is offered for probate on the testimony of Frederick Dozier and E.M. Conyers the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded and Lemon S. Dunn, and J.M. Parker the executors therein named are duly qualified as such and Margaret A. Dunn the widow of said B.W. Dunn comes into open court and deposes from said will and is allowed to file her petition for dower and years provisions; and is recorded.

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

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In the Name of Almighty God Amen. I Nathaniel Harrison of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made, in manner and form following: viz: Item 1st. After paying all my just debts, I loan to my beloved wife Margaret during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between my three children, their heirs, the following property: viz: the whole of the tract of land whereon I now reside, my carriage and match of carriage horses, two mules, four cows, and calves, my choice, four sows and pigs, one yoke of oxen, all my house hold and kitchen furniture, farming and plantation utensils consisting of plows, hoes, carts, rakes and o. also the following names slaves viz: Susan and her child Lavinia, Evelyn and her child Harriett, Ageline and all the increase of said negroes, from this time, also negro man Sam. Item 2. I give and bequeath to my son John H. Harrison six hundred dollars in money or its equivalent to be paid out of the money or bonds that may be on hand or first come in hand after my death. Item 3. All the balance of my estate of every kind and description, not heretofore disposed of I wish equally divided between my beloved wife Margaret and my three children viz: My son John H. Harrison and my daughters Francis A. Hicks and Ann E. Williams, my beloved wife Margaret share or portion however, I loan to her during her natural life and after her death, to be equally divided amongst my three children afore named. Item 4th. I nominate and constitute my confidential friend Benjamin D. Mann my sole and only executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10th day of March, 1860. Done and executed in the presence of

Nathaniel Harrison (Seal)

Wm H. Hilliard
E.M. Whitaker
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
May term 1866

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Nathaniel Harrison deceased is offered for probate on the testimony of Wm H. Hilliard and E.M. Whitaker the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded and B.D. Mann the executor therein named being dead without leaving a will administrator on the estate of said Nathaniel Harrison with the will annexed is granted to Wm H. Jones, who enters into bond of twenty five thousand dollars with Wm H. Jones, Wm T. Wright and J. W. Mitchell sureties and Margaret Harrison the widow of said Nathaniel Harrison comes into court and deposes from said will and is allowed to file her petition for dower and years provision

Attest B.H. Sorsby, C.C.C. clk.

and is recorded in obedience thereto. B.H. Sorsby, C.C.C. clk.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Nash County, October the 26th, 1863. In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Vick of the County and State aforesaid, being weak in body but in sound mind and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, do hereby constitute make and ordain this paper writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows: viz: My will and desire is that my burial expenses and just debts be first paid. I then give and bequeath to my grand daughter Arabella C. Walker one bed and furniture