signed,sealedpublished
in presents of us
Timothy A.Johnson
Nathan x Batchelor

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A paper writing purporting to be thelast will and testament of Francis Creakmore is offered for probate on the testimony of Timothy A Johnson and Nathan Batchelor the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate wherefore Benjamin Bilbro the executorix therein named is duly qualified.

and is recorded, Attest G.W.Ward,C.C.C.
Attest G.W.Ward,C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I James Whitehead of the county of Nash and State ofNorth Carolina though weak of body yet of sound mind andmemory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testamentin manner and form following namely after a decent burial and my just debts are paid I give and bequeath unto my nephew Portland C Whitehead who are now living with me, all of myproperty consisting ofnegroes, Sarah, Sally, Phillip, John, Jim , Edward, Anna, Ben, William, Henry, and the youngest child of Sally not yet named with all their increase fromthis day all my lands horses, cattle hogs, together with all other property which I may be possessed of at my death of every quality, quantity and discription and I do hereby nominate and appoint my saidnephew Portland C Whitehead my sole executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said James Whitehead doth hereunto set my hand and seal this the 6th day of April A.D. 1847.
signed and sealed in
presence of us.
Joshua Watson
Geo.W.Powell

James Whitehead (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
NashCounty
Nov. term 1854
The last will and testament of James Whitehead was produced in court and proved in open court by the oath of Joshua Watson and Geo W. Powell the subscribing wit nesses thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded whereupon Portland C Whitehead the executor therein named was duly qualified.
Attest G.W.Ward,C.C.C.
and is recorded, Attest G.W.Ward, C.C.C.

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I Berry Johnston of the County of Nash and Stateof 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: After paying all my just debts I give and devise to my beloved wife Nancy all my property real and personal all my land all my stock of every discription horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and c . the crop of every discription that may be on hand at my death together with my beds and household and kitchen furniture of every discription to have and to hold to her the said during the term of her natural life or widowhood. Then it is my will that theproperty at her the said Nancy death or widowhood may be divided equally between all my children to wit. Henry, Lemmon, Jasper, Emberson, Wilby, Milby, Nancy, Dennis.
Last I do hereby constitute and appoint mybeloved wife Nancy lawful executor to all intents and purposes to executer this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and everypart and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.
In witness whereof I the said Berry Johnston do hereunto set my hand and seal this 31 day of July A.D. 1846
signed,sealed, published
and declared by the saidBerry Johnston
to be hislast will andtestament in
the presence of us who at his request andin hispresence
do subscribie our names as witnesses thereto.
A.J.Taylor
James Bryant

his
Berry x Johnston (Seal)
mark.

A paper writing pur porting to be the last will and testament of Berry Johnston is offered for probate on the testimony of A.J.Taylor and James Bryant the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate, Whereupon Nancy Johnston the executrix therein named is qualified as such.

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In The Name of God Amen. I Marinda Taylor of the county of Nashand State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence domake and declare thismy last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. Item 1. I give, to my beloved son RuffinTaylor and dollar as his part ofmy estate. Item 2. I also give to mybeloved son Bennett Taylor one dollar as his part of my estate. Item 3. I also give to my beloved daughter Lucy Williams one dollar as her part of my estate. Item 4. I also give to my beloved son Dennis Taylor one dollar as his part of my estate . Item 5. I also give to mybeloved son Dempsey Taylor one dollar as his part of my estate. Item 6th. I also give to beloved grand son Joseph Taylor one pided heifer and her increase as his part of my estate.
Item. 7. I also give to grand daughter Jane Taylor my feather bed which ly on my self and furniture as her part of my estate.
I also give to beloved grand daughter Mary Taylor myother bed as her part of my estate
Item 9th. I also give to my beloved grand son Calvin Taylor my cart wheels as his part of my estate . My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devisesand legacies mentioned shall be sold and the debits owing to me collected if any and if there should be any surplus over paying the debts and expenses and legacies that such surplus be divided among my grand children (Below) Taylor, James Taylor, Daniel Taylor, and Zadach Taylor in equal proportion share and share alike to them and each and everyof themtheir executors and administrators and assigns absolutly forever.
And lastly I dohereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Mathew Wilder my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this mylast 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 made inwitness whereof I the said Marenda Taylor do hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of March 1850.
signed,sealed and delivered in the
presents of us.
Bryant Bilbro.
Mathew Wilder Sr.

his
Marenda x Taylor (Seal)
mark

State of North Carolina
NashCounty

Court of pleasand quarter session
Nov. term 1854

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Marenda Taylor is exhibited in open court and it appearing therefrom that the same was excuted the 28th day of March 1854 and disposes of personal estate only and Benjamin Bilbro and Mathew Wilder are theonly witnesses thereto and that the said Mathew Wilder is also named executor in said paper, It is declared by the cour that the said paper writing nothaving been executed according to law is not the last will and testament of Marenda Taylor but is a nullity and therefore the court refuses to admit it to probate.
Witness G.W.Ward,C.C.C.

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In The Name of God Amen. I James B.Grovell of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory but considering theuncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this mylast 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 suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereinafter named and to whomsoever owing out of themoneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate . Item. I give and bequeath to mybeloved grand daughter Francis Jane Barbee the negro slaves to wit. Ally, Nancy and Calvin and their increase tohar and her heirs forever . Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Lelay Williams one dollar tohar and her heirs forever.
Item: I give and bequeath tomy son Williams B.Grovell one dollar to him and his heirs forever.Item: I give and bequeathtomy son James B.Grovell one dollar to him andhis heirs forever.
Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Barbee one dollar to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeathto myprodigal son James Grovell all my right and title that I have to the homestead land which adjoins the property of Williams B Grovell and I being the purchaser of the right to said county and in the waters of the great swamp to him and his heirs forever.
Item: I give and bequeathto my son Williams B. Grovell all my wearing apparel to him and his heirs forever.
Item: I give and devise to that all of my property heretofore undisposed of by the said and after paying all of my just debts and the surplus if any I give to my grand daughter Francis Jane Barbee to her and her heirs forever. And lastly I dohereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend J.J.Taylor, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this mylast will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same andevery 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 James B.Grovell, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 19th day of July, A.D. 1861
signed,sealed,published
and declared in the presence of us.

James B.Grovell. (Seal)