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executor therein named is duly qualified according to law and is ordered to be recorded.
and is recorded,

Attest G.W.Mead,C.C.C.
Attest G.W.Mead,C.C.C.

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I Charity Whitfield of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of infirm health but of sound mind memory but considering themcertainty 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 hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate, Item: I lend to my nice Penelope Price all of my estate both personal and real toher use and her children so long as she shall live and at the death of my nice Penelope Price I give all of my property toher children both personal and real estate to be equally divided among them and I dohereby constitute and appoint my friend John H Thorn mylawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according tothe trueintent 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 inwitness whereof I the said Charity Whitfield do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 4 dayof January A D 1852.
Signed,sealed, published and declared
by the said Charity Whitfield to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

her
Edwin Edwards
Theophilus E Thorne

Charity x Whitfield, (Seal)
mark.

Stateof NorthCarolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County
Aug. term 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will andtestament of Charity Whitfield is offered for probate.on oath by Theophilus E Thorne the executor therein named is duly qualified and is ordered to be recorded.
and is recorded.

Attest G.W.Mead,C.C.C.

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Attest G.W.Mead, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Dempsey Beckwithof the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of mans earthly existance do publish this as mylast will and testament I give to my wife Martha all my property of every kind and quality to be here absolutely to dispose of in any way she may think proper I dohereby appoint my wife Martha executor to this my last will and testament intestimony whereof which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of August A D 1853
Witness
W.T Arrington
Charles Gay
James B Ellin

his
Dempseyx Beckwith(Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county
August term, 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Dempsey Beckwith isoffered for probate on oath of W.T.Arrington Charles Gay and James B. Ellin the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proven whereupon the executor Martha Beckwith therein named isduly qualified and is ordered to be recorded.
and is recorded.

Attest G. W Mead,C.C.C.
Attest G.W.Mead,C.C.C

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State of North Carolina, Nash county. In the name of God Amen. I William G.Freemanof the town of Nashville being of sound and disposing mind and well knowing theuncertainty of the life do make this mylast will and testament.
1st. I bequeath my immortal soule to the God that give it and my body to the mother earth to be decently interred with a fine tomb stone over it.
2nd. It is wish that what few debts if any that I may owe shall be paid.
3 rdly. I give and bequeath to my mother and sister Amanda F. Freeman the whole ofmy estate jointly and upon the decease of either the survivor to have the whole of it in fee simple forever. I have now in the hands of McElwaine Son and Company, in Petersburg some five thousand dollars and in the hands of Smith Watson and Co. in Philadelphia some thousand or fifteen hundred dollars all of which will more fully appear by reference to myledger I suppose I have the amount of eighthousand dollars in bonds whichbonds are in my pocket book in my trunk and a statment of whichis also upon my ledger, Besides a considerable number of accounts whichhas been drawn from my book, and also a large number yet to draw.

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There will also be found in my pocket book the letters of McElwaine Son and Co. and their receipts for the money before mentioned also Smith Watson and Company receipts for deposits with them.

My negroes perhaps they had better keep,and my goods they had better dispose of on as good termas as they can.they were purchased for cash and perhaps can be disposed of with advantage to the purchaser and my estate which dispostion can be public or private,but I would not advise the carry on the business as they know nothing about it and would likely be prejudiced in the finacial affairs but think my mother and sister might qualify as my executorix and employ Wm.T Perth to settle the business up for them as their agent. In consideration of the premises I nominate and appoint my mother Harriet Freeman and sister Amanda GFreeman my executrixes to execute and carry out my will in a full and ample manner as I could were I personaly present. I do not wish for Bryer child to have any part of my estate upon the demise of my mother and sister if that she brute Amaniah is alive because I belive she killed my brother wilfully, knowingly and maliciously and because the child cant possibly be raised by such a brute as to be worthy in my estimation of enjoying my property.
Perhaps it would be best for mother and Amanda to invest the bonds, notes accounts and c. in State bonds if you could do so, as it would be a safe investment and you could get theinterest semi annually.
I do not know what to advise relative to living, perhaps, you prefer going to Raleigh to live or perhaps to Franklin but exercise your own discretion and wish as to that. But recollect that after I am dead many designing fellows will be desirous of making them selves very agreeable and will be very desirous to have you believe they feel much concern for your interest and will next want to Marry Amanda, but let them go to the devil and consult your lawyer as to your affiars and contend for your rights.
In witness whereof Ihave her unto set my hand and seal the 3 of July, A.D. 1854. William G.Freeman, (Seal)

Stateof North Carolina, Cort of pleas and quarter sessions
NashCounty Nov. term, 1854
A paper writing purporting to be thelast will and testament of William G Freeman is offeredfor probate on the testimony of Benjamin A.Blount Jas. Harris and George M Lewis who are cridible witnesses make oath that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said William G. Freeman and that the same is generally known among his acquaintances they further swear that they found said paper writing among the valuable papers of the said William G.Freeman on the day of his death Shortly thereafter and that the same is every part thereof is in his own second hand writing and is subscribied by him in his own proper hand writing.
On saidproff the said pepper handwriting is admitted to probate and Harriett Freeman and Amanda Freeman the Excutrix therein named are duly qualified
Attest G.W.Mead,C.C.C.
and is recorded. Attest G.W.Mead,C.C.C.

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In The Name of God Amen. I Francis Creekmore 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 publish and declare this to be mylast will and testament in manner and form that isto say,
1st. I lend to my husband Thomas Creekmore my tract of land whereon I now live during hisnatural life I also lend him my stock of cattle to make use of them one bed and furniture eight sitting chairs three tables two chest, two pots also my stock of sheep the above last property will be sold by my executor hereinafter named and the money arising from the sale thereof shall be equally divided among the heirs of my sisters Nancy Manning and Susan Boon,with provisions that if any of the above heirs shall marry inthe family of Willis Warren they shallnot receive any part ofmy estate whatever I also lend my said husband one large blue chest during his single life or so long as he shall and then give it to mynephew Willis E. Manning In addition to the above distribution I give to my niece Francis E Manning my woollen wheel. 2. I also give to my brother Warren one Dollar as his distribution share of my estate.
I give to my friend John W. Bryant mylarge stone Jug.
3. That the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devisees and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me Collected an if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debits and expenses shall be equally divided andpaid over to the aboveheirs in equal portions share and share alike to them and each and everyof them their executors administrators and assigns absolutly for ever.
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Benjamin Bilbro my lawful executor to all intents and purposes with provisions that there shall be no security required of him to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and claus thereof hereby revoking and declaring and utterly void all other wills and testaments heretofore made.
In withess whereof I the said Francis Creekmore do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of March , 1855.
Signed,sealed, published and declared in the presentes of us.his
Francis x Creekmore(Seal)