

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of B.D. Battle is offered for probate on the testimony of Amos J. Battle one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who duly proved the execution of said will and that the other subscribing witnesses Thomas Newby is dead and that he saw the said Newby sign said paper at the request of said B.D. Battle in the presence of said B.D. Battle and that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of said Thomas Newby, from seeing him write and from having seen his hand writing after whereupon said paper is admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of said Benjamin D. Battle and William T. Worch. His attorney for Henrietta T. Battle the widow of said B.D. Battle produced him to enter her disavowal of the said paper and authorized that she is unable to travel to court and directed her attorney to enter of record and she is allowed to file a petition for years provision. Attest B.H. Soraby, C.C.C. Attest B.H. Soraby, C.C.C.

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I Cherry Rackley 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 hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial, and pay all my 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 give and devise to my beloved son John H. Rackley one hundred dollars, also all my stock of hogs and cattle, to have and to hold to him, the said John H. Rackley forever. Item, I will and desire is that my feather beds, my bedsteads and all of my bed clothing whatsoever be equally divided between my son John H. Rackley and my daughter Margaret Cherry Rackley, to have and to hold to them the said John H. Rackley and Margaret Cherry Rackley forever. Item, I give and devise to my beloved daughter Margaret Cherry Rackley, one blue painted table, one blue painted chest one loom and all the gear of every description, whatsoever therunto belonging, one large earthen jar that is to say, the largest that I have, and to hold to her the said Margaret Cherry Rackley forever. Item, I give and devise to my second in law to her the said Margaret Cherry Rackley forever, a jar, that is to say, the second in size that I have, to have and to hold to her and the said Roena W. Whitley forever. Item, I give and devise to my beloved daughter Selester R. Mathews one earthen jar, that is to say, the third in size that I have, to have and to hold to the said Selester R. Mathews forever. Item, My will and desire is that all 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 and if there should be an surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided and paid over to my son Lemon D. Rackley, and my daughter Margaret Cherry Rackley with the exception of one dollar in equal proportion share and share alike to them the said Lemon D. Rackley and Margaret Cherry Rackley forever. Item, I give and devise to my beloved son Francis R. Rackley one dollar to be paid out of the money arising from the sale of the residue of property as above mentioned, and accepted to have and hold to him the said Francis R. Rackley, forever, and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son John H. Rackley 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 Cherry Rackley do hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of April A.D. 1855.

Cherry Rackley (Seal)
Rackley 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.
Wm H. Joyner, David Joyner

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Aug. term 1855

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Cherry Rackley is offered for probate on the testimony of William H. Joyner, the subscribing witness and David Joyner and is ordered to be recorded.
Attest B.H. Soraby, C.C.C.
Attest B.H. Soraby, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

The Honor of God Amen. I Jacob Strickland of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in low health and memory that it is appointed for all men to die do on this the 14th day of May 1855 make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the manner and form following to wit: First I give my soul to God it is his will and desire that my executor to collect all the money for which I am indebted and order to finish paying my debts I leave for each creditor to call the following property to wit first call on such of my stock and home and furniture as can be sold without ill convenience to the family and call as much of my land as it will take to finish paying my debts not to exceed two hundred and fifty acres, the land must be cut off in such manner and shape as my best friends may think and advise for the best for a good sale and shall not in any way take or interfere with my present home and improvements. I wish it sold from the summer west part of my land I want it sold on a twelve months credit with interest from the sale all the balance of my property of every kind and description I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Strickland during her widowhood lifetime and after her widowhood lifetime I give it in the following manner and way: First I give to my son C.W. Strickland five dollars and to the children of my son C.W. Strickland one eighth part of all the balance of my estate and all the rest or balance of my property shall be equally and fairly divided amongst the seven of my children to wit: F.W. Strickland, William Strickland, Wm. Strickland, Walter H. Strickland, Sally H. Strickland, Mary Strickland and Margaret Strickland, and should any of the last seven named children die before arriving of lawful age of twenty one years and have no heirs lawfully begotten by their own body, then the property the village then shall descend to be equally divided between the surviving ones of the last named seven; to them and their heirs forever. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son F.W. Strickland my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to its true intent and meaning of the same and every part thereof in witness of the same, I the said Jacob Strickland do hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of us witnesses the day and date first above written.

Attest
J. T. Webb

Jacob Strickland (Seal)

State of North Carolina court of pleas and quarter sessions
Aug. term 1855

The foregoing paper writing was produced in open court on the last will and testament of Jacob Strickland and the due execution of the same is proved by the oath and examination of J. T. Webb and J. T. Webb the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

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Attest B.H. Soraby, C.C.C.
Attest B.H. Soraby, C.C.C.

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The Honor of God Amen. I Martha Hunter of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, to the end that I may to the better prepared to leave when my God shall so please, do make and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit:

First I do in my will and desire that my executor hereinafter named, shall pay all my just debts out of such property as is not herein disposed of by me.

Item I give and bequeath to John H. Deane, and his heirs, the following property to wit: One tract of parcel of land lying and being in the County of Nash, containing fifty six acres more or less adjoining the lands of James Hunter, Henry Hunter, and others; also one tract containing fifty acres more or less, it being an undivided fifth part of the lands on which I have my power, also the following tracts of land to wit: William, Mary and a young girl child not named of the said Henry, and their names increase, one feather bed, a stand and furniture, also one undivided sixth part of the following slaves and their future increase, viz: Washington, William, Abigail, Alice, Loten, Hiram, Eliza, Ned, Lillian, Solomon, and A. Lillie, and Special trust and confidence nevertheless, that should John H. Deane and his heirs shall rent out the said lands and hire out the said slaves and the proceeds thereof, apply to the support of my son Isaac H. Hunter and family, during his natural life and to the support and education of the child or children of said Isaac H. Hunter, should he have any, and after the death of the said Isaac H. Hunter that the said John H. Deane and his heirs shall hold the said property to the said Isaac H. Hunter or children of the said Isaac H. Hunter and the survivors or survivors should he die without issue that the said John H. Deane and his heirs shall hold the same to the use of Isaac Deane, Henry D. Hunter, John H. Hunter, Daniel H. Hunter and the children of Volcan H. Hunter and the survivors or survivor of them and their children the children in each case to represent the ancestor.

Item I do the other pieces in my possession I give to Joanna Deane Item I do I give and bequeath Sally Ann and Isaac Hunter, children of Isaac Hunter fifteen dollars each.
Item I bequeath my son Isaac H. Hunter do leaving his wife Martha surviving him, it is my will and desire that she have the use of negroes William and Mary during her natural life or widowhood to be under the control and care of the said John H. Deane.