

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 slaves 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 twenty years, 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 twenty one, 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 twenty one 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 twenty one 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 banks, 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. clk.

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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

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first choice also an equal part of all my estate both real and personal that I may die seized and possessed of provided nevertheless if the said Arabella C. Walker should die without a lawful heir that the property shall be equally divided among my lawful heirs. I furthermore constitute my worthy friend and nephew John Thorp executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I the said Elizabeth Vick have hereunto signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us.

E.L. Curl
Virginia L.D. Curl

Elizabeth Vick (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions, Nash County, quarter sessions, Aug. Term 1864. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Vick deceased is exhibited in open court, by Arabella C. Walker the legatee therein named for probate and the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Vick is proved by the oath and examination of Virginia L.D. Curl, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Vick, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. The executor John Thorp therein named comes into open court and announces his right to qualify as such whereupon David Hicks is appointed administrator with the will annexed and enters into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with T.B. Watson and H.H. Brian as sureties bond executed and accepted of by the court admr. qualifies according to law.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

B.H. Sorsby, C.G.C. clk.
B.H. Sorsby, C.G.C. clk.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Sally Evans of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory but considering the uncertainty of my worldly existence do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit: say first that my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my three grandchildren to wit Isaac Evans, George Evans and Susan Evans children of my son Isaac B. Evans, the following named property to wit, three certain negroes named Genny, Caroline, and Harriett to them and their heirs forever, all of my household and kitchen furniture and what stock may be on hand at the time of my death with the exception of one young mare. Item 2. I give and bequeath to my daughter Charity Batchelor one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever. Item 3. I give and bequeath to my grandson Joel Batchelor one young mare to him and his heirs forever. Item 4. I give and bequeath to my great grand daughter child of Sally Wells name Laura, one hundred and six acres of land be the same or less adjoining the lands of Geo W Cooper the dower tract on which I now live, at being the lots of land drawn by my two sons Isaac B. Evans, and William Evans in the division of the lands belonging to my husband Isaac Evans deceased and purchased from them by me to her and her heirs forever and in the event of the death of the said Laura before she arrives at the age of twenty one years then and in that case it is my desire that the said land shall descend to the children of my grand daughter Sally Wells which she may hereafter have, and in the event of her not having heirs my desire is that she may have the said land. It is my will and desire that if there should not be money enough on hand at my death to pay the legacy left my daughter Charity Batchelor that my executors hereinafter named shall proceed to sell what corn and fodder that they may have on hand at my death to pay the same, and if there still should be a deficiency then and in that case I desire my executors to sell enough of the stock given away to my three grandchildren to wit Isaac Evans, George Evans and Susan Evans to satisfy said legacy. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Isaac B. Evans, and B.H. Sorsby, my lawful executors 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 by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of January A.D. 1864.

T.H. Scott.

John T. Braswell

Sally Evans (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions Nov. Term 1864 Nash County. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sally Evans, deceased is offered for probate and is duly proven by Jno. T. Braswell and T.H. Scott the subscribing witnesses thereto admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

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

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State of North Carolina, Nash County. In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel Batchelor of the County of Nash and State above written being weak and feeble of body but of sound disposing memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form to wit: Item 1. I give and bequeath to my son James S. Batchelor to him and his heirs one room mare. Item 2. I give and bequeath to my son James S. Batchelor and his heirs one cow and six pigs. Item 3. I give and bequeath to my son James S. Batchelor and his heirs one half my crop now growing in the field of corn and fodder and potatoes and collards. Item 4. I give and bequeath to my son James S. Batchelor and his heirs two beds and bedsteads and all the furniture that belongs to the beds. Item 5. I give and bequeath to my son James S. Batchelor and his heirs one desk. Item 6. I give and bequeath to my son James S. Batchelor and his heirs one china press and six chairs. Further more I appoint my beloved son James S. Batchelor executor to this my last will and testament this the 25th day of May 1866, Signed sealed in presents of witness.

test.
David Bone
Abraham Smith

Samuel Batchelor (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session Nash County, quarter session Nov. term, 1866, a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Saml Batchelor is offered for probate on the testimony of David J Bone one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded, and Jas S Batchelor the executor there named is duly qualified as such.

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

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Ellen Meacone 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 suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item My will and desire is that all my personal property be sold together with all my growing crop of corn peas and potatoes and greens and the money arising from said sale after paying my just debts to be for the support of my daughter Betsey P Meacone to be given to her by my executors hereinafter named as they think proper. I give and unto my beloved daughter Betsey Meacone all the tract of land whereon I now live during her natural life and at her death to her bodily heirs if any not to my two grand children Charles C. Johnson and infant not named bodily heirs of Lucy Johnson during their life time. And lastly I constitute and appoint my trusty friends B.C. Strickland and Henderson Hout my lawful executors to all intents and purpose 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 all other wills by me made heretofore. In witness whereof I the said Ellen Meacone do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 17 day of September A.D. 1866.

E Meacone (Seal)

signed, published and declared by the said Ellen Meacone 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.

John R Morris

Calvin Allen

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions Nash County, Nov. term 1866

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Ellen Meacone is offered for probate on the testimony of Calvin Allen one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proven and admitted to probate and B.C. Strickland one of the executors named is duly qualified as such.

and is recorded in obedience to law.

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

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In the Name of God Amen. I Allen Jones of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of infirm health but of sound mind, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: Item 1st. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my estate by my executors hereinafter named. Item 2nd. I lend unto my wife Elizabeth Jones during her natural life, the whole of my real estate and all my personal property which may not be required for the payment of my debts, special legacies, funeral expenses and the expenses in and about the settlement of my estate, and at the death of my wife Elizabeth Jones, I give and bequeath the whole of said real estate unto my son John E Jones to him and his heirs forever. Item 3rd. I give and bequeath unto my son John E Jones, after the death of my wife Elizabeth Jones, one negro slave named Mada fifteen hundred dollars in money. One brandy still, cider cask and apple mill and fixtures