

bed and furniture and one chest table and to hold in fee simple forever. I give and bequeath to my youngest son Joseph the value of one table and table in fee simple forever. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary twelve head of sheep of all the household and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of in my will in all the aforesaid stock all the domestic fowls and poultry in eighteen head of geese and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death and at death my widow Abby Ann is to be made equal with the rest equal share and share alike out of the property I now give to my beloved wife share. I also give to my beloved wife one cart and wheel and one other bed item: My will and desires that all the residue of my estate if any, after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses to my beloved wife and all my children in equal share and share alike and every of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Peter Batman my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning to the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other will and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Micajah O Neal do hereby set my hand and seal. This the twenty seventh day October 1861. A D signed, and sealed published and declared by the said Micajah O Neal to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request admit his presents do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness
Alex. Batman
G. N. Finch.
Micajah O Neal (Seal)
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Hess County
Feb. term 1861
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Micajah O Neal is offered for probate on the testimony of Alex. Batman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: and it is also proved the hand writing of G. N. Finch the other witness the court admits the same to probate and is ordered it to be recorded.

and is recorded in obedience thereto
Attest B. N. Scruby, C. C. C.
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I Everett Lamb of Nash County 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. Item the first, I will and desire that my executor 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 however and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item 2nd I give and devise to my beloved wife Nancy Lamb my home tract of land including my land that I have not heretofore deeded off with my mansion house, all outhouses and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Nancy Lamb for and during the time of her natural life or widowhood in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and third of and in all my real estate. Item 3rd. I give and devise to my beloved wife Nancy Lamb one hundred dollars to be paid to her out of my estate by my executor at the expiration of twelve months after my death. Item 4th. I give and devise to my beloved wife Nancy Lamb one bed, bedstead and furniture (her choice). Item 5th. I give and devise to my beloved wife Nancy Lamb provisions for her and her family that may be living with her at my death, for twelve months after my death to be allotted to her by three free holders chosen by herself for that purpose. Item 6th. I give and devise to my beloved wife Nancy Lamb one bowfit (her choice). Item 7th. I give unto my beloved wife Nancy Lamb the right to dispose of the property given and devised to her in items the third, fourth, fifth and sixth as she may desire after my death. Item 8th I give and bequeath to my beloved granddaughter Mary Whitley, one bed, bedstead, and necessary clothing as her absolute property forever. Item 9th. I give and devise to my beloved sons (Jackson Lamb, and Thomas Lamb) all the tract of land on which I now live, including all of my lands that I have not heretofore deeded off, to be equally divided between them after the death or widowhood of my beloved wife Nancy Lamb, to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever. Item 10th I give and devise to my beloved daughter, Eliza wife of Jonas Perry, all the property heretofore lent to her, as her absolute property forever. Item 11th. I give and devise to my beloved daughter, Cynthia wife of Lindsey Perry, all the property heretofore lent to her as her absolute property forever. Item 12th. I give and devise to my beloved daughter Alley wife of Perry Whitley, all the property heretofore lent to her as her absolute property forever. Item 13th. I give and devise to my beloved daughter Mary Lamb, all the property heretofore lent to her as her absolute property forever. Item 14th. I will and desire that my executor

shall the remaining property that may be on hand at my death (if any) and collect all that is justly due to my estate, pay all just and lawful expenses for settling my estate after my death, and divide the surplus if any, equally between my two sons Jackson Lamb and Thomas Lamb, and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Elijah Morgan 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 Everett Lamb do hereby set my hand and seal this 20th day of April, A D 1860, signed, sealed published and declared by the said Everett Lamb 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.

his
Everett Lamb (Seal)
mark.
A. W. Bridgers
Jacob Daniel
Whereas I Everett Lamb of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 20th day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight in and by which I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Mary Whitley one bed, bedstead and necessary clothing and to my two sons Jackson and Thomas Lamb the remaining part of my property or the money which it brought of sale for according to the true intent and meaning of my foregoing or last will dated as above the 20th day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight. Now therefore I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said last will and testament and to be taken as a part thereof, ordered and declared that my will is that the bed and bedstead and necessary clothing which I give my granddaughter Mary Whitley be sold as a part of my estate after my death and the money distributed according to the 14th item of my will dated 20th of April 1860 and that my beloved wife Nancy Lamb in addition to what I give her in my will dated 20th of April 1860 have a full share of all the money that may be on hand at my death to dispose of as she desires and lastly it is my desire that this codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last will and testament as aforesaid to all intents and purposes. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of February, A D 1861.

The above codicil dated the 13th day of Feb. 1861, was subscribed by the said Everett Lamb in our presence and the will dated the 20th day of April, 1860 acknowledged by him to each of us to be his last will and testament and desire and we at the testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses under.

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County
May term 1861
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament and codicil annexed of Everett Lamb offered for probate on the testimony of C. N. J. Strickland one of the subscribing witnesses and is duly proved by him it being also proved by him that W. C. Williams and A. W. Bridgers two other subscribing witnesses are absent from the state and that Jacob Daniel the other subscribing witness is dead and the said Strickland having attested that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of said A. W. Bridgers Jacob Daniel and W. C. Williams framing often seen them write and from having frequently seen their handwriting it is adjudged by the court that said paper writing is duly proven and the same admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Elijah M. Morgan the executor therein named is duly qualified as such.

and is recorded
Attest B. N. Scruby, C. C. C.
Attest B. N. Scruby, C. C. C.

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In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Ferrell 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 hereby make and declare this to be 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 however and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son My Ferrell the sum of four dollars which shall be paid by my executor within six months after my decease. Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Birton Ferrell the sum of four dollars which shall be paid by my executor within six months after my decease. Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary wife of William Rice, the sum of four dollars to be paid by my executor within six months after my decease. Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha wife of James Morgan the sum of four dollars to be paid by my executor within six months after my decease. Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth wife of Sam Anderson the sum of four dollars to be paid by my executor within six months after my decease. Item: I give and devise to my beloved daughter Mary wife of Anderson the sum of four dollars to be paid by my executor within six months after my decease. Item: I give and devise to my granddaughter Mary Ann Strickland daughter of Warren Strickland and

wife of Mason the following property viz: two spotted blankets 1 bed quilt and three counterpane, two dresses her choice, 1 pair fine shoes, one pine chest, 2 pillow cases one white coat and flannel coat one striped shawl Item My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts, expenses and legacies that such surplus shall be all paid to Mary Ann Strickland by my executor within six months after my decease or at such time as she shall arrive at the full age of twenty one years old.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Bartley G Strickland 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 will and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Ferrell signed, set my hand and seal this the 4 day of October A D 1886. signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Elizabeth Ferrell to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and her presents do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto. her

A.M. Smith
Wesley Privett
Elizabeth G. Ferrell (Seal)
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Mash County
May term 1886

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Ferrell is offered for probate on the testimony of A.M. Smith and Wesley Privett the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C.

Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

June 8th, 1886. My will and desire is now that life is short witness and I must soon die, that my estate should remain just as it now and kept up for the benefit of my wife and six youngest children all together and do as if I was alive, should this plan not succeed, therefore or such of them as my wife may wish be hired out, each child up to arriving to twenty years of age or marriage to have just about as much negro property as I gave to my daughter Alice or Rebecca. To my confessor P. Hilliard, I will my home plantation subject to his mother's life estate, the he to have the land and and at least five acres of land about it at any time he may marry or be of age. To Sidney P. Hilliard my second son I give my lands on the south side of Swift creek and beyond Parkers Creek from here over all the plots of Parkers creek and thence I give to Jesse, never the land extending seventy yards from the stream at low water. To my infant baby not named I give all the lands I own on the north side of Swift creek. If either of my sons die without lawful issue the other sons or son to inherit, if no son issue issue lawfully, then undivided acres to Alice at or in front of N.H. Williams but not to include any building but to run back as far as Parkers creek as to make out the amount of land (100 acres) and the remainder of my land to my other children. To my daughter Rebecca I give no more of my estate than she is now in possession of her to Alice except on the proviso of the one hundred acres of land. To my daughter Nancy I give especially two thousand dollars and appoint John B. Williams of Warren county her guardian and on equal share with my five youngest children in my estate. My wife I hope will manage all rights should she not. I trust my friends if I have any, will advise her. Whatever error or errors I may have been guilty of I bid to bury them with me let me rest by my dear boy James and at the feet of my mother. I pay all my just debts to Dr. A.T. Perry and William V. Riddle. I leave my executors to this my last will and testament.

B.H. Hilliard (Seal)

State of North court of pleas and quarter session
Mash County
Aug. term 1886
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elijah B. Hilliard bearing date June 8th, 1886, is offered for probate and it appears from the testimony of Henry G. Williams John B. Williams and William H. Rowland that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Hilliard from often seeing him write and having frequently seen his hand writing and they having found that the said paper writing and every part thereof is in the hand writing of said Elijah B. Hilliard and that they found the said paper writing exactly after the death of said Hilliard among his valuable property it is therefore considered that said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Elijah B. Hilliard and that it be recorded.

Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

I William V. Arrington of the County of Mash and State of North Carolina being in good health and sound mind and disposing mind and memory and being about to take a journey of considerable duration and extent do publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner as follows: That I do give and bequeath the whole of my estate of every description

description both real and personal to my wife Rebecca to be hers absolutely to dispose of as she may think proper but in the event of her marriage in that case it is my will and I do hereby give the whole of a separate both real and personal above alluded to to all my children to be equally divided between them share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns. I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Rebecca executrix and my friend William V. Riddle executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of May, A.D. 1880 signed and acknowledged in the presence of

Archibald M. Arrington
Wm V. Williams
W.V. Arrington (Seal)
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Mash County
Aug. term 1886

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William V. Arrington is offered for probate on the testimony of Archibald M. Arrington one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved by him and it is who proved that William V. Williams the other subscribing witness is absent from the state and the said Arrington who proves that said William subscribed said paper as witness in the presence of the testator and at his request and that he is well acquainted with said Williams hand writing from seeing him write and from having often seen his handwriting and that the signature purporting to be his is his genuine hand writing and being further proved that said William is absent in the army the court admit said paper to probate and ordered to be recorded. and W.V. Riddle named as executor comes into open court and renounces his right to qualify as such and thereupon Rebecca M. Arrington who named as executrix in said will comes into open court and qualifies as such.

Attest: B.H. Searby, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen I McCallum Stone of Mash County and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others in manner and form to wit: Item I will that said my just debts be paid as soon as possible. Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary M. Stone all my estate both real and personal which is part of land lying in the county of Wilson and adjoining the lands of Peter Gorman and others together with my negro man by the name of Jewel and the notes bonds and money that I own at the time of my death to be hers and her heirs forever. Likewise I give and bequeath to my wife Mary M. Stone and the legacy will to me by my deceased mother Mary Stone, now in the hands of her executor also my beds house hold and kitchen furniture also one grey mare all of which I give to my wife Mary M. Stone and her heirs forever. Alice I give to my wife Mary M. Stone, the property her deceased mother give her I give her in like manner as it was given to her by her deceased mother Temperance Finch. Likewise I make constitute and appoint my friend Madison Sykes of Mash County and Edwin Sykes of Franklin County to be executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of December 1886.

McCallum Stone (Seal)
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of (McCallum Stone)
J.B. Williams
Gedman McCallum
State of North Carolina, Mash county, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nov. term 1886
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of McCallum Stone is offered for probate on the testimony of Gedman McCallum a subscribing witness thereto who duly proves the same and also that G.B. McCallum the other subscribing witnesses is out of the state and that he saw him subscribe said will as a witness in the presence of the testator. It is ordered that said will be admitted to probate and it is ordered to be recorded and Madison Sykes and Edwin Sykes renounce their right to qualify as executors.

Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C.

Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen I William Ballentine do make and declare this my last will and testament to wit: Item 1. In consequence of superior service I give to my son James my team horse and one bridle and saddle, and desire my wife to treat him in her favors as though he had received no more from me than my other children. Item 2nd. I leave to my beloved wife Liddy all the balance of my property both real and personal during her life or widowhood with full powers to manage the same as she may think best for the benefit of herself and the raising and welfare of our children. Item 3rd. Should my wife Mary again, it is my will and desire that all the property herein named to be sold and the proceeds arising therefrom be equally divided between her and each one of my children or the issue of such child or children as may be dead should any die leaving issue before such marriage. Item 4th. Should my said wife die without marrying again it is my will that said property be sold and the proceeds divided amongst my heirs according to law and divided to include any advancements (at valuation then made)