

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.

Alex. Batman  
G. N. Finch.  
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 bedstead (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, Ruthanna 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.

Attest.  
A. W. Bridgers  
Jacob Daniel

Everett Lamb (Seal)  
mark.

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 1858 and that my beloved wife Nancy Lamb in addition to what I give her in my will dated 20th of April 1858 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 1860.

The above codicil dated the 13th day of Feb. 1860, was subscribed by the said Everett Lamb in our presence and the will dated the 20th day of April, 1858 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 1860

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 from having 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 J. Morgan the executor therein named is duly qualified as such.

and is recorded

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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