

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

Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.
Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.

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I Charity Whitfield 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 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 niece Penelope Price all of my estate both personal and real to her use and her children so long as she shall live and at the death of my niece Penelope Price I give all of my property to her children both personal and real estate to be equally divided among them and I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John E. Thorn 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 Charity Whitfield do hereunto set my hand and seal this 4 day of 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.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County Aug. term 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament 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.

Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Dempsy Beckwith of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do publish this as my last will and testament I give to my wife Martha all my property of every kind and quality to be hers absolutely to the use of in any way she may think proper I do hereby appoint my wife Martha executor to this my last will and testament intestate whereof which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of August A.D. 1853

Witness
W. T. Arrington
Charles Gay
James B. Elin

his
Dempsy 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 Dempsy Beckwith is offered for probate on oath of W. T. Arrington Charles Gay and James B. Elin the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proven whereupon the executor Martha Beckwith therein named is duly qualified and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.
Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.

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State of North Carolina, Nash County. In the name of God Amen. I William G. Freeman of the town of Nashville being of sound mind and disposing memory and well knowing the uncertainty of the life do make this my last will and testament.

1st. I bequeath my immortal souls to the God that gave it and my body to the Father earth to be decently interred with a fine tombstone over it.

2nd. It is my wish that what few debts if any that I may owe shall be paid.

3rdly. I give and bequeath to my mother and sister Amanda G. Freeman the whole of my estate jointly and upon the death of either the survivor to have the whole of it in fee simple forever. I have now in the hands of ~~William~~ 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 my ledger I suppose. I have the sum of eight thousand dollars in bonds which are in my pocket book in my trunk and a statement of which is also upon my ledger. Besides a considerable number of accounts which have 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 ~~William~~ 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 terms as they can. They were purchased for cash and perhaps can be disposed of with advantage to the purchaser and my estate which disposition 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 financial affairs but think my mother and sister might qualify as my executrix and employ W. T. Perch 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 G. Freeman my executrices to execute and carry out my will in as full and ample a manner as I could were I personally present. I do not wish for Bryan child to have any part of my estate upon the demise of my mother and sister if that she wrote Amariah is alive because I believe she killed my brother willfully, knowingly and maliciously and because the child can't 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 o. in State bonds if you could do so, as it would be a safe investment and you could get the interest 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 my 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 content your lawyer as to your affairs and contend for your rights. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 3 of July, A.D. 1854.

William G. Freeman, (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County Nov. term, 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William G. Freeman is offered for probate on the testimony of Benjamin A. Mount Jas. Harris and George N. Lewis who are credible 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 proper hand writing and is subscribed by him in his own proper hand writing. On said proof the said paper handwriting is admitted to probate and Harriet Freeman and Amanda Freeman the Executrix therein named are duly qualified.

Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.
Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

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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 my last will and testament in manner and form that is to say, 1st. I lend to my husband Francis Creekmore my tract of land whereon I now live during his natural 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 in the family of Willis Warren they shall not receive any part of my 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 my nephew Willis E. Manning. In addition to the above distribution I give to my niece Francis R. Manning my wollen wheel. 2. I also give to my brother Warren one Dollar as his distribution share of my estate.

3. I give to my friend John W. Bryant my large 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 and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts and expenses shall be equally divided and paid over to the devisees in equal portions share and share alike to them and each and every of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely for ever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Benjamin Eilbre 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 clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring and utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness 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 presence of us.

Francis x Creekmore (Seal)

signed, sealed published
in presents of us
Timothy A. Johnson
Nathan X Batchelor

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Francis Creakmore is offered for probate on the testimony of Timothy A. Johnson and Nathan Batchelor the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate wherefore Benjamin Bilbro the executor therein named is duly qualified.

and is recorded.

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Attest G. W. Wand, C. C. C.
Attest G. W. Wand, C. C. C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I James Whitehead of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina though weak of body yet of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following namely after a decent burial and my just debts are paid I give and bequeath unto my nephew Portland O Whitehead who are said I living with me, all of my property consisting of negroes, Sarah, who are now Phillis, John, Jim, Edward, Anna, Ben, William, Henry, and Sally, child of Sally not yet named with all their increase for the said Portland horse, cattle &c, together with all other property which I may be possessed of at my death of every quality, quantity and description and I do hereby nominate and appoint my said nephew Portland O Whitehead my sole executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I day of April A.D. 1847.

signed and sealed in
presence of us.
Joshua Watson

James Whitehead (Seal)

G. W. Powell
 State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County
 The last will and testament of James Whitehead was produced in court
 and proved in open court by the oath of Joshua Watson and Geo. W. Powell
 the subscribing witnesses to the said will and the same was ordered to be recorded
 whereupon Portland C. Whitehead the executor therein named was duly
 qualified. Attest G. W. Ward, C. C. C.
 and is recorded, Attest G. W. Ward, C. C. C.

and is recorded, Attest G. W. Ward, C. C. C.

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I, Berry Johnston 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.

and form following that is to say, I do hereby will and testament in manner
 First: After paying all my just debts I give and devise to my beloved
 wife Nancy all my property real and personal all my land all my stock of
 every description horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and also the crop of
 every description that now may be on land at my death together with
 my beds and household and kitchen furniture of every description to
 have and to hold to her the said during the term of her natural life or
 widowhood. Then it is my will that the property at her the said Nancy
 death or widowhood may be divided equally between all my children to wit,
 Henry, Lemmon, Jagger, Emberson, Wilby, Milby, Nancy, Dennis.
 Last I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife a 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 Barry Johnston do hereunto set my hand and
 seal this 31 day of July A.D. 1846

In witness whereof I the said Berry Johnston do hereunto set my hand and seal this 31 day of July A.D. 1846
signed, sealed, published

signed, sealed, published

and declared by the said Berry Johnston 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.

A. J. Taylor
James Bryant

A paper writing pur porting to be the last will and testament of Berry Johnston is offered for probate, the testimony of A.J. Taylor and James Bryant the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate, Whereupon Nancy Johnston the executrix therein named is qualified as such.

his
Berry x Johnston (Seal)
mark.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Matinda Taylor of the county of Nashua 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. Item 1. I give to my beloved son Rufin Taylor one dollar as his part of my estate. Item 2. I also give to my beloved son Bennett Taylor one dollar as his part of my estate. Item 3. I also give to my beloved daughter Lucy Williams one dollar as her part of my estate. Item 4. I also give to my beloved son Dennis Taylor one dollar as his part of my estate. Item 5. I also give to my beloved son Dempsey Taylor one dollar as his part of my estate. Item 6th. I also give to my beloved grand son Joseph Taylor one pided heifer and her increase as his part of my estate. Item. 7. I also give to grand daughter Jane Taylor my feather bed which I on my self and furniture as her part of my estate. Item 8. I also give to beloved grand daughter Mary Taylor my other bed as her part of my estate.

By my State. And then I also give to my beloved grand son Calvin Taylor my part
wheels as his part of my estate. My will is hereby declared that all the
residue of my estate after taking out the devices and legacies ~~that are~~
mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me collected if any and
if there should be any surplus over paying the debts and expenses and
expenses for such surplus be divided among my grand children ~~Barth~~ (see
Taylor James (22), Calvin Taylor, and Zachary Taylor in equal propor-
tion share and share alike to them and each of them for themselves their executors
and administrators and assigns absolutely forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Mathew Wilder 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 made in witness whereof I the said Marenada Taylor do hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of March 1880.

signed, sealed and delivered in the
presence of us.

Bryant Bilbro.
Mathew Wilder Sr.

his
Marenda^xTaylor (Seal)
mark

State of North Carolina
Nash County

Court of pleas and quarter session
Nov. term 1854

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Marenada Taylor is exhibited in open court and it appears on its face that the same was executed the 28th day of March 1854 and disposing of personal property only and Benjamin Billbre and Mathew Wilder are the only witnesses thereto and that the said Mathew Wilder is also named executor in said paper, It is declared by the court that the said paper writing, notwithstanding it is declared according to law is not the last will and testament of Marenada Taylor but is a nullity and therefore the court refuses to admit it to probate.

Witness G. W. Ward, C. C. C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I James R. Crowell 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 make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that in to myself; That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereunto and to whomever owing out of the same; that my first and last wishes be as a part or parcel of my estate. I then I give and bequeath to my beloved grand daughter Francis Jane Harboe these negro slaves to wit: Alf, Lucy and Calvin and their increase to her and her heirs forever. I then I give and bequeath to my daughter Isley Williams one female negro and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son William D. Crowell one dollar to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my son James D. Crowell one dollar to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Lufbo one dollar to
me and two halves forever. Item: I give and bequeath the upgradeness Jones
Gowall all my right and title that have in the hollow land which
was an upgradeness of Williams S. Gwynell and I being the purchaser
said land being in said county and in the waters of the great swamp
and in his heirs forever.

With love and remembrance to William H. Crowell all my spring apparel
I am his faithful servant.

My wish and desire is that all of my property heretofore undistributed be sold and after paying all of my just debts and the surplus

When he is back in Italy saying all he has just done and the surprise of being in New York I give my grand daughter Francis Jane Barber to her and her brother Francis. And really I should be committing and committing my

to execute this violent will and sustained according to the true intent

and meaning of the same adequately past and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me made.

As witness whereof I the said James M. C. Howell, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 17th day of July, A. D. 1962.

James H. Howell, (Seal)

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James E. Corwell, (Seal)

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