

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county, February term 1838

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Moore Leigh was duly proven in open court by the oaths of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

and is recorded, Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Lucretia Harrell of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be god, do this 5th day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

First: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Culpepper my negro girl Caroline to her and her heirs forever. Second. I give and bequeath unto the sons of Jethro Marrell my son my negro boy Cary to them and their heirs forever.

Third: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Culpepper my negro girl Julia, also one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. Fourth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Emillia Taylor my negro woman Fanny to her and her heirs forever.

Fifth I give and bequeath unto my son William Harrell my negro boy Crafford to him and his heirs forever.

Sixth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Charlotte Whitley my negro girl Dinah two beds and furniture one of which is now in her possession and the other is called mine.

Eighth: I will that the balance of my property be sold and if any thing remains after paying my debts that it be equally divided betwixt my daughters viz: Elizabeth Culpepper, Rebecca Culpepper, Emillia Taylor and Charlotte Whitley.

Lastly I hereby make and ordain my son inlaw Allen Taylor executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Lucretia Harrell have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal, the day and date above written.

Witness.
Timo. Ferrell
Willie Whitley.

her
Lucretia x Harrell (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county May Term 1838

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lucretia Harrell was offered for probate and duly proven by the oaths of Timothy Ferrell and Willis Whitley the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C. and is recorded, Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C.

I Henry Arrington of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of man's earthly existence and being in declining State of Health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit: first that my executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the first monies that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item: I give and devise to my wife Rebecca the whole of the tract of land whereon I now dwell together with all improvements thereunto belonging to have and to hold to her the said Rebecca for and during her natural life; in satisfaction for, and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate. Item: I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Ward all this tract of land whereon I now live except the life estate of my wife Rebecca devised in a former item of this my will, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever. Item: I give and devise to my son Holman Arrington all that tract or parcel of land called and known as the cooper tract upon his paying to my son John L. Arrington two hundred Dollars to have and to hold the aforesaid land and every parcel thereof to him the said Holman and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item: I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Ward all that tract or parcel of land called and known as the Mearns tract or parcel of land called and known as the Mearns tract lying on the south side of swift creek to have and to hold the same during the life of my wife Rebecca and at her death it is my will and desire that the said Mearns tract of land be sold for a division and the monies arising therefrom be equally divided amongst the whole of my children or their representatives share and share alike as their right and property forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ward the following negroes to wit: Negro woman Lucy and her child Aney, negro boy Ben and negro girl Mary commonly called Black Mary together with their increase from this day to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my wife Rebecca the following negroes to wit: Darcas and her children Sarah, Henry, Mandy, Winney, John, Solomon, and Emily, Nancy and her children to wit Martha, Frony, Sylvia, Ephraim, and Sam, together with their increase during her life and after her death to be equally divided amongst the whole of my children to wit Robt., John, Elizabeth Ward, Holman and Mary, share and share alike to them their heirs and representatives forever.

Item: I lend to my wife Rebecca all my household and kitchen furniture all my stock of sheep, cattle, hogs, horses, and mules all the crop of every description that may be upon the plantation whereon I now live

and all the provisions on hand at the time of my death during her life and after her death to be sold and divided equally amongst the whole of my children, their heirs and representatives, share and share alike; ~~forever~~.

Item: It is my will and desire and I also direct that my executor shall sell the ~~Wright~~ land lying in Halifax County adjoining the lands of Alfred Moore, James Moore, Dr. Yellowby and others also the mill seat and land adjoining it which I purchased ~~of~~ Gen. Jas. Arrington's sale and the monies arising therefrom be applied by my executor to the payment of my just debts. Item: I direct that the following named negroes which I have lent to Alabama by my son Robt. to wit, negro Rob, ~~Mariah~~, Jim, Sylvia, Bill and Emily be sold and I do hereby give to my sons Robt. and Henry Arrington the privilege of taking the said negroes themselves at a fair valuation on condition that they pay over the whole amount of money that they would sell for to my executor in two annual installments one half at the end of one year and the other half at the end of two years from this time to be applied as above by my executor to the payment of my just debts. Item: I direct that my son Robt. Arrington pay to my executor the sum of one thousand dollars with interest from the time I purchased a negro man named Chester of Mason ~~Wiggins~~ which sum of one thousand dollars I gave for said negro at the request of my son Robt. and I do hereby give and bequeath said negro man Chester to my son Robt. his heirs and assigns forever. Item: I direct that should there not be a sufficiency of monies coming to the hands of my executor from the sale of the property before directed in this my will to be sold to pay off and discharge all my just debts that then and in that case my wife Rebecca may select and order whatsoever articles of property she pleases to be sold by my executor and applied as above until a sufficiency be raised to pay all my debts. Item: It is my further will and desire that the personal property which I have given to my daughter Elizabeth Ward in a former clause of this will in case of her marriage shall be divided into three equal shares and one third to go to my daughter and the remaining two thirds to be put in common stock for the use and benefit of her children to wit: Mary, Rebecca and John, which remaining two thirds I do hereby give to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I will and direct that the land whereon I now dwell and which I have heretofore in an other clause of this will given to my daughter Elizabeth Ward after the death of my wife Rebecca in case the said Elizabeth Marries shall be surrendered for the use and benefit of the three children Mary, Rebecca, and John and then after the death of my daughter Elizabeth my will and desire is as I have heretofore directed that it shall be equally divided amongst the heirs and representatives of my

daughter Elizabeth share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns in fee simple forever. Item: My will and desire is that all the monies which I have heretofore paid as administrator of Jno. Ward deceased, over and above what has ever come into my hands as such be not charged to his children viz: they are not to be chargeable to my estate either for monies which I have heretofore paid or for their board since the death of their father. neither ~~are~~ they to bring any charges against my estate but what I have done for them, I have done gratuitously. I should consider on a fair settlement that they would be considerably in my debt but I make no charge and consider that I have done for them as part of what I intend to give them, neither are they to bring any suit or suits against my securities as administrator of their father. should they then and in that case, I direct should they recover any thing out of my securities that the amount be repaid to my securities out of the legacy which I have given them in this my will ^{Item: My further will and desire is that should any of my children to whom I have given a legacy in this will bring suit or suit, require in this will} against my estate then and in that case I revoke the legacy which I have given such child or children and do further direct that it shall be equally divided amongst those who do not sue. (to the exclusion of ~~him~~ other who does sue) share and share alike as their right and property forever.

Item: I do further direct and consider that what I have heretofore given to my children was given as advancements and that what I have given to them in the clauses before in this will is to make them equal with each other, and I do hereby give to each of my children all claims which have against them except two hundred dollars which I loaned to my son John a few days ago and which he is to refund to my estate.

Item: I give to my son John ~~L~~ Arrington four hundred dollars for his services in settling my estate and he is to make no charge against my estate for so doing but the four hundred dollars is to be considered as sufficient for that service. I also direct that the two hundred dollars which I have directed my son Holman to pay to John is not to be paid until after the death of my wife Rebecca. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John ~~L~~ Arrington 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 Henry Arrington do hereunto set my

hand and seal, this 23rd day of December A D 1837.
Signed sealed, published and Henry Arrington (Seal)
deceased by the said Henry Arrington
to be his last will and testament
in the presence of us who at his
request and in his presence and in the
presence of each other do subscribe our
names as witnesses hereto.
James S. Bryan
Archid. H. Arrington.
Rich. Arrington.