

In the Name of God Amen. I Rosannah Tompkins of the State of North Carolina and County of Nash being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: I hereby authorize and direct my executor hereinafter named to sell the land and plantation on which I now live, at such time, in such manner and on such terms either at private or public sale as they may consider most to the interest of my estate, and in case of the death or refusal to act of either, a deed from the surviving or acting executor to convey a good and lawful title in fee simple to the purchaser, and I loan to my son Peter R. Minns during his natural life negro man Will between such child or children or their legal representatives as may be living at the time of his death by his present wife's second wife. I also give to my said son Peter old man Will and should be at any time become chargeable I wish him supported by my executors out of my estate they of course to retain sufficient for that purpose. I also give to my said son Peter one bed, bedstead and furniture to him his executors and administrators. I wish all my just debts to be paid out of the balance of my estate, and the remainder of whatever it may consist or whenever it may be found I hereby give to my son John Franklin Tompkins to him his executors and administrators, but in case of the death of my said son John without child or children then and in that case the whole of the property hereinafter given to him to go to my son Peter during his natural life and at his death to his child or children by his present wife. It being my intention that the property hereinafter given to my said son John shall in no event go to his paternal relatives. I hereby constitute and appoint Richard Minns and my son Peter R. Minns executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of April A D 1845 I sealed, sealed, published and declared as my last will and testament in the presence of

Bennett Dunn
Mourning Drake
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county Aug. Term 1849

The execution of the foregoing will is duly proven in open court by the oath of Mourning Drake one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on proof of the said writing of Bennett Dunn the other subscribing witness to the said will by the oath of Benjamin F. Knight is ordered to be recorded, and is recorded.

Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.
Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Clarissa Counsel of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form viz:

Item 1 My will is first that my just debts being paid out of my estate.

Item 2 I give and bequeath my interest in all my land to Susanna Hunter children to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3 I give to David L. Hunter one feather bed and furniture one bedstead to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4 I give and bequeath to Richard Hunter one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5 I give and bequeath the balance of my property to Peter H. Hunter to him and his heirs forever. My will is that Susanna Hunter shall have my trunk and the contents thereof and her children forever. I point my friend Jesse H. Drake my executor to this my last will and testament this day and date do set my hand and seal this 15 of August A D 1846

test Tenny Cooper
Mourning Drake
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county Aug. Term 1849

The execution of the foregoing will is duly proven in open court by the oath of Tenny Cooper and Mourning Drake the two subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.
Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen I Martha Eldridge of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: My will and desire is that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and after the payment of my debts and the necessary expenses, the residue of my estate to be disposed of in the following manner to wit:

First. I give and bequeath to my niece Eady Rose my demity counterpane and bed quilt and trunk to her disposal absolutely forever.

Second. I give and bequeath unto my sister Lidy Rose my feather bed and two sheets two checked and one yam counterpane and one pine chest contents to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my friend Nicholas W. Boddie all the residue of my estate of every kind after the satisfaction of the above specified legacy or legacies, to him and his heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint and my friend N. W. Boddie of said county my sole executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of August 1849 A.D.

Martha Eldridge (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged published and declared to be her last will and testament before us by the testator the subscribing witnesses.

Witness:
W. H. Boddie.
Jno H Edwards.
State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county November term 1849

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha Eldridge as offered for probate in open court and is duly proven by the oaths of W. H. Boddie and J. H. Edwards the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.
Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

In the Name of God Amen. I Elisha B. Hart, of the county of Nash, and State of North Carolina; being of perfect mind and memory, but of feeble health, recollecting the uncertainty of life and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die; do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following to wit:

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy W. Hart, two beds, bedsteads and furniture and one side saddle.

Second I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Susan B. Hart one bed and bedstead and half my bed furniture all but James Guilberts in Franklin county. I further give and bequeath to my daughter Vandelia C. Hart, one bed and bedstead and the remaining half of my bed furniture at James Guilberts in Franklin County. It is further my will and desire that all the remainder of my household and kitchen furniture together with my stock of cattle and horse farming utensils and so be sold and appropriated to the payment of my just debts.

I further give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy W. Hart (after the payment of the balance of my debts) all my right title and interest in the following named negroes viz: Jinney another son Daniel, Easter and her two sons Robert and Sampson. And I hereby make underlain my worthy friend Daniel L. Crenshaw executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Elisha B. Hart have hereunto set my hand and seal, June 7th, 1849.

I signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

J. M. Taylor
Benj B. Smith.
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county Feb term 1850

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elisha B. Hart is offered for probate in open court and duly proven by the oaths of J. M. Taylor, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

State of North Carolina, Nash County I Henry Edwards of the County and State aforesaid being in bad health but of sound mind make this my last will and testament. Item 1. I loan to my wife Milley all my property of every kind and quality whatsoever including all my money, for her sole use and benefit to manage and live on as she may best think, and if at any time any of the negroes become obstinate or unruly and will not be managed I give to my wife the power to sell such negro or negroes and use the lawful interest of such money as she may think best. Item 2. At the death of my wife I give all my lands to my three sisters now living in the State of North Carolina, viz: Nancy, Lucy and Sally to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever. Item 3. At the death of my wife I will all my negroes and all my other property and money which is loaned to my wife and its increase to be equally divided between my three sisters now living in

North Carolina, viz: Nancy Lucy and Emily my sister Betsey and brother David who moved to the State of Georgia some years ago and the three children of mine and sister Betsey being eight in number, and if any of the above named heirs to this my will and dead at my wife's death then I will that their lawful heirs shall come in for their lawful part. My will is that if the surviving children of my wife should at the death of my wife contend for any and in that case they are not to have or receive one cent by this will and if they can get anything by law let them do it. I do constitute and appoint and request that Wm. W. Boddie and J. B. Williams to act as friends, to counsel and advise my wife and to act as executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of Dec. 1849.

Witness

Joseph A. Drake

Wm. Edwards

James Decker

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter

Heshocounty

session May term 1850

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Edwards and is offered for probate and duly proven by the oaths of Joseph A. Drake, Wm. Edwards and James Decker, the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

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I William Cooper of Heshocounty North Carolina do this the eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: I lend to my beloved wife Margaret Cooper a part of my lands to wit beginning at a twin pine on my north line between David Joiner and myself thence on a straight line to the spring where I still sit and thence in the same direction until it strikes a little sappony swamp thence up the various courses of said swamp so as to strike a west course where my old deed turns a west course at three chopped pines thence south to the twin pines during her life and at her death I give and bequeath the same to my son David Cooper to him and his heirs forever.

I also lend to my wife Margaret the following negroes to wit one negro man Isham one woman Charlotte and one negro girl Adeline and their increase during her life and at her death it is my further will and desire that the said negroes be sold and the proceeds arising therefrom be equally divided between Rosa Barnes, William Cooper, Willie H. Cooper, Calvin Cooper, Ashley G.H. Cooper, David Cooper and Margaret Cooper to them and their heirs forever. I also lend to my wife her choice horse, two cows and calves, one yoke of oxen and cart, two feather beds and covering all the other goods of oxen and cart, two feather beds, seven head of sheep, one loun and one black walnut chest three pine tables all the sitting chairs and the earthen ware, butter, knives and forks, glass ware and c. All the contents of every disposition and the necessary utensils for cooking during her life, at her death to be equally divided between Rosa Barnes, William Cooper, Willie H. Cooper, Calvin Cooper, Ashley G.H. Cooper, David Cooper, and Margaret Cooper.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son George A. Cooper negro boy named Alse to him and his heirs forever and that the said boy may be taken in possession now or any other time but is not to be sold during my life.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sons William Cooper, Willie H. Cooper, Calvin Cooper and Ashley G.H. Cooper the balance of my lands to be equally divided between them with this provision that William Cooper pay to them fifty dollars \$50.00 to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my daughter Primmy Finch one negro woman Maria and one girl named Tracy and their increase from this day and at her death to be divided between her children.

Item: My further will and desire is that after paying all my just debts the balance of my negroes notheretofore willed away I give and bequeath them to my daughter Rhoda Redding William Cooper, Willie H. Cooper Calvin Cooper, Ashley G.H. Cooper David Cooper and Margaret Cooper and lend to Vincent Cooper during his life at his death I give them to his children and lend to my daughter Rosa Barnes during her life and at her death I give them to her children to be equally divided and their increase from this day to them and their heirs forever. Rhoda Redding is to throw in the negro girl I lent her in a lot with the others by valuation and it is my will that she shall take the lot that she is in my further will and desire is that all my property not willed away be sold and applied to my debts.

Item: I give and bequeath to William Cooper, Willie H. Cooper, Calvin Cooper, Ashley G.H. Cooper David Cooper and Margaret Cooper, each a horse to be valued and pay to each other the difference in value of horses.

Item: I give and bequeath to each of my children that are with me George H. Cooper William Cooper Willie H. Cooper, and Margaret Cooper each a feather bed and covering.

As to my son Little I B Cooper who is dead and left no heirs I shall give nothing. I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Willie H. Cooper and Ashley G.H. Cooper executors to this my last will and testament, which I do hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged in presence of Wm Cooper, (Seal)

N.W. Cooper

Geo W. Cooper

T.H. Scott

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session

Heshocounty

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm Cooper deceased is duly proven in open court by the oaths of N.W. Cooper and T.H. Scott two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

Attest J W Bryant, C.C.C.

Attest J.W. Bryant, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I James Ferrell of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and of the uncertainty of time thereof, to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please my God to call me hence, have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease, and after maturity considering the circumstances and condition of all those among whom as my heirs at law or the objects of my gratitude or affection in my judgment my estate shall be distributed. I do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all former last wills and testaments and writing in testament of last wills by me heretofore made. And my will is first that after my decease my body shall be decently buried without unnecessary expences and that my funeral charges and just debts be paid by my executor hereafter named. And as to my estate and property with which God has blessed me, shall not be required for the payments of my debts funeral, and the administration of my estate I give and devise to my wife Elizabeth Ferrell all household and kitchen furniture nine head of cattle, three head of horses all the hogs, pork corn, and fodder farming utensils, that may be on hand at my death to have and to hold to her and her heirs executors and administrators, to her and their use and behoof forever. Also one hundred acres of land to be set out by metes and bounds in the north end of the tract whereon I now live so as to include my dwelling and all out houses and other improvements to have and to hold during her natural life the said lands and premises, I give to my grand son Benj. Ferrell son of my youngest son Henry Ferrell two hundred and seventy four acres of land in the south end of the tract whereon I now live when he shall arrive at the full age twentyone years old to him and his heirs and assigns forever. It is also my will that my said youngest son Henry Ferrell the father of my said Grandson Benj. Ferrell shall live on and use the said lands to his own use and benefit until the said Benj. Ferrell shall arrive at the full age of twenty years old, it is my will that that time and at that time that the said Benj. Ferrell shall take full possession of the said lands and premises to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I give and devise to my grand son Oscar K Messay son of Mathew Messay and Miley his wife who are my grandsons also one hundred acres of land whereon I now live except the life estate of my wife devised in a former item of this my will to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple for ever. I give and devise to my eldest son Benj. Ferrell one dollar to be paid by my executor hereafter named into years after my death. I give and devise to my second son Burton Ferrell one dollar to be paid in two years after my death. I give and devise to my third son Rollen Ferrell one dollar to be paid in two years after my death. I give and devise to my youngest son Henry Ferrell one dollar to be paid in two years after my death. I give and devise to my eldest daughter Miley widow of David Hopkins one dollar to be paid in two years after my death. I give and devise to my grand children the children of my daughter Mary the late wife of Ruffin Sanders to be paid in two years after my death one dollar. I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Sanders widow of Lion Sanders one dollar to be paid two years after my death. I give and devise to my daughter Martha Morgan wife of Jameson Morgan one dollar to be paid two years after my death. I give and devise to my grand children the children of my daughter Mason Strickland the wife of the late Warren Strickland one dollar to be paid in two years after my death. I give and devise to my daughter Delacey Morgan wife of Henderson Morgan one dollar to be paid in two years after my death. It is my will that after paying all my debts and settling with my heirs the amounts which I have devised to each of my heirs that I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Ferrell