

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County sessions August term 1853
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament
 of William M. Matman is exhibited in open court for probate and duly proven
 by the oath of William M. Matman one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
 and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I James M. Mann of the State of North Carolina, and County of Nash being of sound mind and disposing memory do publish and declare that this is the act of my last will in relation to the matters herein contained, first I give and devise to my half brother Samuel L. Arrington all my lands which lie on the north side of Swift Creek adjoining the lands of John Harrison and others, to him and his heirs forever. The residue of my estate of every description both real and personal (with the exceptions hereinafter made) I give and bequeath as follows, to my half brother Samuel L. Arrington I give and bequeath one third part thereof to him and his heirs forever. To my half brother Archie Wald M. Arrington I give and bequeath one third part thereof to him and his heirs forever, and the remaining one third part thereof I give and bequeath to my nieces Elizabeth Williams and Lucy M. Cooper and my nephews Henry G. Williams, Solomon Williams, Samuel Williams, William I. Williams, John Williams, Archibald Williams and Thomas Williams children of my half sister Elizabeth Williams, to be divided between them in the manner and proportion following, viz. One half thereof I give to the aforesaid Elizabeth Williams and her heirs, and the other half of the said one third part to be equally divided between the aforesaid Lucy M. Cooper, Henry G. Williams, John Williams, Solomon Williams, Samuel Williams, William I. Williams, Archibald Williams and Thomas Williams share and share alike. My negro slaves Jim, (name/time called Jim Ditcher) and Henry a negro man I give and bequeath to Samuel L. Arrington during his natural life and if the said Samuel should die during the lives of Archibald H. Arrington and Thomas M. Arrington (sons of the said Samuel) or if either of them, then I give the said negroes Jim and Henry to the said Archibald H. Arrington during his natural life, and if the said Archibald should die during the life of the said Thomas M. Arrington then I give the said negroes Jim and Henry to the said Thomas M. Arrington and his heirs. This last bequest is made in full confidence that the said negro Jim will be permitted to enjoy the fruits of his labor, as also what he has already accumulated and that all the privileges which I have allowed him will be continued to him and that the said negro Henry in consideration of his long and faithful services will be treated with special indulgence and favor. I do hereby constitute Samuel L. Arrington and Archibald H. Arrington executors of this my will, the whole of which is written with my own hand and subscribed with my own name. Done the 20th day of January, A.D. 1851.

witness
 T.M. Wright
 William H. Arrington
 This is the only will that I have ever made, since Jan. 1 1851. this
 20th of June 1853. Jas. M. Mann.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County Nov. term 1853
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James M. Mann deceased was produced in open court and proved by the oath of T.M. Wright and William H. Arrington the subscribing witnesses thereto, her upon Archibald H. Arrington one of the executors therein named appeared in open court and qualified as such according to law. Ordered that the executor or have leave to sell the perishable estates of the testator and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Taylor Thorne of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of infirm health but of sound mind, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz: Item 1st. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of any part of my estate not herein specially bequeathed. Item 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Temperance L. Thorne, and my son Theophilus T. Thorne the whole of my real estate to be equally divided between them and to their heirs forever. Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Temperance L. Thorne one negro slave named Louiza to her and to her heirs forever. Item 4th. I give and bequeath unto my children, Ned Thorne, John E. Thorne, William B. Thorne, Joseph Thorne, Theophilus T. Thorne, Martha Hicks, Mary Jones and Temperance L. Thorne the residue of my estate of every description to be equally divided among them and to their heirs forever. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son John E. Thorne, executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 25th day of November 1853.
 signed, sealed and acknowledged
 in presence
 of us,
 James W. Ricks,
 Mourning Drake
 Taylor Thorne (Seal)

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State of North Carolina court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County Feb. term 1854
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Taylor Thorne deceased is exhibited in open court by John E. Thorne executor and is duly proven by the oath of Jas. M. Ricks one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I Henry Harrison of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First that my executor herein after named shall pay all 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 give and bequeath to my brother John Harrison the following named negro slaves to wit, Dennis, David and Judy to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my brother Amos Harrison the following named negro slaves to wit, Lewis, John to him and his heirs forever. Item I give to my brother John Harrison for the use and benefit of his son Nicholas C. Harrison and at his death to his heirs one negro slave Benjamin. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Temperance Drake during her natural life the following negro slaves to wit, Chary, Nick, Ned, Currin and Sam and at her death to be equally divided between her children and to their heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my brother John Harrison the following named slaves to wit, Tom and Emma to him and his heirs forever. Item It is my further will and desire that my executor herein after named give to each of the negroes given to him Temperance Drake and Nick C. Harrison ten dollars each for ten years in case either of the aforesaid negroes should die then it is my further will and desire the remaining portion be equally divided between the aforesaid negroes. Item It is my further will and desire that the balance of my property consisting of land stock and c. be sold and its my further will and desire that my executor pay to my friend and neighbor Mrs. Patsy Collins, fifty dollars for kindness and c. out of any moneys that may come into his hands. Item It is my further will and desire that all the balance of my property not otherwise disposed of be equally divided between my brothers and sisters. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty brother John Harrison my lawful executor 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 Harrison have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of July A.D. 1853.

signed, sealed and published and declared by the said Henry Harrison 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.
 Henry Harrison (Seal)
 H.W. Cooper
 John Powell

State of North Carolina, Nash County court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Feb. term 1854
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Benj. H. Harrison deceased is exhibited in open court, by John Harrison Exor. therein named and is duly proven in open court by the oath of H.W. Cooper and John Powell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I Raiford Boon of the County of Nash And State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. viz: I give and bequeath to my son Philimon Boon forty acres of land to be laid off and allotted to him off of the tract of land whereon I now dwell most and adjoining the lands on which he now resides to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I give to my granddaughter Harriet Westray my bedstead and furniture to her and her heirs forever. I give to my daughter Elizabeth wife of William Westray five dollars to her and her heirs. I give to my daughter Catherine wife of Edwin Edwards two cows and yearlings to her and her heirs forever. I also give to my son Philimon Boon five dollars to him and his heirs. I give and bequeath the residue of my estate of every description both real and personal to my two daughters Mary and Martha to them their heirs executors administrators and assigns to be equally divided between them share and share alike. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Archibald H. Arrington executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 16th day of March 1854.
 signed, sealed and acknowledged
 in the presence of
 Joseph A. Drake
 John E. Arrington
 Raiford Boon (Seal)