

In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel D. Sorby of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being now in health the in sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 19th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz:

Item: I give to my brother Henry Sorby the whole and all of my personal property consisting chiefly in bonds, accounts, &c.

Item: I give also to my said above mentioned brother Henry Sorby my land lying and being in the state of Illinois, also I bequeath to my said brother Henry my part of property inherited by the decease of our brother Benjamin Sorby. Also my part in my mother's dower, also my expected legacy in Virginia at the decease of our aunt. Also all the rest of property of what ever kind if any yet undisposed of above to him his heirs and assigns forever. And I hereby make and ordain my friend Benjamin Blount executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Samuel D. Sorby hath the day and date above written set my hand and seal.

S.D. Sorby (Seal)

Test.  
James Dozier  
Mary Blount

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State of North Carolina, Nash County court May session 1823.  
The last will and testament of Samuel D. Sorby was duly proven in open court by the oath of James Dozier and Mary Blount subscribing witnesses thereto who swore that they believed the testator to have been in proper mind and disposing memory at the time of execution the same and that they both saw him sign, and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament. therefore on motion the same was ordered to be made of record.

Henry Blount C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest H. Blount, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen. I Jesse Pridgen in the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being in health and perfect mind thanks be given to God for the same therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say: Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and

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divide and dispose of the same in following manner and form viz:

Item: I give to Patrick H. Pridgen one hundred and twenty five acres of land at the lower end of the old plantation. Item: I give to Colen H. Pridgen one hundred and twenty five acres of land at the upper end of the above mentioned plantation.

Item: I give to Jesse Pridgen two hundred and fifty acres of land whereon he now lives.

Item: I lend unto my deary beloved wife Mary Pridgen two hundred and fifty acres of land the plantation whereon I now live during her lifetime and after her decease my will is for it to be equally divided between my three sons Jesse Pridgen and Patrick H. Pridgen and Colen H. Pridgen.

Item: I lend to my wife Mary Pridgen one negro man by the name of George during her lifetime and after her decease my will is for him to be sold and equally divided between all my children.

Item: It is my will and desire that as much of my property as shall be sufficient to pay my just and lawful debts shall be sold to pay them and after my debts are paid the remainder of my property I want it sold and equally divided between all my children and my wife I want them all to have an equal part lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Drevry Pridgen and Hardy Pridgen my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixteen;

Signed, sealed in presence of Jesse Pridgen (Seal)  
Sam W. Wick  
David Winstead  
John Wells

State of North Carolina Nash County court. Aug term 1823.

The foregoing was duly proven in open court by the oath of Sam W. Wick one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of Jesse Pridgen deceased.

Attest H.G. Blount C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest H.G. Blount, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Jacob Braswell of the Nash County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this twenty second day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifteen make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First I give and bequeath to my daughter Cloah Bellars one negro woman named Dinah and all her increase also \$750 in cash to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: My will is that the negro woman Pink and all her increase that I lent to my daughter Charity Hedgepeth should stand disposed of as by said Charities will.

Item: I give to my daughter Selah Evans one negro girl named Little Jude and her increase to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Mary Jones one dollar in cash to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my three granddaughters Nancy, Patsy, and Mary Jones one negro woman Milbury, one negro by Arch, one negro girl Sylvia and one named Cary and all their future increase to be equally divided amongst them at the death of their mother Mary Jones and if one of the said grand children should die without heirs or children or child at the time of her death my will is that if the two surviving ones should heir the above negroes and increase if two of the said children should die with out having children or child at the time of their death my will is the surviving one should heir the above named negroes and their increase to be held and enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Patience Thomson two negroes by the name of Cliff and Harry and all their increase of the said Cliff to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Patsy Atkinson Lucys two children namely Byroom and Vilet and all their increase to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Lucretia Pitman one negro woman named Betty and all her increase one negro boy named Lewis to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Braswell one negro man named Tony one negro girl named Little Bess and her increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son William Braswell one negro boy named Pomp one negro woman named Lettuce and all her increase to him and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Brittain Braswell one negro man named Stephen one negro girl named Olive and all her increase to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Braswell all my land and plantation whereon I now live also the land I purchased of Deny Braswell one negro man Bob one negro woman Juda one negro woman Cate bry Allen and their increase also Charles and Venis also my still and my cyder cask to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Item.

Item: My two old negroes woman Bess and Rose I wish to be free and to live with my children where the said negro shall think proper.

Item: I give and bequeath to my five grand children Susanna Temperance "hoda, Mary and John Atkinson children of Patsy Atkinson one negro woman named Little Vinis and all her increase to be Equally divided between them after their mothers death.

Item: My will and desire is that after the payment of all my just debts that the residue of my estate should be divided between the following persons Chloa Sellers, Selah Evans, Mary Jones, children to draw one share, Patience Thomson, Patsy Atkinson children (to draw one) share Jacob Braswell William Braswell, Brittain Braswell and Jesse Braswell, Lucretia Pitman. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends William Boddie and George Boddie executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and declared in the presents of  
us William Braswell  
Elixx Jones.

mark his  
Benjamin Braswell  
his mark.  
John Braswell  
mark.

his  
Jacob Braswell (Seal)  
mark.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. WASH COUNTY AUG. Term 1823.

The foregoing was exhibited in open court by George Boddie one of the executors therein named and proven to be the last will and testament of Jacob Braswell Sen. by the oaths of William Braswell and Benj. Braswell two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest H G Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded

Attest H.G. Blount C.C.C.

In The Name of God Amen. I Solomon Edwards of Wash County and State of North Carolina being in sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following to wit:

I give and bequeath unto my son Edwin Edwards all that tract of land whereon I now live containing 382 acres more or less adjoining the lands of Levi S Underwood, Cordal Hunter, Hines Drake and others to him and his heirs forever. and I hereby make and ordain my son Edwin Edwards executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I the said Solomon Edwards have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

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Solomon x Edwards (Seal)  
mark.