

North Carolina, wife Nancy Lucy and Sally my sister Betsey and  
 Weather Broad who lived to the age of eighty years and  
 and the three children and their heirs and assigns eight in  
 number, and if any of the above named heirs to this my will  
 shall come in for their lawful part, my will is that if the said  
 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 S. 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.

Henry Edwards (Seal)

Witnesses

Joseph A. Drake

Wm. Edwards

James Decker

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session

Hatch County

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 sub-  
 scribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

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I William Cooper of 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 at and thence in the same direction until it  
 strikes a little sandy 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 choped 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 an negro  
 man Isaac a negro 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 and chattels, two feather beds  
 seven head of sheep, one loom and one buffet one desk, one book  
 case, The old clock one Bureau 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 discription 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 provisions 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 Tacy 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 whether or not 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 their children and their heirs  
 forever. Rhoda Redding is to throw in these 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)

H.W. Cooper

Geo W. Cooper

T.H. Scott

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session

Hatch County session May Term 1850

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 H.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 the nature of last wills by me  
 heretofore made. And my will is first that after my decease my body  
 shall be decently buried without unnecessary expenses 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, I shall not be required for the payments of my debts funeral,  
 and the expenses in and about the execution of this my will and  
 the administration of my estate I give and devise and dispose of  
 as follows to wit: I give and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Ferrell  
 all household and kitchen furniture nine head of cattle, three head of  
 horses all the hoggs, pork corn, and fodder farming utensils, that may be on  
 land 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 notes and bounds in the  
 north and 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 then 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 Oskar K. Messay son of Mathew Messay  
 and Wiley his wife one gray mare 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 Wiley 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 wife of Ben 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 off  
 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

all the residue of my estate. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife 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 null and void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said James Ferrell do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of February A.D. 1850.

signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James Ferrell 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

Claborn Perry  
A. J. Taylor

his  
James x Ferrell (Seal)  
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session  
Nash County sessions may term 1850  
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Ferrell deceased is duly proven in open court by the oaths of Claborn Perry and A. J. Taylor the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Jno W Cooper, C.C.C.  
Attest Jno W Cooper, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I William Cone of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory (thanks be to God) do this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord 1850 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following to wit. 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all my stock of horses cattle and hogs and all my corn and fodder also the proceeds of my crops for the summer and fall of this present year. I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife my present stock of bacon or pork together with all my household and kitchen furniture farming utensils and all of which I desire her to keep or dispose of as she may think best for the proper raising and educating of my children. 2nd. I lend to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood my negro Peter and all my land consisting of 200 acres. I also lend to my beloved wife (at the death of Nancy Morgan (if she should then be living) all the negroes that justly belong to me at said Nancy Morgans decease; said loan to be valid only during her widowhood.

3rd. It is in my further will and desire that at the death of Nancy Morgan or my wife which ever may be the last survivor, that the negroes above loaned be equally divided between my following named children viz: Harriett, Alsey, Mary, Henry Richardson, James, John Turner, Catherine, Susan, and William. It is also my will and desire that at the death of Nancy Morgan or my wife which ever may be the last survivor that the land above loaned to my wife be sold, and the balance of my wife's property consistent with her will be also sold, and that my daughter Elizabeth Green receive in money amounting to within fifty dollars of the average value of my other children may receive from the division of the above mentioned negro and if after the sale of the above mentioned land and property anything should remain as an overplus that it be equally divided among my sons. I also make and ordain my worthy friend Reuben Murray executor to this my last will and testament. The day and date above written.

Witness  
J. M. Taylor  
W. B. Bridgers

his  
William Cone  
mark

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session  
Nash County sessions Aug. term 1850  
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Cone deceased is duly proven in open court by the oaths of J. M. Taylor and William B. Bridgers 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.

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10th April 1842.  
I Joel Roper are in my wright mind I do make this my last will and testament if my wife Mary Roper should be the longest liver I give her all the negroes and their increase that came by her at our marriage

Joe I Roper.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session  
Nash County sessions Aug. term 1850  
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Roper but not attested by subscribing witnesses is brought into court and propounded for probate by Thos W. Wright and the court being satisfied from the evidences of three witnesses that said paper and the signature thereto are in the proper hand writing of said Joel

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Roper and that the same was found at the death of the deceased amongst his valuable papers the said paper writing is admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

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

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In the Name of God Amen. I David Rawls of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory and being conscious of my approaching dissolution and wishing to dispose of my earthly goods before I go hence do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Article 1st. I give and bequeath my tract of land being in the county of Martin and the State of Maryland, to my brother and sisters viz. Hardy Rawls Milley, Bailey Martha Woodard and Nancy Rawls to them to have and hold and dispose of at their will and pleasure. Article 2nd. I give and bequeath to my brother in law Daniel Bailey all moneys due me in the county of Martin for services rendered to me. Article 3rd. I give and bequeath to Mary T. Foster and her two children Sally Ann and Kelly Rawls all of my property moneys and debts due me after having paid all my just debts that I have not otherwise disposed of in this my last will and testament. Article 4th. I ordain and appoint Benj. F. Foster as my executor with discretionary powers to carry in to affect the provisions of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal. This 2nd day of July 1850. David Rawls (Seal)

Witness  
W. T. Wright  
T. C. Whitehead.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session Nov. term 1850  
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Rawls and is duly proven in open court by the oaths of W. T. Wright and T. C. Whitehead the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

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

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In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Winstead of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for his blessings, calling to mind the uncertainty of my earthly existence and knowing that it is appointed unto all once to die I make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my Grandson James L. Winstead one negro boy by the name of Jack to him and his heirs forever.  
Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Nancy W. Winstead one negro girl named Betty to her and her heirs forever.  
Item 3rd. The balance of my estate I leave to my two sons James W. Winstead and David W. Winstead to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. I constitute and appoint my two sons James W. Winstead and David W. Winstead my whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and forty nine.

Witness  
B. B. Smith  
Calvin Cooper  
Dempsy Winstead.

her  
Elizabeth x Winstead (Seal)  
mark.

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions  
Nash County November term, 1850  
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Winstead was duly proven in open court by the oaths of B. B. Smith, Calvin Cooper, and Dempsy Winstead the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C. and is recorded. Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

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State of North Carolina, Nash County In the Name of God Amen. I Theophilus Batman of the County and State aforesaid being far advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in way and manner following. First. I give my soul to God and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a plain but decent manner;  
Item: I lend unto my loving wife Mary my home tract of land containing ninety acres and the mill stone bridge and I lend unto my wife Mary and a negro slave named Pam and one bed and furniture during her natural life and at her death I give said property to my daughter Eliza Batman to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Grimes Batman five silver dollars to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Milly Williams fifty dollars in cash and one small tract of land containing 73 acres lying near where Drury