

their partition would render them measurably useless to each sharer and would greatly diminish the value of the land to James.

For these reasons, I give to my only brother James M. Mann all my estate of every description, real and personal, to him his heirs and assigns forever. But if the said James should die without leaving issue him surviving, or if the said issue should fail during the lives of Samuel, Elizabeth and Archibald Arrington or if either of them, then I give my real estate of every description to my half brother Samuel L. Arrington, to him, his heirs and assigns. I regret that I cannot embrace my negroes in this gift to Samuel such a limitation would render them onerous to the first taker.

And if the said Samuel should die without leaving issue him surviving, then I give the said real estate to my half brother Archibald Arrington. In the event of the said Archibald's death without issue him surviving, I give my said real estate to my half sister Elizabeth A. M. Arrington, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

I do hereby constitute my brother James M. Mann the executor of this will; the whole of which is written with my own hand, and subscribed with my name, on the 18th day of June A.D. 1824.

State of North Carolina  
Nash County court of Pleas and quarter session  
1824.

The foregoing was exhibited in open court for probate by James M. Mann the executor therein named and duly proven to be the last will and testament of Thomas N. Mann deceased by the oaths of James Hilliard, Weldon H. Edwards and William Plummer who swore that they severally believed the whole thereto to be in the proper hand writing of the testator as well also as the signature of the said Thomas and I further by the oath of James Hilliard who disposed that the said Paper writing was deposited in his hands by the said Thomas N. Mann for safe keeping whereupon it was ordered to be recorded. Attest H. Blount, C.C.C. and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest H. Blount, C.C.C.

This my last will and testament in the name of God Amen. I John Green of Nash County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory <sup>thanks be to God for the same</sup> do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

First: I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Sally Green, Two feather beds and furniture, one painted chest and table, during her life and at her death, I give and bequeath the said property to my daughter Ann Green, to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Then after paying all my must debts of every kind, my will and desire is that my said wife shall have the use of my plantation with my negro man Isaac, and every thing else of stock, crop, plantation tools household and kitchen furniture, that thereunto belongs after paying said debts during her natural life, if it can be kept together, without wasting of said property. <sup>As</sup> this cannot be done, then my will and desire is that all my property of every kind shall be sold and equally divided between my wife Sally Green and six children namely, Arthur Green, Thomas Green, Hardy Green, Joseph Green, Tabitha Powell and Ann Green, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

My further will and desire is that my daughter Tabitha Powell shall remain in possession of the houses and field where she now lives with the privilege of cutting fire wood off of my other land during said time. After revoking aliother wills of every kind whatsoever, I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Carter Arrington my executor to this my last will and testament this 29th day of January, 1823.

Signed, and acknowledged in presents of  
Jos Arrington, Jr. John Green (Seal)  
John Dozier, Jr.  
State of North Carolina, Nash County, court of P&Q Session Aug. Term 1824.

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be and contain the last will and testament of John Green deceased was exhibited in open court by Carter Arrington the executor therein named and duly proven as such by the oaths of Joseph Arrington Jr. and John Dozier Jr. subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded. Attest H. Blount, C.C.C. and is recorded H. Blount, C.C.C.

In The Name of God Amen. I Jesse Bass of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being sick and weak of boddie but of perfect mind and memory blessed be God knowing that it is once appointed for all men to dy do make and establish this to be my last will and testament. First: I gave my soul to God the author of the same and my body to be laid in the dust at the discretion of my friends as touching my worldly affairs as followeth that is to say:

Item: I lend to my beloved wife Frances during her natural life all the lands with in the following bounds beginning at the mouth of the little <sup>thence up the same to the mouth</sup>

of a branch that runs between the potato patch field and the wood ruff field thence up said branch to the fork thence a south <sup>corner house</sup> to a branch near the Manning old field and just above the maning path to a new marked corner pine thence down the branch to the creek near the maning ford, thence down the creek to a branch that heads near the prim old field thence up said branch to the head to a poplar thence a straight course to the prim spring thence to a corner pine where George Raddie Bunting and myself corners thence my own line and others a north course to the first station containing seven hundred acres more or less.

Item: I also give my beloved wife twonegrees namely Ned and Ann and two feather beds and furniture one that came by her one bureau that came by her two head of horses the Michel horse and ~~last~~ head eight hundred pounds of pork twenty barrels of corn two blade stacks and one top stack three bushels of salt three cows and calves five bushels of wheat and fifteen gallons of brandy.

Item: I give to my beloved daughter Frances Bass two negroes John and Bob.

Item: I give to my beloved son Coffield twonegrees namely Gustus and Esther.

Item: I give to my beloved son Counsel Bass one half of my mill and one half of two small strips of land that lies on each side of the mill also the tract of land that I bought of the heirs of Augustin Bass dead only excepting one hundred acres which is to be taken after the upper part joining the pead tract of land also one mare by the name of tups my bridle and saddle and two negroes named Tom and Amy.

Item: I give to my beloved son Goodman Bass the other half of my mill and the other half of the twentrips of land lying eastside of the creek as aforesaid for the use of the mill also the other hundred acres of land that I bought from the heirs of Augustin Bass deceased together with the hole of the pead tract of land and also two negroes namely Vol and Little Silva.

Item: I give to my beloved son Seon Bass all of my tract of land known by the name of the Chery land and the remainder part of the remaining land and two negroes named Charles and Liza.

Item: I give to my beloved son Jordan Bass the following tracts of land one tract by the name of Cooper land and one small tract of land called the Joiner lands also the ballance of the prim land that has not been devised away and twonegrees named Mary and Prudence.

Item: I give to my beloved son Gideon Bass two negroes one called big Mal and Hanner.

Item: I give to my beloved daughter Penelopy <sup>with right</sup> twonegrees which she has already had Juner and Beck.

Item: I give to my beloved son Edwin the upper part of the Britain tract of land together with seventy two acres of land that I have taken up to a dividing line between said Edwin and his brother Isaac Bass beginning in Gideon Basses line in the branch at a poplar thence south through the field by a persimmon tree to said Gideon Basses line also two negroes dread and Vilet.

Item: I give to my beloved son Isaac Bass the ballance of the Brittain tract of land from the dividing line down also two negroes called Will and Will.

Item: I give to my beloved son Edmon Bass twonegrees York and Peggy.

Item: I give to my beloved son Jesse Bass two negroes Jak and Pherry one horse named Talton, bridle and saddle fifteen barrels of corn and fifty dollars in cash.

Item: I give to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Bass three negroes namely Jude, Little Will and Peter.

Item: I give to my beloved daughter Louzancy Bass two negroes named Jenny and Allen.

Item: I give to my worthy friend morning Sikes one negro girl named Tiller.

Item: My will and desire is that all the remainder of my estate that I have not allready given away be sold by my executors and after the payment of my just debts to be equally divided among all of my children namely Gideon, Penelopy, Edwin, Isaac, Edmon, Jesse, Elizabeth, Counsel <sup>Jordan, his brother Francis & Coffield</sup> Louzancy, and I do hereby appoint my worthy friend Richard Holland my executor to this my last will and testament. Signed, and acknowledged in presence of us revoking all other wills by me made hereto fore as witness my hand and seal this 6th day of May 1822.

Witness.  
Little B. White  
J.J. Bowden her  
Elizabeth x White

Jesse Bass (Seal)

mark.  
State of North Carolina, Nash County court May Term 1822 of C. & S.  
~~from this document is no explicit mention made as to when~~  
the foregoing last will and testament, was duly proven in open court by the oath of Little B. White and J.J. Bowden subscribing witness thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded as appears of record and is recorded in obedience thereto. Attest H. Blount C.C.C.