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devised by me to said nephews should go to the surviving brothers and be equally divided among the surviving brothers of such deceased so that the property belong to the survivors unless the deceased leave lawfulness.

Item: I hereby nominate and appoint my brother in law Francis Drake and my nephew William F. Drake executors to this my last will and testament made this 26th day of June 1838 before signing or subscribing my name to the above. I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend and neighbor William Burt sen. executor to this my last will and testament.

Signed, and sealed in the presence of
Wm. Burt.
Jno Arrington
E.M. Hilliard
J.J. M Collins

Wm Drake (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county, August term 1838

The foregoing paper writing containing the last will and testament of William Drake deceased was duly proven in open court as his last will and testament by the oaths of William Burt and John Arrington two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded, Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.
The original will of which the foregoing is a copy has been delivered to Wm F. Drake Exr. in obedience to an order of the court made at February Term 1841 See minute docket.

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In the Name of God Amen. I David Forehand of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory bless God for his mercy doth this thirteenth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say I gave my soul to God that gave it also my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor.

Item: I leave all my land to be sold and the moneys arising from the sale of the land to be equally divided betwixt the heirs of Betsey Ruffin namely Polley Ruffin, David Ruffin, Marthe An Ruffin, Samuel Henry Ruffin, Elizabeth Frances Ruffin and John Ruffin and after paying my just debts I leave all the balance of my property to be sold, horses cattle logs and sheep and negroes and all the balance of my property and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between Betsey Ruffin, John Maths and Lucy Taylor and Morning Morris and Lettie Forehand also the said David Forehand do make and ordain this my last will and testament and revoke all others I also leave my worthy friend Barney Pearson my executor, signed, sealed and delivered

In presents of us.
Dempsy Harrison
Teacher Risks

his
David x Forehand (Seal)
mark.

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State of North Carolina Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county, August term 1838

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Forehand was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Dempsy Harrison and Teacher Risks the Court by the oaths of Dempsy Harrison the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest, E.H. Blount, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen I John Bissett of Nash county and State of North Carolina make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form first I revoke all wills or papers writing heretofore made by me and ordain this to be my last will and testament as following to wit: My will and desire in the first place is that all my just debts to be paid out in one horse one feather bed and furniture or some much of the crop and stock as my executor hereafter named thinks can be best spared sold on a credit of six months and if there should be any money left after pay the debts I give it as follows to wit:

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Delia Bissett the surplus part of the money that may be on hand after paying my debts and ^{settling} my estate and one half of all the remainder part of my estate both real and personal and of whatsoever kind to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Delia Bissett all the remainder half of my estate that I have not given away both real and personal and of whatsoever kind to her for her life time and after her death I give all the said half of the said property that is lent to her real and personal and of whatsoever kind unto John Henderson Bissett son of Joseph Bissett to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I do ordain and appoint my friend Josiah Vick my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and this the 18th day of August 1838 sealed and acknowledged in presence of us
Test.
German Duibangley
Mathew x Joyner
John Bissett (Seal)
mark.

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State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county November term, 1838

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Bissett was duly proven in open court by the oaths of German D. Langley and Mathew Joyner subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.
and is recorded.
Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.