

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> if 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 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>