

Nash County, North Carolina March 24th, 1869

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I Henrietta Howerton, being weak and feeble in body but of sound mind, do make this as my last will and testament, Item first: I wish my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts. Item second: I wish my executor sired that my executor shall keep together as far as practicable for him sale of it if it can be avoided. Item third: I wish and request my executor to direct and advise my sons George Thomas and William Baker in the management of the plantation and that the proceeds from the same shall be appropriated first toward the payment of my debts and that my executor shall then use his discretion with any balance that may be from the profits of the farm in the education of my son Wiley Frances and daughter Sally Bettie. Item fourth: after paying my debts and educating my son Wiley Frances and daughter Sally Bettie as above directed at the discretion of my executor, the balance of my estate of every description, both personal and real, I give and bequeath to my children namely, George Thomas, William Baker, Sally Betty, and Wiley Frances, equally to share alike in all respects. I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Dr. John A. Drake to be executor to my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal, the day and date above written;

H.G. Williams
J.A. Drake
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Nash County

Henrietta Howerton (Seal)

SS In The Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Henrietta Howerton deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said county by John A. Drake, the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said John A. Drake, the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of Henrietta Howerton, that the said Henrietta Howerton in the presence of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 24th day of March, 1869. And the deponent further saith, That the said Henrietta Howerton, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will, as an attesting witness thereto and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator. And these deponents further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, the said at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Henrietta Howerton was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not.

H.G. Williams (Seal)
Dr. J.A. Drake (Seal)

signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

State of North Carolina, In The Probate Court.

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This instrument made and entered into this the 12th day of July in the year of our lord 1865 between Elizabeth Tisdal of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, of the one part and G.W. Tisdal, Joseph Tisdal and Sallie Ann Tisdal of the County and State aforesaid and sons and daughters of Elizabeth Tisdal of the other part, Witnesseth: That the said Elizabeth Tisdal for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which she has unto her sons and daughter the said G.W. Tisdal, Joseph Tisdal and Sallie Ann Tisdal, sons and daughters as aforesaid, has given, granted, released and confirmed and by these presents does give, grant, release and confirm unto the said G.W. Tisdal, Joseph Tisdal and Sallie Ann Tisdal their heirs and assigns forever. I give to my son Joseph Tisdal one cow and one bed and I give to my daughter Sallie Ann Tisdal one cow and yearling and one bed. And I further more give to my son Geo. W. Tisdal and my daughter Sallie Ann Tisdal jointly nine hogs two pigs and one spider, and thirty acres of land adjoining to the tract of land of H.T. Bennett, William Woodard and others and to equally divided share and more like between Geo. W. Tisdal and Sallie Ann Tisdal to have and to hold the said thirty acres of land and the other property mentioned to the said Geo. W. Tisdal and Sallie Ann Tisdal jointly and to their heirs and assigns to them and their proper use and behoof as here in before mentioned. And I the said Elizabeth Tisdal in furtherance of these presents have full right and unquestioned authority to execute this deed of gift and doth warrant to my son and daughter their heirs and assigns full right and title to the herein gifted property and for the security of the same. I lend my self my executors here administrators and kindred severally to defend the right and title hereinafter made to the said Geo. W. Tisdal, Joseph Tisdal,

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and Sallie Ann Tisdal, in witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal, the day and date above written.

her
Elizabeth A. Tisdal (Seal)
mark.
W.P. Walker

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I John Harrison of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: Item 1st. I give my soul to God who gave it to me. Item 2nd. I give to my dear wife Celestia E. Harrison one horse and buggy two cows and calves, her share one yoke of oxen one cart and wheels, and all of my stock of hogs and sheep that may have on hand also one years allowance also one hundred dollars is special and two beds her choice, the three beds and stock that have not been disposed of is to be sold at my death. The household and kitchen furniture still and fixtures are to remain in her possession during her natural life whatever she may bring her I consider hers. Item 3rd. My will and desire is that all the land then north side of the dower be equally divided between the children of John F. Harrison my deceased son namely Bettie and Mary share and share alike. Item 4th. My will and desire further is that all my land on the south side of her dower including the tract that N.C. Harrison formerly lived on to be sold or divided between said N.C. Harrison's children. Item 5th. After the death of my wife the dower to be divided equally between the children of my deceased son John F. Harrison, namely Bettie and Mary. Item 6th. I have all ready given to my daughter Mary Drake one bond for five hundred dollars and interest also one gold watch to be handed to her after my death. My will and desire further is that all the bonds and money on hand if any of the proceeds of the sale be equally divided between my grand children that have already been named in the will. Item 3. In conclusion I hereby appoint my worthy H. Arrington my executor to execute this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal, this 8 day of April 1869.

John Harrison, (Seal)

Witness B.L. Arrington
Joseph A. Drake.

State of North Carolina, In the Probate Court
Nash County.

A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Harrison deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county, by B.L. Arrington, the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John Harrison by the oath and examination of B.L. Arrington and Joseph A. Drake, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of John Harrison that the said John Harrison in the presence of the deponent subscribing his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 8th day of April, 1869. And the deponent further saith, That the said John Harrison, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament in this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator and this deponent further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said John Harrison was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge or information or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not.

signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of J.P. Jenkins.
Probate Judge.

Joseph A. Drake (Seal)
B.L. Arrington (Seal)

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State of North Carolina Nash County. I hereby authorize my attorney Benjamin H. Bunn to enter my dissent to the will of my late husband, John Harrison before the Judge, of Probate for said county. Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of February, AD 1870

Benjamin H. Bunn
must be proved by witness and registered Oct..
North Carolina, Nash County. Probate court, February 21, 1870
Celestia E. Harrison the widow of John Harrison whose will was admitted to probate in this court on the 7th day of February 1870, by her attorney Benjamin H. Bunn duly authorized in writing dissents, from the will of her said husband which dissent is filed as a record of this court.
J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.