

I ~~also~~ and bequeath to my daughter Barbara Sandenford Arrington my land and plantation in Franklin County containing fifteen hundred acres together with the Mill thereon to her and her heirs forever. I also give to her the following negroes viz: One negro man named Peter, one negro man named Solomon, one negro man named Elbert, one negro man named Daniel, one negro woman named Mary, one negro woman named Nancy, one negro girl named Tempe, one negro girl named Lucy, one negro child named Frances, one negro woman named Pleasant and three children named Iley, Andrews, and Penny, together with their increase from this day, to her and her heirs forever. I also give her three ~~w~~ horses, all the stock of cattle and hogs with the working tools on the plantation heretofore given to her and one feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Eliza Harris one bond against Amos Harris for forty dollars. I give and bequeath to my son Peter Arrington in trust for the use and benefit of my grand daughter Mourning Screws one negro woman named Milbry and her child William, with her increase from this day, during her life and at her death it is my will that my son Peter or whoever may represent him should convey the negroes with their increase to the children, for the use and benefit of my granddaughter Mourning Screws three hundred dollars to be paid to her at his discretion and her receipt to be good to him.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary T. Drake one negro woman named Peggy and one negro girl named Mariah Miller with their increase from this day and three hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Harriett Adaline Drake one negro boy named Fil and one negro girl named Mima with her increase from this day and three hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my grand son Richard Armstrong Drake one negro man named Moses and five hundred dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand children Thomas I. A. Cooper, William Cooper, George Cooper, Neverson Cooper, and Nancy Bunn, children of my daughter Elizabeth Cooper, deceased, to be equally divided the following negroes viz: Harriett and ~~Sadie~~ together with the increase they now have or may hereafter have, the names of the negroes nor the number not recollected, but believed to be eight, which negroes are now in the possession of George Cooper, to them and their heirs forever.

I also give them one thousand dollars each. I give and bequeath to my sons Arthur Arrington, Lowelin Arrington, John Arrington and Peter Arrington and my daughters Mary Arrington and Barbara Arrington to be equally divided the following negroes viz: One negro woman named Tilly, one negro boy named Jack, one negro woman named Chanoy, one negro boy Willis, one negro woman named Polley, one negro boy named George, one

negro girl named Malvina one negro man Blacksmith named Dassy, one negro man blacksmith named Isham and one negro man blacksmith named Arther and their tools together with their increase from this day to them and their heirs forever. I also give them at the death of my wife to be equally divided all the property which I have lent to her except such as has heretofore been disposed of together with all my ~~ready money, bonds, notes and accounts~~ *my Bonds, Navigable Stocks and all other debts of every description* whatsoever, after paying my just debts and the legacies before mentioned to them and their heirs forever. Also all my property of every description not heretofore disposed of.

It is my further will and desire that if either of both of my daughters Mary and Barbara die without leaving issue, the property to her or them shall return to my estate and be equally divided between the rest of my children viz: Arthur, Lowelin, John, Peter and Mary or Barbara as the ~~one~~ may be and in the event of either of their deaths that their children represent them.

It is also my will that if either of my grand children Mourning Screws, Mary Drake, Adaline Drake, and Richard Drake die without leaving issue that the property given to such one be equally divided between the survivors. I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Arthur and John Arrington the executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

acknowledged in presents of
Rich. Arrington
A.L. Battle
State of North Carolina
Hesh County

Peter Arrington (Seal)

court of pleas and quarter sessions
November term 1837

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Peter Arrington deceased was duly proven in open court by the subscribers witnesses thereto at August term 1837 ~~Arthur~~ Arthur Whitfield was clerk and not by him recorded it is ordered by the court that the same be recorded by the present clerk. Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C. and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I John Rice of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being disposed to make a proper disposition of my estate at my decease, this twenty ninth day of April, in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, being of a sound and disposing mind at the time of executing the present, do make this as my last will and testament to wit: I give and bequeath to Benjamin Carpenter his heirs and assigns all the property I have previous to this day placed in his possession in fee simple. 2. I herewith give to Hopkins Rice and William Richardson in confidence and trust on and after the death of my wife Elizabeth, one ratifiable share of my estate as is hereinafter expressed during the life of my daughter Nancy Carpenter

that is to say that they hold one share equal to each of my other children as herein after designated, and after the death of said Nancy Carpenter, I give and bequeath the same to the children of the said Nancy Carpenter & their heirs and assigns in fee simple. The profits arising from the aforesaid conveyance to said Hopkins Rice and the said William Richardson to be applied to the support and maintenance of my said daughter Nancy Carpenter during her natural life.

3rd. I give and bequeath to William Richardson all the property I have previous to this date put in his possession in fee simple, also after the death of my wife Elizabeth one ratiable share of my estate as herein expressed to himself his heirs and assigns. 4th. I give and bequeath to Hopkins Rice all the property ~~xxx~~ I have previous to this date put in his possession in fee simple, also after the death of my wife Elizabeth one ratiable share of my estate as herein expressed to himself his heirs and assigns forever in fee simple.

5th I give and bequeath to Redin Richardson all the property I have previous to this date put in his possession in fee simple. Also after the death of my wife Elizabeth one ratiable share of my estate as herein expressed in fee simple.

6th; I give and bequeath to William Barpe all the property I have previous to this date put in his possession in fee simple, also after the death of my wife Elizabeth one ratiable share of my estate as herein expressed in fee simple.

7th. I give and bequeath to John Rice all the property I have previous to this date ~~put~~ in his possession in fee simple. Also after the death of my wife Elizabeth one ratiable share of my estate as herein expressed in fee simple, also at the same time one hundred dollars to be paid him by executors out of my effects.

8th. I give and bequeath to my son William Rice all the property I have previous to this date put in his possession also at the death of my wife Elizabeth one ratiable share of my estate as herein expressed also the plantation wherein I now reside containing eight hundred acres more or less during his natural life then to (his son) Richardson Rice in fee simple on condition that if my aforesaid son Wm. Rice is again married and has a child or children by any other wife or wives than his present one, then the said child or children by such wife or wives, shall be entitled to an equal share with his present one Richardson Rice, or if married again and having no issue the above to remain in full force to him for life, and to Richardson Rice in fee simple, Except so far as regards any woman he may join in wedlock lawfully after this time who in such case shall be entitled to a proportionate share of the said conveyed property during her life, as would be allowed or just and equitable terms that is to say one third part of the same should the

said Wm Rice decess to first ⁱⁿ and after her death as above directed. Item I give and bequeath to my grandson John Leonard at the decess of my wife Elizabeth one ratiable share of my estate as herein expressed in fee simple on condition if the said John Leonard dies before attaining the age of twenty one years, then the said part to be ratiably and equally divided as my effects are herein directed to be done.

Item: I give and bequeath to Benjamin Rice all the property I have previous to this date put in his possession in fee simple also three hundred dollars to be paid him out of my effects, after the death of my wife Elizabeth also after the death of my wife Elizabeth I give and bequeath one share ratiably, of my estate as herein expressed to his children that is to say his children and their representatives shall represent one part to wit John Rice, Nicholson Rice, Boykin Rice, and the heirs of Jincy Strickland and the said part to be equally and ratiably divided that is to say the children of Jincy Strickland to her one fourth of said part, and lastly I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth all the property I have in my possession at my decess during her natural life to have and to hold the same during said time, and if she deems it advisable to dispose of any part or portion of it for said time of her natural life to have the privilege and power of so doing and the money accruing from such sales to be given out on intrust, the interest of the same to be applied if my wife Elizabeth deems it necessary for her and her families support, and the principal to be held as my estate to be divided as above described and after the death of my wife Elizabeth my whole estate not otherwise disposed of to be sold or so disposed of that an equal and just division may be made as above directed. My testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered John Rice (Seal)
in presence of
Wm M B Adrell
Boykin Denton
Hopne Pucket

And I hereint appoint Benjamin Merritt and John Rice my executors to this my last will and testament John Rice (Seal)
Witness
W M Adrell
Boykin Denton
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Fash county November term 1840

Appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Rice, had been duly proven as such by Boykin Denton and Hopin Pucket two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at August Term 1837 while Ashtur Whitfield, was clerk, and the same not having been by him recorded it is ordered that it be recorded by the present clerk.

Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C.