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State of North Carolina Court of pleas and quarter Nash county session Aug term 1846
 the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Asberry Blackwell was offered for probate and duly proven in open court by the oath of Jno Mercer one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
 Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.
 and is recorded. Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

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State of North Carolina, Nash county. In the Name of God Amen. I John Rice Sr. of the County and State aforesaid being in low health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in way and manner following to viz: I give my soul to god who created me and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner. I Item: I lend to my loving wife Martha Rice a certain tract of land where on I now live including my dwelling and out houses lying on both sides the road beginning at the mouth of the Red Oak Spring branch then up said branch to the Red Oak Spring then a south course a straight line to the Road to a sweet gum then following a marked line to the back line then east to B. William Winsteads line then down, thence a long said Winsteads line within two hundred yards of the corner of the cotton patch field then Bryant Rices line by the corner of this will to the river then up said river to the first station. I lend to my wife Martha Rice certain slaves to wit Joe and York and Dorcas and Silva and Mary and Isaac during her natural life should she marry it in my will that Isaac should be taken by my executor and hired out and the proceeds to be applied to the use of my son Bryant Rice. I lend to my wife two feather beds and furniture one pine table one walnut table one bureau and china press six plates two dishes one set of cups and saucers and ten spoons one flax wheel and loom and gear two woolen wheels all the pots, ovens and c. in the kitchen one tray and sifter and meal stand and as much corn and fodder and pork as will support her self and family until she can make a crop for herself. I lend further to my wife all the wool and flax and ten that may be on hand at my death with six hundred pounds of seed cotton one hundred pounds of sugar 25 pounds of coffee two horses her choice, 3 cows and calves her choice, 3 sows and pigs her choice six sitting chairs and one blue chest.
 2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Winstead nine slaves to wit, Charlott, Mastey, Lewis, Little Master, Harry and Mary, Jerry and Cherry and Penina said slaves and their increase to the said Susan Winstead and the lawful begotten heirs of her body forever.

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and all the other property I have heretofore put in her possession it is my will that in the division of ~~my~~ arising from sale of my property that my daughter Susan Winstead should have one hundred dollars less than the rest of my lawful heirs in consequence of her having a more valuable lot of slaves.

3. Item: I give and bequeath to my son James M. Rice six slaves to wit: Solomon Easter, Spencer, Harriett and Fanny and Cherry also all the other property that I have heretofore put in his possession to him and his heirs forever and in case he die leaving no lawful heir of his body it is my will that said property be equally divided between my lawful heirs as hereafter directed.

4th I give and bequeath to my son Henderson Rice a certain tract of land on the south side of Tar River ^{beginning} at the mouth of the Red Oak Spring branch and running Martha Rice line to the back line ~~then as set to Fagere runn thence by line to the river~~ thence down said river to the first station. Also I give to my son Henderson Rice 3 slaves to wit, Jacob and Anaca and Hester and their increase to him and his lawful heirs begotten of his body forever and in case he die leaving no lawful begotten heirs of his body it is my will that said property should be equally divided among my lawful heirs as hereafter directed. I also give and bequeath to my son Henderson Rice all the other property I have heretofore put in his possession.

^{for the sum of a separate will}
 5th I give and bequeath to my executor ~~for the use of~~ ^{for the use of} my daughter Morning Williamson five silver dollars also slaves to wit Hixey and Alford and Larry and their increase wound after this time said property to be in no manner subject to the debts of her husband upon his death if he should die before the said Morning I will that my executors shall convey and deliver said property absolutely to her and if she should die before the said husband my will is that my executors should convey and deliver after payment of her debts said property to her next of kin other than her husband giving my executors full power to sell any of said negroes in this item and with the proceeds purchase others at the discretion.

6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Rice Slaves to wit and Antony Lindsey and Phillis Henry and Jim and their increase to her and her lawful begotten heirs of her body forever and in case she die leaving no lawful begotten heirs of her body it is my will they shall be equally divided among my lawful heirs the part falling to Morning Williamson to be kept by my executors as the other bequeath to said Morning in this will.

7th Item: I give and bequeath to my son Bryant Rice a certain piece of land lying at the mouth of the Dickinson branch and running up said branch near the upper ford to mouth of a little branch then up said

branch to the fork then the east fork to the road at a sassafras a marked sassafras then south to the branch back of the orchard then up said branch to a pond then south running in a midway through the wheat back field and running a south course two hundred yards beyond the field to a corner pine then east to Williams Winstead line then said Winsteads line to the River then up said River to the first station also slaves to wit George and Bettha also their increase also one darke filley 4 years old, two cows and calves to sows and pigs one saddle and bridle it is my will that my executors should rent out the land given to my son Bryant Rice until he arrives at full age and then return to him the proceeds of such rent.

Item: In addition to the above bequeath I lend unto my wife Martha Rice one yoke of oxen one cart and wheels one pig and harness and all the sheep one hand during her natural life at whose death it is my will that Silva and Isaac should be sold and the money arising from said sale to be divided between my four children in the following manner Lucy to Susan Winstead five dollars and Morning Williamson five dollars and the balance to be equally divided between James M Rice and Henderson Rice. It is my will that at the death of my wife Martha Rice that the 4 slaves lent to him in the will should then be the property of my son Bryant Rice and the land and steers and cart to him and his heirs forever and in case he die leaving no lawful begotten heir of his body it is my will that said property be divided between my four children equally and James M Rice, Henderson Rice, Susan Winstead and Morning Williamson.

Item: It is my will that all the balance of my estate be sold by my executors and all my just debts paid and the over plus if any to go to my son Henderson Rice provided it doth not exceed one hundred dollars and if it should exceed one hundred dollars the balance to be divided between my 3 children James M Rice, Henderson Rice and Morning Williamson the part drawn by my daughter Morning Williams to be disposed of by my executors as before named and in case there be not sufficient left out of this will to pay all my just debts then and in that case it is my will that each of my heirs should pay back and pay equally alike, and I do hereby appoint constitute and ordain my two worthy friends A.B. Pains Jr. and Martha Rice my executors to this my last will and testament revoking and utterly making void all other wills heretofore made by me in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28 day of March, 1845.

test.
Kinchen Taylor.
Robert D Deane.

John Rice (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county Nov. term, 1845

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Rice was offered for probate and the same being duly proven by the oath of Kinchen Taylor and Robert D Deane the two subscribing witnesses thereto it is ordered to be recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

and is recorded,

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

In The Name of God Amen. I William Ball of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and after recommending my soul to God who gave it and my body to a decent interment by my executor and friends I dispose of such worldly goods and estate as it hath please God to intrust and bless me with, in the following manner viz:

Item: 1st. My will and desire is that my beloved wife Milly have a possession as a home during her natural life of the house, orchard and field, yard and garden in the land where I now live and after her death I give the whole of the said tract of land and all its appurtenances to my beloved son William Kinchen Ball to have and to hold the said land he, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 2nd. I lend unto my beloved wife Milly during her natural life one negro woman named Rachel, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs, all the fowls, 1 bed and furniture, 1 safe, 6 chairs, 1 table, 1 chest, (keys) 1 room and gear, 1 spinning wheel and 1 pair cards all the kitchen furniture, 5 barrels of corn and 500 pounds of pork. And after her death I give the above named negro stock and furniture to my son William Kinchen to have and to hold, he, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 3rd. I give unto my beloved son William Kinchen Ball three head of cattle called his, one black mare one negro boy named John, a parcel of hogs called his viz: 1 sow and 4 pigs, and 8 shoats, 8 head of sheep to have and to hold, he, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 4th I also give unto my son William Kinchen Ball fifteen barrels of corn, fifteen hundred pounds of fodder, 1 bridle and saddle called his.

Item: 5th. I loan unto my beloved daughter Priscilla Lawrence Walker during her natural life one steer, 1 cow 2 beds and furniture, 1 trunk and other articles now in possession of my son in law Soling Walker, and after her death I give the above named stock and furniture to her children John B. Walker, Ellick H. Walker and Rebecca H. Walker to have and to hold, they, their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 6th I give and bequeath unto my grand children John B. Walker, Ellick H. Walker and Rebecca H. Walker one negro girl named Jennet