

my executor hereinafter named shall call all of my property both real and personal and all my other property of every kind and improve to be divided as follows my sister in law Lucy Savage is to reside with my family and be supported with my property during her natural life or so long as she desires to live with them but if she leaves my family on her own account my property is no longer responsible for her support. Third: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Ann Eliza Coggins fifty dollars and the residue of my property I give and bequeath to my children viz. Merritt Matchel, John Matchel and William Matchel to be divided equally among them. Fourth likewise I make constitute and appoint my son Merritt Matchel to be executor of this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the tenth day of April, in year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three. his

Witness: Josiah Collins
Richmond Spokurch
State of North Carolina

Drury Matchel (Seal)
Mark.
Court of pleas and quarter session
Nov. term 1864

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Drury Matchel is offered for probate on the testimony of Josiah Collins and Richmond Spokurch the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C. cll.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Wm H Mathews of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory do this 19th day of April, 1864 make and ordain this to be my last will and testament viz: I leave unto my beloved wife Lucy H Mathews during her natural life all of my property of every description to use in any way she thinks best as she may see fit and at her death it is my will and desire that Lucy H Mathews daughter of my brother John H Mathews shall receive $\frac{1}{2}$ have and possess the whole of said estate. It is my will that at my death my brother John H Mathews shall call such things as he thinks best to pay my just debts and that every thing left after paying said debts shall be disposed of as above stated. Witness my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Witness: J.D. Mathews, Geo Collins
William Mathews (Seal)
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session, Nash County Feb. term 1864. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William H Mathews is offered for probate on the testimony of J.D. Mathews one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who duly proves the same and Geo. Collins the other subscribing witness is out of the estate and that he saw him subscribe his name as a witness in the presence of the testator it is ordered by the court. That said will be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said William H Mathews and is ordered to be recorded and filed. Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C. cll.

In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel M. Matchel of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. That my executors and hereinafter mentioned shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with just debts out of the moneys, that may come into their hands as part of my estate. Item 1. I leave to my wife Charlotte Matchel my entire tract of land whereon I now live during her natural life after death I give the said land to my son Jordan M. Matchel to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I also leave to my said wife Charlotte the following negroes slaves to wit. Mary and Francis during her natural life and at her death I give the same to my son Jordan M. Matchel and my daughter Martha the wife of Madison Sims to them and their heirs and assigns forever. To be equally divided between them. Item 2. I give and bequeath to my son Jordan M. Matchel all the lands that I may have at my death to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Item 3. I give and bequeath to my wife Charlotte the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars and the balance of money that I may have at my death I give and bequeath to my son Jordan M. Matchel and my daughter Martha the wife of Madison Sims to be equally divided between them, and all of my stock horses held and kitchen furniture. I leave to my said wife and after death I give the same to my son Jordan M. Matchel and daughter Martha Sims the wife of Madison Sims to them and their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally divided between them. Item 4. I give and bequeath to my son Jordan M. Matchel the following named negroes and their increase to wit: Jack and Mary to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Item 5. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Sims the wife of Madison Sims the following named negroes and their increase to wit: Fannie, Anne and Joe. Witness to her and her heirs and assigns forever. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jordan M. Matchel and my son in law Madison Sims my executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of December A.D. 1860. Saml. M. Matchel (Seal)

Witness: Josiah Collins
John T. Russell.
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session Nash County Feb. term 1864. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel M. Matchel is offered for probate on the testimony of J.D. Mathews one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who duly proves the same and that he saw the other subscribing witness Geo. T. Russell and the same in the presence of the testator and is ordered to be recorded and filed. Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C. cll.

and is ordered to be recorded. Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C. cll.
and is recorded in obedience thereto. Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C. cll.

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In the Name of God Amen. I John B. Rice of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: First I give my self a decent burial. It is my will and desire for my children to live together and keep house until the youngest child becomes twenty one years old unless they get married and it is also my will that my home plantation together with the improvements remain for three months to keep house on and that the children shall keep all the negroes and livestock under fourteen years old together and two negro fellows at home of their choice I leave one year support for the family to be laid off by my executor and three horses for their use. Next as they may choose also one yoke of oxen and cart and so forth their choice I leave for them 8 cows and calves a plenty of the hogs, with corn and pigs, for them to keep house on and I also suitable farming utensils for them to be judged by my executor. I also give to my children one of my children one feather bed and its furniture all the first choice among the goods to take the first choice of the balance of the my perishable property not mentioned I leave for my executor to sell on six months credit all the negroes not mentioned to be kept at home is to be hired out and I wish my executor to see that the property willed of any child or children after become of twenty one years old wants his part of the property it shall then all be however together and such child or children shall then take and have her or their part equal part of land and negroes and money. The property shall not be finally divided at first but only as such children comes of age and petitions and after such division as I have mentioned the balance of the property shall all go back together until the next eldest child becomes of age and calls for his or her part and it is my will that my son Nathaniel shall have a good english education from my estate as a whole I leave with my executor to be judge of the education it is my will that my children shall have the use of my blackway so long as they remain together and keep house. Next it is my will that my children shall be furnished with anything they may need for support as far as my estate will afford my executor to his own discretion in the last item and I do hereby nominate and appoint my worthy friend A.B. Baines executor to this my last will and testament revoking and making void all other wills made by me this 20th day of November, 1863.

Witness:
J.T. Webb
W.B. Manning

Jno. B. Rice (Seal)

State of North Carolina Court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County Feb. term 1864

The paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jno. B. Rice, was presented for probate by the executor therein named A.B. Baines and the due execution thereof is duly proven by W.B. Manning one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who duly proves the same and also that J.T. Webb the other subscribing witness is out of the State and that he saw him subscribe said will as a witness in the presence of the testator it is ordered by the court that said will be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Jno. B. Rice and is ordered to be recorded whereupon A.B. Baines the executor therein named comes into court and qualifies as such. Attest B.H. Searby, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Jacob Griffin of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore, make ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to wit: First. After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate real and personal, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit: And. I give and bequeath to my wife Temperance and my children, viz. Mary, Temp, Mariah, John and Howell, each one bed and furniture. 2d. I give and bequeath to my son John my bay mare. 4th. I give and bequeath to my wife Temperance and my son Howell (jointly) my sorrell horse. 5th. At the death of my wife Temperance, I give and bequeath to my son Frank, fifty acres of land this being his all and equal share of my estate, with what I have given him before. 6th. I give and bequeath to my wife Temperance during her natural life the residue of my estate consisting of land, a note, stock household and kitchen furniture, and so. and at her death to be equally divided between my children Aliza, Mary, Temp, Mariah, John, Howell, and Delphin. The said Delphin, to share and share alike, with the rest, in all except the land having already given him his share of said land. 7th. Likewise I make, constitute and appoint my said son John to be executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 18th day of October, A.D. 1864.

Jacob B. Griffin (Seal)
Mark.

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Jacob Griffin in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be subscribed to be his last will and testament and we at the testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

John F. Drake, Nash County
Benjamin F. Drake,