

W. B. Williams do hereby set my hand and seal this 11th day of October A.D. 1882.

Signed and sealed, published and declared by the said William B. Williams to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
W. L. Whaley
R. M. Perry

William B. Williams
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State of North Carolina } In the Probate
Cash County } Court

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of W. B. Williams deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by W. L. Whaley the executor therein named and the due execution of W. L. Whaley R. M. Perry the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of W. B. Williams, that the said W. B. Williams in the presence of the deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 11th day of Oct. 1882. And the deponent further swears that the said W. B. Williams the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament - and 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 swears 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 deponent subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said W. B. Williams was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any constraint to the knowledge information or belief of this deponent and further these deponents

any not.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

W. L. Whaley
R. M. Perry

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John T. Morgan
Probate Judge

I, John Thorpe of Cash County North Carolina, desirous of making a proper disposition of my estate to my wife and children, and appreciating the uncertainty of life, do now make this my last will and testament

It is my will that my just debts be paid including what I may owe either one of my children, which last is to be credited in any debt I may have against them if I shall have any not computing interest either way, until the first day of January of the year next after my death.

I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Virginia for and during her life that part of my home plantation embracing all the land contained within the following bounds: Beginning at the western gate post of the gate at Southern end of my avenue near the old field thence with the county road which runs through my said farm and easterly direction to Mrs. E. B. Lewis land thence with her line to northerly direction to the northeast corner of home plantation thence with the reclaimed land in a westerly direction to north west corner of the reclaimed land behind blacksmith shop thence with the western boundary of my grove to the gate near Misses Balls house - thence with the outer or western boundary of my grove

shall die under the age of twenty one years leaving no child the estate I give him or her by this will I give to the survivor of them, and if the survivor of them shall die under the age of twenty one years leaving no child said estate I give to my other six children and their heirs,

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It is my will that the balance of my estate not herein before given shall be converted into money the collectable debts collected, and the uncollectable debts and all personalty and other estate sold for cash at public auction after at least thirty days notice by advertisement, and divided equally among my seven children hereinbefore named each accounting for the amount he has received from me or shall receive by this my will except that Anne Virginia is not to account for piano and the contents of her room, and at the sales herein provided each of my Executors may bid for and purchase property on the same terms as if he was not Executor. And it is my will that my farming operations shall be carried on for the benefit of my estate under what ever terms I shall then be farming till the fall of the year in which my death shall occur my sale be had during that fall and the accounting between and among my children shall be the first day of January of the ensuing year. I hereby constitute and appoint my five living sons, John Houston, William Lewis Franklin Jesse Daniel Ward, and Alex, and all of them who shall qualify as such within sixty days after my death shall act as such heirs under my hand and seal the day of

A D 1883

John Thorp *and*

signed sealed published
and declared in the
presence of
Robt H Ricks
J M Banitt

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Nash County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John Thorp deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by W L & J M Thorp the executors therein mentioned and the due execution thereof by the said John Thorp by the oath and examination of Robt H Ricks and J M Banitt the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose it and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of John Thorp that the said John Thorp in the presence of them deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the day of 1883

And the deponents further swear that the said John Thorp the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as an attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And these deponents further swear that at the said time when the said Testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of deponents subscribing their names as an attesting witnesses thereto

as aforesaid the said John Thorp 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

Severally sworn and Subscribed this 1st day of June 1883
 J. W. Barrett Seal
 Geo. H. Morgan
 Probate Judge

I, M. E. Thorp being of sound mind, and knowing the uncertainty of human existence do make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following:

I give unto my husband, W. M. Thorp, all my property of every description, real and personal, which I may possess or be seized of at my death, to have and to hold unto him the said W. M. Thorp his heirs and assigns forever. And it is my deliberate wish and desire that this my last will and testament shall not be affected or in anywise changed by the future birth of children unto us, or by any cause whatsoever.

I fully constitute and appoint as my Executor my husband W. M. Thorp. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and requested two friends to witness the same.

This February Apr 9th A.D. 1875

M. E. Thorp

Witness
 B. R. Arrington
 Bennett Dunn

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

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of M. E. Thorp deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by W. M. Thorp the executor therein mentioned and the two executors thereof

by the said M. E. Thorp by the oath and examination of B. R. Arrington, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: who being duly sworn, both depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will and testament of M. E. Thorp; that the said M. E. Thorp in the presence of these deponents, subscribed his name at the end of said paper-writing, which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 9th day of April A.D. 1875. And the deponent further saith that the said M. E. Thorp the testatrix aforesaid, did, at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper-writing to be his last will and testament, and the 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 testatrix. And this deponent further saith, that at the time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponents subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said M. E. Thorp was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information and belief of this deponent. And further this deponent says not.

And it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of J. H. Thorp, that Bennett Dunn one of the subscribing witnesses resides out of the State of North Carolina and is a citizen of the State of Virginia: And it is further proven by the oath and examination of the said J. H. Thorp that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Bennett Dunn having often seen him write; and that the name of the said Bennett Dunn, subscribed as a witness to said last will is in the proper handwriting of the said Bennett Dunn, and further this deponent says not.

And it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of J. P. Arrington that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said M. E. Thorp and that the name of the said M. E. Thorp signed as the testatrix of the said Will and the handwriting of the said M. E. Thorp: And further this deponent says not.

B. R. Arrington Seal

John H. Thorp Seal

J. P. Arrington Seal

Severally sworn and subscribed this 30 day of July A.D. 1880 before me

Geo. H. Morgan
 Probate Judge