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State of North Carolina,  
Nash County

S.S. In the Probate court,  
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of A.H. Arrington, deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said county, by J.P. and B.L. Arrington, of the executors thereon named, and the due execution thereof by the said A.H. Arrington, by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and say that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last will and testament of A.H. Arrington that the said A.H. Arrington, in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 6th day of May, 1872. And the deponents further saith, that the said A.H. Arrington the testator 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 deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said paper writing as attesting witnesses 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 his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said A.H. Arrington, was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not.

severally sworn and subscribed this  
29th day of July, 1872, before me.  
J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

Jno Arrington (Seal)  
N.W. Cooper (Seal)

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In the Name of God Amen. I William Jane Bryant of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory but knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do on this the 9th day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form to wit. Item 1. I desire that my necessary expenses be paid out of my estate. Item 2nd. I will and desire that my daughter Medora Deans have fifty acres of land allotted to her to be taken off the south-west portion of my tract of land to be run off as my executor may think proper in carrying out this my last will and testament to her and her heirs forever. Item 3. I will and desire that my son Robert and daughter Ellen have two hundred acres of land layed off in good shape to include all the houses and improvements, to remain undivided until Robert becomes of age or until one of them gets married then to be equally divided between them. Item 4th. I will and desire that my executor hereinafter named shall sell and deed to T.A. Johnson his heirs and assigns, the two lots of cleared land belonging to my tract of land and adjoining the said Johnson the Johnsons paying a fair price for the same to be determined by my executor. Item 5th. I give and bequeath unto my son John Bryant, all the balance of my tract of land being about one hundred and five acres to him and his heirs forever. Item 6. I will and desire that each of my three youngest children Jno. Ellen and Robert have a bed and furniture each, having given my oldest daughter Medora Deans one herebefore. Item 7th. I will and desire that my executor sell at public sale all the balance of my property for cash at such time or times as he may think proper including the present crop, and that he pay out of the proceeds thereof all my just and honest debts for which I am bound by law to pay, and if there is a surplus of money after paying my debts left in the hands of my executor, I will and desire that he pay to my son Jno. the amount of money for which my young mare sold, said amount to be applied by my executor for the purpose of educating my son Jno. as far as possible. Item 8. I will and desire that should there be a further surplus of money in the hands of my executor after paying my just debts and giving Jno. the amount of money for my mare sold then and in that case I will and desire that it be to be equally divided between my three youngest children viz: Jno. Robert and Ellen. Item 9. I will and desire that should my son John die leaving no heirs I will and desire that Ellen and Robert have his part of my estate and should Ellen or Robert die leaving no heir then the surviving one to have the estate of deceased brother or sister. Item 10. I will and desire that the fifty acres of land given to my daughter Medora Deans, be kept for the benefit of her and her children forever. Item 11. I will and desire that should my executor ever collect from the United States the amount of money due my husband for taking the last census in Nash County, before the last census that he shall apply the same for the purpose of assisting in educating my son Robert, and daughter Ellen, given under my hand and seal day and date above written. William Jane Bryant, (Seal)

imposing full trust and confidence in my neighbor and kinsman Geo N. Lewis. I this day constitute and appoint him my lawful executor to this my last will and testament this 9th day of August 1872. signed sealed and delivered in the presence of  
D.M. Johnson  
W.F. Edwards

William Jane Bryant, (Seal)

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State of North Carolina, Nash County S.S. In the Probate court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm Jane Bryant deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said county, by Geo N Lewis, the executor thereon named, and the due execution thereof by the said Wm J Bryant, by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last will and testament of Wm J Bryant that the said Wm J Bryant, in the presence of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 9th day of August, 1872. And the deponents further saith, that the said William J Bryant, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing to be her last will and testament and the deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testatrix and these deponents further saith, that at the said time when the said testatrix subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said William J Bryant was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not; severally sworn and subscribed this 7th day of October 1872. before me.

W.F. Edwards (Seal)  
D.M. Johnson (Seal)

J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

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I John W. Williams, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being and as I hope of sound mind and disposing memory but far advanced in years do make and publish this my last will and testament in the following viz: I give my sole to god ~~and my soul to god~~ and my dear body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a plain but decent manner. Item 1. It is my will that all my just debts be paid by my executor hereafter to be named. Item 2. I give and bequeath to Esakiah E. Flowers son of Luisa Flowers afterwards Louisa Roe my home tract of land said to contain one hundred and fifty acres to him and his heirs forever. Item 3. I give and bequeath to James McWaters son of Sally McWaters ninty seven and a half acres of land adjoining the home tract Willie Farmers and after to him and his heirs forever. Item 4. I lend unto my sisters son Joseph S. Williams one good feather bed and stead and furniture his choice during his natural life, at his death I give and bequeath said bed and furniture to James McWaters to him and his heirs forever. Item 5. I give and bequeath to Virginia Flowers widow of Bennet Flowers one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. Item 6. It is my will that all the balance of my property of every kind be sold for cash and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided ~~between~~ applied in the following manner first pay to Rosana Strickland wife of Henry Strickland for her great kindness and attention and services some while affected and hundred and twenty five dollars in money and should there be a surplus left, I give and bequeath to the same Rosana Strickland for services to me rendered. Lastly I give and bequeath to my friend Joseph J. Williams the whole of my wearing apparel of every kind and description and I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend A.B. Baines, executor to this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all other wills heretofore made by me this 15th day of November 1872.

John Williams (Seal)  
John W. Rice  
Henderson Rice.

State of North Carolina, Nash County S.S. In the Probate court.  
A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John W. Williams, deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for said county by A.B. Baines, the executor thereon named, and the due execution thereof by the said John Williams, by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness the paper writing now shown them purporting to be the last will and testament of John Williams that the said John Williams in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 18th day of November 1872. And the deponents further saith, that the said John Williams, the testator 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 deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses 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 his name to the said last will and as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said John Williams was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not. severally sworn and subscribed this 19th day of December 1872. before me. J. P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

John W. Rice (Seal)  
Henderson Rice (Seal)