

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county, February term 1838

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Moore Leigh was duly proven in open court by the oaths of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

and is recorded, Wm Dozier, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Lucretia Harrell of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be god, do this 5th day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

First: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Culpepper my negro girl Caroline to her and her heirs forever. Second. I give and bequeath unto the sons of Jethro Marrell my son my negro boy Cary to them and their heirs forever.

Third: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Culpepper my negro girl Julia, also one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. Fourth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Emillia Taylor my negro woman Fanny to her and her heirs forever.

Fifth I give and bequeath unto my son William Harrell my negro boy Crafford to him and his heirs forever.

Sixth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Charlotte Whitley my negro girl Dinah two beds and furniture one of which is now in her possession and the other is called mine.

Eighth: I will that the balance of my property be sold and if any thing remains after paying my debts that it be equally divided betwixt my daughters viz: Elizabeth Culpepper, Rebecca Culpepper, Emillia Taylor and Charlotte Whitley.

Lastly I hereby make and ordain my son inlaw Allen Taylor executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Lucretia Harrell have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal, the day and date above written.

Witness.
Timo. Ferrell
Willie Whitley.

her
Lucretia x Harrell (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county May Term 1838

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lucretia Harrell was offered for probate and duly proven by the oaths of Timothy Ferrell and Willis Whitley the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C. and is recorded, Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C.

I Henry Arrington of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of man's earthly existence and being in declining State of Health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit: first that my executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the first monies that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item: I give and devise to my wife Rebecca the whole of the tract of land whereon I now dwell together with all improvements thereunto belonging to have and to hold to her the said Rebecca for and during her natural life; in satisfaction for, and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate. Item: I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Ward all this tract of land whereon I now live except the life estate of my wife Rebecca devised in a former item of this my will, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever. Item: I give and devise to my son Holman Arrington all that tract or parcel of land called and known as the cooper tract upon his paying to my son John L. Arrington two hundred Dollars to have and to hold the aforesaid land and every parcel thereof to him the said Holman and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item: I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Ward all that tract or parcel of land called and known as the Mearns tract or parcel of land called and known as the Mearns tract lying on the south side of swift creek to have and to hold the same during the life of my wife Rebecca and at her death it is my will and desire that the said Mearns tract of land be sold for a division and the monies arising therefrom be equally divided amongst the whole of my children or their representatives share and share alike as their right and property forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ward the following negroes to wit: Negro woman Lucy and her child Aney, negro boy Ben and negro girl Mary commonly called Black Mary together with their increase from this day to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my wife Rebecca the following negroes to wit: Darcas and her children Sarah, Henry, Mandy, Winney, John, Solomon, and Emily, Nancy and her children to wit Martha, Frony, Sylvia, Ephraim, and Sam, together with their increase during her life and after her death to be equally divided amongst the whole of my children to wit Robt., John, Elizabeth Ward, Holman and Mary, share and share alike to them their heirs and representatives forever.

Item: I lend to my wife Rebecca all my household and kitchen furniture all my stock of sheep, cattle, hogs, horses, and mules all the crop of every description that may be upon the plantation whereon I now live