

In addition to the above I land hereafter the death of my wife fifty acres to be taken from the land I land my wife commencing at Pitts corner in the big branch running east branch as far as to strike the negro line as far as to leave him fifty acres. I also land him two negroes George and Sarah. also all the debt he is owing that way he think will be of the greatest benefit to him and family and at his death I give and bequeath to him and his gotten heirs the above property is to be for my own special benefit.

Item: I land to my son Gideon B Bryant during his natural life all that part of my tract of land lying west of the following line commencing at Abraham old landing on the river just above the old hill fields thence a due north course to Willie Harrison line and also two negroes James and Good and at his death I give and bequeath the same to all his lawful heirs. Item: I land to my son Thos. B Bryant during his natural life the following land commencing in or about the center of the Woodstock old field thence a due east course to N. J. Martha land all north of said line in addition to the above I land him another piece commencing at corner the center of the Woodstock old field on Warren line thence said line to the new road thence the said road south to a sandy bottom near the head of my lane thence out east about two hundred yards thence back to the station to be a straight line as far as not to go near than two hundred yards of the field. I also land him the following negroes Abram, Jordan, and Clara. also one horse and at his death I give the same to all his lawful gotten heirs of his body and if he should die without any such heir then and in that case the property is to return to all his brothers and sisters surviving.

Item: At my death I may will that Jordan, I bought of A. J. Taylor shall be sold by my executor and if he should fail to bring enough to pay the note N. V. Eddie whole against me my son Joe V. Bryant is to pay the balance. Item: It is my will and desire that my executor sell my part of the mill and all the negroes and other property that I have not disposed of as a credit of six months bonds bearing interest from date and all my just debts paid and the balance after paying my wife Susan one hundred dollars be divided between James B Bryant and Henry B Bryant, Evan B Bryant, Gideon B Bryant and Thos. B Bryant and to share and share alike. Item: I except one acre of the land I have lent to Gideon B Bryant for the use of the Mill.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Forsyth County
July term 1861

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of "William B. Bryant, deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by Joe V. Bryant the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said W. B. Bryant is proved by the oath and examination of George H. Lewis and Thos. Greenmore the subscribing witnesses thereto it is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said W. B. Bryant and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and thereupon the said Joe V. Bryant executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law;

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest B. H. Sorsby, C. C. C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Martha Rice of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in my own presence following: First I give my soul to God and my body to the earth from thence it come to be buried in a plain decent manner. First I give and bequeath to my son Bryant B Rice one certain bed and stool and furniture and all the clothes were also it is my wish that my son Bryant B Rice shall have all the hire of my property. I have in hand or money also all the part and land I own at my death except 200 lbs. of pork and 20 lbs. of lard. Item: I give and bequeath to my grand children to wit the children of my son Henderson Rice and the children of my daughter Hannah Williamson all the part of my estate

to be equally divided among them that is living at the time of my death except 200 lbs. of pork and 20 lbs. of lard. I give to my grand children consist of one mare and mule, and 1000 lbs. of seed cotton, 2 stacks of blade cotton, 10 barrels of corn two sows and pigs one hog, sheep 7 head of cattle. It is my wish that the property left to my grand children of shall be equally divided between the children of Henderson Rice and Hannah Williamson.

I give to my son Henderson Rice one buggy now in his possession, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Henderson Rice executor to this my last will and testament. This 15 day of July 1861.

signed, sealed and acknowledged

in presence of us.

Kinchen Taylor

A. H. Baker Jr.

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session

Nash County

Aug. term 1861

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha Rice is exhibited for probate in open court by A. H. Baker Jr. and Kinchen Taylor the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded whereupon Henderson Rice the executor therein named duly qualified as such.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest B. H. Sorsby, C. C. C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I, Jacob Fox, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, make and declare this to be my last will and testament, in the first place, viz: I give to my wife Mary all the land I now live on during her natural life and I will to her all my household and kitchen furniture during her life time and give to her absolutely my bay horse called Seaboard and my buggy and harness.

Item 1st. I give to my wife the following negroes viz. Charity, Joe, Mary, Tom, Mada, Prince, Mason, Filla, and Mimie. Item 2nd. I give to my daughter Hellen Kearney and the children she now has or may hereafter have all the amount this is now due me from the estate of her grandfather Bartholomew Fuller, not to include the amount I have already received which was about eight hundred and eighty dollars and in lieu of that amount I give to them a note of four hundred and sixty eight dollars and 50/100 due to Ben V. Mann from K. Kearney to which I was security and said note I have taken up and now hold against said K. Kearney, and the interest that my executors on said note, and all accounts and interest which I held against the said K. Kearney to be equally divided between them in full of all interest or claim to any portion of my estate.

Item 3rd. I wish the following negroes viz: Aaron Matt, Emma and Elmond to be equally divided between my three youngest children viz: Isham, Fendin and Lucy. I also give to each one a bed and furniture after the death of my wife.

Item 4. My will and desire is that my wife shall sustain and support of charge my three youngest children out of the estate I have given and loaned to her until they arrive to the age of one and twenty years respectively.

Item 5. I give to my wife the hogs on the Daring plantation all my sheep and cattle two carts, one wagon one ox cart and even all my crop and farming implements and two mules, (John and Jim), and I wish her to take care of my Spanish mare and two white colts for Isham and Fendin which I give to them Item 6. I will and desire my Pitts plantation to be sold with the exception of half an acre of land in and around the grave yard, also two mules (Bob and Kate) and if their proceeds will not pay my just debts, then I will the following negroes to be sold, viz. Mada, (Mittie Remond), Mourning, Daniel, and Louanna and if not enough to pay my debts then all a part of the stock I have loaned or given to my wife. I appoint and constitute my friends A. H. Arrington and B. B. Hilliard executors to this my last will and testament this 20th day of April, 1861.

signed and acknowledged in the presence of us.

James V. Asent

Wm. Leonard.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session

Nash County

Aug. term 1861

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob Fox, deceased is presented in open court for probate and the due execution of the same by the said Jacob Fox being proved by the oath and examination of James V. Asent and William Leonard the subscribing witnesses thereto the said paper writing is declared by the court to be and contain the last will and testament of the said Jacob Fox and is therefore ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded as such

Attest B. H. Sorsby, C. C. C.

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