

In the Name of God Amen. I Mary Jones of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in low health but of sound disposing mind and memory, blessed be God do this 29th day September one thousand eight hundred and fifty one do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows: Item 1st. I loan unto my sister Margaret Harrison wife of Nathl. Harrison during her life negroes, Lem, Willie, Matilda and at her death, negro Lem I give and bequeath to my nephew John M. Harrison to him and his heirs forever. Item 2. I loan unto my niece Francis Ann Hicks (wife of D.A.T. Hicks) negroes, Caroline, and child Mary Jane and Willie subject to the foregoing loan, and their increase during the life of the said Francis Ann, and after death, I give and bequeath to her children, the said negroes and provided she should die having no child or children then living, in that case my will is that the same go to John M. Harrison and Ann Eliza Harrison to them and their heirs forever. Item 3d. I loan unto my niece Ann Eliza Harrison during her life the following negroes: Markie, Emeline, Cheney, Elijah, Leah, Martha Ann, Angelina Jefferson and Matilda (subject to the foregoing loan) and their increase if any and at her death I give and bequeath to her children if any to them and their heirs forever and provided she should die having no child or children in that event my will and desire is that the said property go to the children of my nephew John Harrison and niece Francis Ann Hicks to them and their heirs forever. Item 4th. I loan unto my brother in law Nathl. Harrison, negro Tom during my life and desire is that said negro I give and bequeath unto my niece Ann Eliza Harrison to her and her heirs forever. Item 5th. I give and bequeath unto my brother in law Nathl. Harrison all the residue of my estate of every kind to him and his heirs forever. I do hereby appoint make and ordain my friend Nathaniel Harrison the sole executor of this my last will and testament ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Mary Jones have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. signed, sealed and c. her Mary x Jones (Seal)

Witness in the presence of her Jacob Ing. William B. Thern Mark.

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session Sessions Nov. term 1851

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Jones is pronounced for probate and the same is duly proven by the oath of Jacob Ing. and William B. Thern the two subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Winstead of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I make and ordain this my last will and testament first I give my soul to God who give it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors as touching my worldly goods that it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of them in manner following. Item I lend and my beloved wife Penny Winstead all my land and plantation where on I now live and my land on the north side of my mill pond adjoining bridge. Item I give and bequeath to my wife Penny Winstead all my land and plantation and all the residue of my estate of every kind to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my wife Penny Winstead two feather beds and furniture, and bedsteads also I give her one bed and all the furniture belonging to the same I also give her one horse her choice two cows and calves her choice I also give her half of my working tools I also give her half of my cutter and half of my kitchen furniture also one loom and gear also one cart and wheels and one wooden wheel and one flax wheel all these things I give and bequeath to her and her heirs forever. Item I lend to my wife Penny Winstead one still and all the contents belonging to the same still and all my other casks during her natural life and after her decease the same to be sold and the money arising from the same and the notes that I hold against James Adams and Thomas Winstead and David Winstead to be equally divided between all my children. Item I lend to my wife Penny Winstead one negro boy by the name of Ruffin during her natural life and after her decease to be sold and the money to be divided between all my children. Item I give to my wife Penny Winstead one negro woman by the name of Susan and her increase to her and her heirs forever. Item I give to my grandson George Washington Winstead one hundred acres of land lying on the north side of the great meadow branch I give it him and his heirs forever Item I give to my wife Penny Winstead two cows and pigs ten shoats I also give her one chest six setting chairs I also give her eight head of sheep her choice also one table also one side saddle one bridle all these things I give to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Master Winstead one negro girl by the name of Cate I give her another increase to her and her heirs forever. It is my will and desire that my wife Penny Winstead shall take care of Mack for her to be paid out of my estate for the same all the remainder part of my estate be it of what kind soever that is not lent nor given away I leave to be sold and my lawful debts paid and the remainder to be equally divided between all my children and thereby make and ordain David Winstead my sole and sole executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Winstead have set my hand and affixed my seal this seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, signed, and acknowledged in the presence of us.

David Winstead
C.I. Parker
Haywood Hardy

Thomas Winstead (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session Nash County Feb. term 1852

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Winstead is offered for probate and it is duly proved by C.I. Parker and Haywood Hardy two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and admitted to probate whereupon David Winstead the executor therein named is duly qualified as such. Let it be recorded. Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

I Bennett Smith of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First that my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that my first come into his hands, as a part or parcel of my estate Item: I lend and devise to my beloved wife Amy Smith one hundred and fifty acres of land to be set out by metes and bounds in the east end of the tract whereon I now live so as to include my dwelling house all out houses and other improvements, two beds and furniture household and kitchen furniture all the crop of every description that is or may be on hand at my death, four negroes, Lucy, Charity, Tim and Mingo, one roan mare ten years old, one sorrell mare eight years old, three cows and pigs, three cows and calves of choice and ten dry hogs, to have and to hold to her, the said Amy Smith for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood. Item: I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Zilpha wife of Ebenezer Patten three negroes, Katey, Caroline and Venous to have and to hold to her her heirs and at her disposal absolutely forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my eldest son John Smith all that tract of land whereon he now lives, also three negroes Brew Rachal and Dorkis, to have and to hold the above said land and negroes to him and his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Martha wife of Joshua B. Brantley three negroes Vilet, Penny and Judy, to have and at her disposal absolutely forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my youngest son A.W. Smith the tract of land whereon I now live containing about eight hundred and thirteen acres, except the life estate of my wife devised in a former item of this my will, also three negroes Sumner, Peg and Lewis also my part in a station horse King, Pelin, to have and to hold all the above named property to him his heirs and assigns absolutely forever. Item My will and desire is that all residue of my estate not mentioned in my will shall be sold and all my debts paid out of the proceeds of said sale and then if any money left that it shall be equally divided between my wife and children, in equal portions to each of them. Item It is also my will and desire that all the property devised to my beloved wife Amy Smith during her life or widowhood shall at her death or marriage (with the exception of one hundred and fifty acres of land bequeathed to my son A.W. Smith in a former item of this my will) at her death or marriage be equally divided between all my above mentioned children their heirs executors and administrators absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son A.W. Smith my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments which for I the said Bennett Smith do heretofore set by hand and seal this 7 day of May 1852. A.D. 1852.

signed, sealed published and declared by the said Bennett Smith 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. his A.B. Barnes, Jr. Bennett x Smith (Seal) A.T. Taylor Mark.

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