

In the Name of God Amen. I Mary Williford of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave when my God may call me hence, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit: Item 1st. It is my desire that my executors 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 howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into their hands as a part of or parcel of my estate.

Item: 2nd I give and devise to my beloved wife Penelope two hundred acres of land to be set out by metes and bounds in the west end of the tract whereon I now live, so as to include my dwelling house, all out houses and other improvements (except a small lot west of the dwelling house on the west side of the big path, as follows beginning at a small oak a corner on the west side of said path, thence north along said path straight to the county road, thence up said road to Bunn's line, thence along said Bunn's line to the beginning) to have and to hold to her the said Penelope for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood, in satisfaction of and in lieu of her dower and thirds, of and in all my real estate.

Item: 3rd. I give to my wife, Penelope, one negro man Jacob, one good horse, two cows and calves, two sows and pigs, twelve head of good hogs, six head of sheep, one feather bed and furniture, one desk, one buffet, and a sufficiency of farming tools to be set out by some of my friends at the request of my executors, fourteen hundred pounds of pork alive or its equivalent in bacon and lard, thirty barrels of corn, two staks of fodder, twelve bushels of wheat, twenty five lbs. of sugar, ten gallons of molasses, twenty four lbs. of coffee, fifty pounds of picked cotton and my family buggy and harness.

Item: 4th. I lend to my wife, Penelope, one negro woman Jinney until my youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, also two feather beds and furniture until my two sons, Elijah L. and Dr. S. Tompson shall become of lawful age. I also give to my wife fifty dollars in cash, to be paid by my executors when my estate is settled.

Item: 5th. I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Williford one negro woman Lucy, upon her paying to my executors fifty dollars.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Della Williford one negro

girl Jane, and one hundred and twenty five dollars to be paid by my executors at the settlement of my estate.

Item: 7th. I give and bequeath to John Proctor one negro woman, Harriett, upon his paying to to my executors twenty five dollars.

Item: 8th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Matilda Williford one negro woman Patience and Child.

Item 9th. I give and bequeath to Samuel Moore one negro girl Caroline and one hundred and twenty five dollars to be paid by my executors at the settlement of my estate. Item: 10th.

I give and bequeath to Orren R. Daniel one negro girl, Murning, and one hundred and twenty five dollars to be paid by my executors at the settlement of my estate.

Item 11th. I give and bequeath ^{and} to devise to my three sons Granberry V. Elijah L. and Dr. S. Tompson all the balance of the tract of land whereon I now live to be equally divided between them agreeably to valuation, so as for my son Granberry to have the lot that was excepted in my wifes dower, on the west side of the big path to them and their heirs forever.

Item 12th. I give and bequeath to my four youngest children Elijah L., S. Tompson, Della and Mary B. each two hundred dollars to be expended for their education and other things which their guardian may see they mostly need.

Item: 13th. I give and bequeath to my son Granberry one hundred dollars to be expended as above by his guardian, also all the claims in my possession that are payable to my deceased daughter, Martha Williford, and also one feather bed and furniture and one hair trunk and one pine chest.

Item: 14th. I give and bequeath to my four grand children Caroline, Andrew J. Mary Ann and Timothy each fifty dollars each, to them and their heirs forever.

Item 15th. I give and bequeath to my two sons Elijah L. and Dr. S. Tompson the two feather beds and furniture that I have loaned to my wife, when the said Tompson shall arrive at the age of twentyone years, and it is my will that the said negro woman Jinney and her increase shall be sold by my executors, at the time my youngest child shall arrive at the age of twentyone years, and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between all my living children at that time.

Item 16th. I give and ^{and} devise to my son ^{and} Mary B. The two hundred acres of land whereon I now live, at the expiration of my wifes title to him and his heirs forever.

Item 17th. My will and desire is that all the balance of my lands and ~~shall~~ may be sold on a credit of two years with interest from the

date, and all the balance of my perishable estate be sold on a credit of six months with interest from date, and all the balance of my negroes not otherwise disposed of, to be sold on a credit of twelve months with interest from date. And all the proceeds arising from the sales of my said estate not otherwise disposed of, to be equally divided between all my living children.

Item 18th I hereby confirm all the gifts of property heretofore made to my children. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Blake Williford and my friend William H. Hines, my lawfull executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause there of, hereby revoking and declaring utterly null and void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said ~~Muddy~~ Williford do hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day of August in the year of our Lord eight hundred

forty six.

signed, sealed and published and declared by the said Muddy Williford to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other who at his request subscribed our names as witnesses the day and date above written.

As Williford

William T. Dortch

State of North Carolina, Nash county court Nov. term 1846

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Muddy Williford was offered for probate by the executors therein named and duly proven by the oath of H. Williford and William T. Dortch the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Harriett Adeline Drake of Nash County and State of North Carolina being diseased in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: I give and bequeath to my sister Eliza Harris the sum of Five hundred and Fifty dollars. The remainder of my estate after paying my just debts I give and bequeath to my sisters the aforesaid Eliza Harris and Mary T. Rawls one third part of said remainder, to each, and the other third part of said remainder I give and bequeath to the children of my sister Mourning Screws to be equally divided between them. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,

signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of Sarah B. Short Jno. Arrington

Harriett A. Drake (Seal)

State of North Carolina Nash county court of pleas and quarter session Nov. term 1846

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of H. A. Drake was offered for probate and duly proven by the oath of Jno. Arrington one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Wright Stephen Batchelor of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this fifth day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five do make publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say:

Item: I lend to my beloved wife Charity Batchelor my tract of land whereon I now live here life time widow hood and then to give it to my beloved son Hardy D. Batchelor to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I lend my negro woman Fanny to my beloved wife Charity her life time widowhood and then to my son Hardy D. Batchelor to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I gave unto my two beloved sons Abel Batchelor and Nathan Wright Batchelor one hundred and eighty four acres of land the tract where the said Nathan Wright Batchelor now lives to be equally divided between the two.

Item: I lend all the ballance of my property to my beloved wife ~~time~~ widowhood all that are indoors and out doors. Item: My will and desire is that all the parrisable property that I lent to my wife to be sold and equally divided between Abel Batchelor, James Batchelor, Susan Ferrys children, Polly Cones children, Nathan Wright Batchelor, ~~Anna~~ Batchelor and Hardy Davis Batchelor to them and their heirs forever after her death

Item: I do hereby and appoint my trusty sons Abel Batchelor and Hardy Davis Batchelor as executors to this my last will and testament and revoking all other wills heretofore made. Signed and sealed in the

presence thereof

Witness

Herrett Manning

William R. Hackley

Fridgen Manning

State of North Carolina court of pleas and quarter session Nash county. Nov. term 1845

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Wright Stephen Batchelor (Seal)

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wright Stephen Batchelor was duly proven in open court on oath of Fridgen Manning one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.