

of James
Turner
before named
to be divided
in the same
manner

I give and bequeath to the lawful begotten heirs of James Ransom by his wife Sally all the balance of my lands with six slaves, J. M. Ned, Ping, Lorena, Mitty and Watson, said tract of land including my home plantation above bequeathed to the heirs of James Ransom Guardian to said children being called on to enter into bond or security further it is my will that all the balance of my estate be sold by my executor hereafter named and all my just debts paid and the surplus if any after paying my just debts I give and bequeath to the children heretofore directed, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend A. B. Haines Jr. sole executor to this my last will and testament. Revoking and making void all other wills made by me last terminated before assigned, this 7th day of June 1848.

Attest Wm. B. Bryant
Jno. B. Rice.

Thomas Bryant, Seal.

The foregoing paper writing heretofore offered for probate by Evan H. Morgan as the last will and testament of Thomas Bryant deceased and on which an appeal was taken to the superior court of law of Nash county is by consent of the parties to said issue of disavowal now offered for probate and the same is duly proved by the oath of Jno. B. Rice except as to the codicil thereof which is by the court refused to be admitted to probate and A. B. Haines the executor named in said paper is accordingly qualified. Ordered that said executor have leave to sell J. M. Ned, Ping, Lorena and Mitty on a credit of six months to pay debts. The foregoing faithfully recorded. By S. W. Ward, C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I John Brown of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory doth make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following (to wit) first, I lend to my beloved wife Martha Brown the land and plantation on which I now live, also another small tract lying on little Peacock Creek known as my old place supposed to be in all one hundred and seven acres to her during her natural life. I also lend to my wife Martha all of my stock of horses, hogs, cattle, crop household and kitchen furniture, and all the remainder of my estate of any that is not mentioned in this my will to her during her natural life, secondly at the death of my wife that all my just debts shall be paid out of my estate and the remainder if any to be equally divided between my children say William Brown Rebecca Brown, Eliza Beth Brown, and that one share to be equally divided between my grandchildren, the bodily heirs of my deceased daughter Mary Weston, and lastly I do appoint my friend James Harrison Executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 22th day of July eighteen hundred and fifty two (1852) signed, sealed and acknowledged.

Wm. Edwards
R. H. Lanier
State of North Carolina,
Nash County

his
John x Brown (Seal)
mark.

court of pleas and quarter
sessions Nov. Term, 1852

A paper writing purporting to be the last will of John Brown being exhibited in open court for probate Wm. Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being examined testifies that he assigned the paper writing in the presence and at the request of said decedent and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time and it is ordered to be recorded.

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

and is recorded.

I Lasa Turner 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 this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I loan to my beloved wife Rebecca Turner during her widowhood or life all of the following property my plantation household and kitchen furniture plantation tools nine milks cows and calves ten head of sheep one yoke of oxen and cart all of my bees hives one barrel of brandy a ll of my horses what my two youngest sons shall be come of age Henry and George shall both have a horse out of my estate. I give my plantation to my two sons Henry and George Turner to be equal divided between them at the marriage or death of my wife. I loan to my wife all of my negroes and their increase Cage and Lema and all of this children as they may all stay together for the benefit of my wife and family I wish my wife to have one years provision I give to each of my daughters one head and clothing five head of sheep I give to each one of daughters Sixty dollars at my death or where the property may be divided I wish all the rest of my property to be sold at my death and the money equally divided between my wife and children I do hereby constitute and appoint Nathaniel Murphy my lawful executor of this my last will and testament this the 20 of April 1852 signed sealed and o.

Witness
William Whitley
Henry Whitley

Lasa Turner (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County sessions Feb. term 1852

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lazarus Turner being exhibited in open court and propounded for probate by Joseph Turner one of the legates and upon the examination of William Whitley one of the subscribing witnesses at the state was admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded. And is recorded.

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

In the Name of God Amen I Stephen Wells of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory blessed be god do this the sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty make and publish this my last will and testament in form and manner following to wit: First that my executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts whatsoever and to whomsoever out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Wells two feather beds bedsteads and furniture her choice two black walnut tables and two hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Bartley Wells five dollars current money of said state to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Redmon D. Wells one feather bed bedstead and furniture one negro boy by the name of Dennis and one hundred dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my beloved wife Mary Wells all my land and plantation whereon I now live and the following negroes to wit: old Jacob and Hada his wife Mary Harriett and her child Tom Abram and little Jacob and their farther increase and all the balance of my estate both real and personal of all kinds that I have not disposed of in the above items to her during her natural life or widowhood.

Item: At the death of my beloved wife Mary Wells or end of her widowhood I give and bequeath all of my real estate both real and personal that I have lent to her during her natural life or widowhood to my son Redmon D. Wells to him and his heirs forever.

and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Redmon D. Wells and my friend J. J. Taylor Executors to this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Stephen Wells do hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written. Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of

Wm. Edwards
William Asbury Priggen
Brewy Priggen

his
Stephen x Wells (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County May term 1853

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Stephen Wells is offered for probate on the testimony of Wm. Edwards and William A. Priggen two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and ordered to be recorded and Redmon D. Wells one of the executors therein named is duly qualified J. J. Taylor the other executor being in open court and renouncing it is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

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

I Milley Edwards of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, this 18th day of March 1853 publish and declare this to be my last will and testament inform as follows:

Item: let I will and assign myself to my God and that my executors hereinafter named use that mortals remains be decently and respectfully buried and that they pay for all expenses of it out of any monies that may first come into their hands. Item: I will and give to my grand children the children of my son Michael Manning one third part of my estate of every kind quality and condition to him their heirs and assigns forever.

Item 3rd. I give to my grand children the children of my son Brittan Manning one third part of my estate of every kind quality and condition to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item 4th. I will and give to my grand children the children of my son Allen Manning, one third part of my estate of every kind quality and condition to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item 5. I will and give to Joel Price an ox that I bought of Mrs. Anna Hicks to him and his heirs forever.

Item 6th. I will that Mrs. Price shall carry on my business as she was alive after the crop shall be housed the coming fall I will and desire that my executors make divisions of my estate as before mentioned.

Item 7th. I nominate and appoint Wm. W. Huddle and B. Hilliard executors to this my last will and testament. The day and date above written. Witness my hand and o.

Witness. Jesse Beal, Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Bunting, Milley Edwards (Seal) mark

State of North Carolina, Nash county. Court of pleas and quarter session, May term 1853
The paper writing purporting to be last will and testament of Milley Edwards is offered for probate on the testimony of Jesse Beal one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded, whereas W. Boddie the executor therein named is duly qualified and is recorded.

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

In the Name of God Amen. I Oseon Strickland of the County of Nash And State of North Carolina being sound in mind and disposing memory but considering the uncertainty of earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit first that my executors hereafter mentioned shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts. Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Isaac Strickland five negroes and their increase, my Harriet land one boy Elias, Sam and a girl named Fanny also all the property that he had before given me with three hundred and fifty dollars paid towards his land. Item 2. I give and bequeath to the lawful begetter heirs of the body of my daughter Elizabeth Tisdal the following property say five negroes Jim, Hillman, Mary and Anne and also all the property that she had from before after my death to ly in the hands of a guardian. I further more authorize the guardian to pay costs to my beloved daughter every year a sufficiency of money arising from hiring out of the negroes or in case they fall from the sale of property to support her family and after her death to be equally divided among her heirs of her own body is ordered by me that her children have no interest and till after her death. I hereby appoint my son Isaac Strickland Guardian to the heirs of Elizabeth Tisdal. Item 3. I give and bequeath to my dear beloved son Hardy Strickland five negroes say Ben, Mourning and Sam Turner and Leamon and also all the property that he has received from me heretofore and his increase to them and three hundred and fifty dollars in cash in place of land.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my dear beloved son Wm. D. Strickland four negroes Milbro, Hanson, Alfred and Nathan their increase also eighty acres of land whereon he now lives call the Booth tract of land a joining my own land and James Bullants and others and I leave a bridle and saddle one feather bed and furniture two cows four head of sheep to him and his heirs.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my dear beloved son Oseon Strickland five negroes Mary, Dillay, Willaford, Little Hannon and Tiddy. I also live him all the land on the north side of the Arthur Williams Branch also my grise mill a crop coopers creek one hundred acres of land on the north side of the said creek with a small part of the hundred acres round said mill is on the south side of said mill I give him my black smith tools also my working tools also all my household furniture to him and his heirs. also I give him one yoke of oxen and cart.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my three grandsons, I give each to be equally divided between them. Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my grand son Willey Morgan one negro by the name of Charity. I give him one horse Bridle and saddle the horse formerly called his one bed and furniture one cow one sow and pigs. also I give him all the land on the south side of Arthur Williams Branch that Inavenot given away in other bequest to him and his heirs. I further more give and bequeath to Henderson Morgan and William Morgan two hundred and sixty acres of land at the west end of my land adjoining the lands of Wm. Frazier call the Parks tract of land to them and their heirs. I also have two old negroes Dub and Hannon at my death I want them to choose which of my children they wish to stay with for their home. N.B. also in such case where I have given a way my negroes they heirs also the increase to remain to each share. all of my stock other as cattle sheep and hogs and also all the property that is not mentioned in this my last will my wish is that executors hereafter named shall sell and after paying all such costs and charges as may accrue in settling said estate to be equally divided between my five children. I also further more order my executor to take in hand at my death all the money that may be on hand at my death to be divided as above stated among my five children. I hereby appoint my worthy friends John W. Bryant and Jacob Strickland my lawful 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 thereof heretofore revoking making all void all other wills heretofore made by me in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of June, 1850. enterlain before assigned, in the case of the heirs of Elizabeth Tisdal.

Witness. Evan H Morgan
Wm. Morgan.

State of North Carolina, Nash County. Whereas Elizabeth W. Drake of the county and State aforesaid being seized and surprised with a sudden and unexpected attack of sickness after leaving home some time in September last not being able to return home was confined at the house of J. T. Wright, in a fit of her death she requested and called upon her

Oseon Strickland. (Seal)

and Sally Bennett who were present that her wish and desire was for her administrator out of her estate twenty five dollars to her granddaughter Ann Eliza Wright for attendance and waiting on her during her sickness and on Sept. 1852.

State of North Carolina,
Nash County

court of pleas and quarter session
Feb. Term 1853

The foregoing paper writing is duly proven in open court by the oath of John I. Drake one of the witnesses therein named and is ordered to be recorded.
Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
and is recorded.

In the Name of God Amen. I Kessiah Massingall of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do this 6th day of February A.D. 1851, make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. I give and bequeath to my daughter Judah K. Walker wife of Richmond Walker all that tract of land I purchased of W.W. Cooper sheriff of Nash County, containing seventy acres more or less adjoining the lands of Henry Hightsh, James I. Williams and others, during the term of her natural life, to her sole and separate use and to not to be under the control of her husband or in any way responsible for his debts, and after the death of my daughter Judah, it is my will and desire that the same be equally divided between my two grandsons, Wm. P. Walker and Salathiel R.D. Walker, to have to them and their heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Judah two beds and furniture, one chest, one iron pot rack, one dutch oven, one pair of fire tongs, six head of sheep, one sow and six pigs, four sheats, seven geese, one riddle, and three chairs, during the term of her natural life, to her sole and separate use and not to be under the control of her husband or responsible for his debts, and after her death to be equally divided between my two grandsons, Wm. P. Walker and Salathiel R.D. Walker. I give and bequeath to my daughter Dilly P. Whitfield, wife of Archibald P. Whitfield, one bed and furniture, one loom, one wheel, one safe, one table, one riddle, one iron pot rack, one pair of tongs, one bread tray and one chestone meat stand, one trivet, and four slates, to have and to hold during her life time, to her sole and separate use, not to be under the control of her husband or responsible for his debts, and after her death, it is my desire that the same shall be equally divided between her children, Franklin Whitfield, Patrick L. Whitfield and Dilly Ann Whitfield. It is my will and desire that if either of the above Walker children die without issue then the property which would belong to him shall belong to the survivor. Also it is my desire that if either of the Whitfield children die without issue, his or her share of the property above given shall belong to the survivor or survivors. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend William B. Boddie executor of this my last will and testament and trustee for the uses above declared. In witness whereof I the said Kessiah Massingall do hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Kessiah Massingall
mark.

declared by the said Kessiah Massingall to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness
Coleman W. Woodard
Will. Woodard

State of North Carolina, Nash County. court of pleas and quarter session
sessions August term 1853
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Kessiah Massingall is exhibited in open court and duly proven in open court by the oath of William Woodard one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.
Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
Attest J.W. Ward, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Willey Batman of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life I do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I give myself to God and my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in again but decent manner.
Item I lend to my beloved wife Gincy Batman during her natural lifetime or widowhood all of my estate both real and personal after paying all my just debts and bequeath and after her death or marriage all of my estate is to be equally divided between all my children except my daughter Reeny Williams.
Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Reeny Williams five dollars in money to her and her heirs forever. likewise I make constitute and appoint my trusty son Leonard Batman to be my executor to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of June A.D. 1853.
Witness
H. Batman
Willey Batman (Seal)
mark.