

I, Joel Wells, of Nash County North Carolina, do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament. After payment of my just debts and charges, I dispose of my estate as follows: Item 1. I give and bequeath to my dear friend Robert H. Ricks and her heirs, sixteen shares capital stock in the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad which I now own; also one thousand dollars in money, United States currency to be paid; also one thousand afternamed. Item 2. I give and bequeath to my dear friend John H. Thorp as is above given in item 1, including all my property of every nature. I hereby constitute and appoint my said friend John H. Thorp executor of this my last will and testament. Intestimony whereof I, Joel Wells have to eight hundred and sixty nine. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Joel Wells as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have hereunto set our names as witnesses. John E. Lindsey David B. Ricks. State of North Carolina Nash County

SS In The Probate Court. A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Wells deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county, by John H. Thorp, the executor thereon named, and the due execution thereof is shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Wells deceased. I, the undersigned Judge of Probate, do hereby certify that the said Joel Wells in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 16th day of October, 1869, and the deponents further saith that the said Joel Wells the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and these deponents further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto, the said Joel Wells, was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not. Severally sworn and subscribed this 23rd day of July 1873. before me.

J. P. Jenkins, probate judge. John E. Lindsey (Seal) David B. Ricks (Seal)

In the Name of God Amen. I, Moses Joiner of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament. Item 1st. I give and devise to my grand sons, Green E. and John H. Joiner, four hundred acres of land, to be cut off of the tracton which I reside at the eastern end, and to include the residence at which my son Brewery Joiner, formerly resided; and the following slaves, Baldy, Mourning and their child Jane and their increase from the date of this will, and if either of my said grand children dies before arriving at the age of twenty years without leaving a child, then the above land and negroes shall belong and I give the same to the survivor, and if both die before that age leaving no child I give and devise said land and negroes to my son Guilford L. Joiner. Item 2. I give and bequeath and devise to my son Guilford L. Joiner, all the balance of my estate of every kind, nature and description consisting of lands, negroes, debts due me, stock on the farm of all kinds, rail road stock and every thing else that may belong to me. My said son Guilford L. Joiner is to support my wife and my two idiot children Elizabeth H. Joiner and William B. Joiner and furnish them with all necessary during their lives, in as full and ample a manner as may be necessary, and I hereby charge the property hereby given to them with their support and maintenance as aforesaid, and intend that said support and maintenance shall be a lien on the same during their lives. Item 3. I hereby constitute and appoint my son Guilford L. Joiner executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1853. Moses Joiner (Seal)

witness
W. E. Dortch
Jno. J. Bunn

State of North Carolina, Nash County, ss. In the Probate Court.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Moses Joyner, deceased, is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Guilford L. Joyner, the executor thereon named, and the due execution thereof by the said Moses Joyner by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last Will and Testament of Moses Joyner, that the said Moses Joyner, in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 2nd day of December, 1853. And the deponents further saith, that the said Moses Joyner, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament, and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said Will as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request, and in the presence of the said Testator. And these deponents, further saith, that at the said time when the said Testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names, as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Moses Joyner was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents, and further these deponents say not.

Jno. J. Bunn (Seal)
Wm. T. Dortch (Seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 8th day of March, 1873, before me,

J. P. Jenkins
Probate Judge.

I Robert H. Marriott of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following- Item First. I desire my executrix and executors hereinafter named, to pay all my just debts and burial expenses out of the first money that comes into his hands. Item Second. I give and bequeath my entire estate both real and personal to my wife for and during her natural life in trust for the benefit of herself and my children, and I desire that she conduct my business as near as possible, as I should do myself were I living. I desire that my children be educated in a proper manner and that no charge be made against them for any sum or sums spent in their education or suitable maintenance and support. I desire that no public sale of my property be had but that in the event my wife as trustee aforesaid, except my Taylor plantation in the county of Edgecombe, which I only wish sold in case of absolute necessity for family support, she is hereby authorized to do so, either publicly or privately and make to the purchaser or purchasers a valid title thereto. And in the event that any of my children marries or moves off from the family, and my wife considers it best to make to them any advancement, she may advance to them such sums of money or such property as she may think proper, provided that such advances shall in no event exceed a child's part of my estate, and in estimating a child's share my wife shall be considered as a child. I am under bond to convey my Millard plantation, adjoining the lands of W. H. Rowland and others to Harry Taylor and Geo. Arrington, and I desire my wife as trustee aforesaid to execute a deed to said lands to said parties under the contract provided they comply with their part of said contract, otherwise she may sell said lands on such terms as she may think best. My object has been to use the proceeds of said lands in the erection of a dwelling house for my family and I hereby authorize my said trustee to use this fund for that purpose, and in the event it should be desired, to commence building before all the payments have been made, then she may use any surplus funds in her hands. For this purpose and replace the same with the proceeds of the land when paid in. And she is hereby authorized to have said house built at my present homestead or elsewhere that she may think most for the benefit of herself and my children. At the death of my wife, I give my entire estate to my children, share and share alike. And in case my children should all become of age and desire a division of my estate before the death of my wife, then a division may be had provided it meets her entire approbation, and in said division she is to take a child's part. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Temple A. Marriott and my brother in law Jos. J. Battle Exrs. and Exr. of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and declaring utterly null and void all other will hereto made by me. Witness my hand and seal this the 19th day of July, 1873.

Witness: B. H. Bunn
H. S. Bunn.

Robert H. Marriott (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Nash County, ss. In the Probate Court.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Robert H. Marriott deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Temple A. Marriott one of the Executors thereon named, and the due execution thereof by the said Robert H. Marriott by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last Will and Testament of Robert H. Marriott. That the said Robert H. Marriott in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now