

Bryant, Gideon B Bryant, Thomas N. Bryant, Mourain Rice wife N.W. Rice, and desire further is that all my waring apparel together with my bed cloth- ing be equally divided between my two daughters Mourain Rice wife of N.W. Rice, and Polly Rice wife of H. Rice. Lastly I leave Bennet Gay my executor to this my last willand testament who is impowered to collect all my debts and to sell all my property of every kind not disposed of hereinafore distributed and thefts accordingly to the true intent and meaning of this paper writing, the day and year first above written.

signed and sealed in the presence of

Witness
 Jos. B. Mann
 Jno. B. Rice.

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session
 Nash County
 Aug. term, 1925

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament offered for probate it being proved that the subscribing witness

J. B. Rice are both dead and their hand writing being duly and legally proved
 thereon named having announced his right to qualify as such letters of ad-
 ministration with the will annexed are granted to Henry H. Bryant who enters int-
 est in bond of one thousand dollars with N. N. Rice, G. B. Bryant, and W. T. Bryant
 sureties.
 Attest B. H. Soraby, Clerk.

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Richard Short, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being far advanced in years and of feeble health, but of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby on this the 22nd day of April 1863 make and publish this my last will and testament in the way and manner following vizt: first I commend my soul to God and my body to the earth from whence it came wishing it to be buried in the decent manner as my friends may direct. Item 1. I give and bequeath to George E Shorte trustee and his survivors heirs, executors and c. certain negro slaves named Dublin and Easter in trust for the following purposes and Hester Sabers and pursue whatsoever that the said George E Shorte allow

Matthew to have the services of said slaves during their natural life and al
so one tract of land known as the Fuller tract adjoining the island of ~~Rebecca~~ *Rebecca*
Taylor Kinchen Taylor and others also one horse named ~~and one buga~~ *and one buga* and
harness in trust to the said George C Short for the benefit of ~~his children~~ *his children* in
the same manner as the above named slaves so long as she (his mother) remains
unmarried at which time or in the event of either circumstances then I give
and bequeath said slaves and land and horse and buga absolutely and to be eq-
ually divided among all my children except George, C Short and Eliza Taylor
and their heirs forever. Item the 2d I give and bequeath to my
children Short the following slaves viz: Willie Joe ~~and another child~~ *and another child* Claudy and
medicine also one gold watch and also my ~~Legacy~~ *Legacy* and all the drugs and
Willie ~~and his~~ *and his* lawful heirs forever. Item 3. I give and bequeath to
my daughter Mary Short the following slaves to viz: Reddick and his working
tools, Alas Jefferson and Harriett and their increase to her and her lawful
heirs forever. Item 4th. I give and bequeath to George C Short and the survivors
of him his heirs executors administrators and all their increase named Jacob
Louisiana Short certain negro slaves and all in trust for my daughter
Sarah and Milbrey to her and her lawful heirs forever. Item the 5th.
I give and bequeath to my daughter Masora Short certain slaves to viz:
Sampson ~~and his~~ *and his* Francis and Hannah to her and her lawful heirs forever. Item the
6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriett Bryant certain slaves to viz:
Sampson Sr. ~~and~~ *and* child Reddick and ~~and~~ *and* another lawful heirs forever.
Item the 7th. I give and bequeath to my son George C Short, five hundred dol-
lar money to him and his heirs forever. Item the 8th. I give and bequeath to
my daughter Eliza Taylor five hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs
forever. Item: I leave my slave Tom to be sold and the money arising from
said sale to be equally divided among all my children. I also leave ~~and~~ *and* tract
of land say 109 acres adjoining the lands of Sparling B Lewis, John B Poland
and others to be sold and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided
among all my children it is my will and desire that at my death all my judg-
ments and debts and accounts be collected and the amount together with the
cash on hand and in the following manner viz: Say to George C Short Anna
Eliza Taylor and Harriett Bryant one hundred and fifty dollars each and the
balance to be equally divided among all the rest of my children except the said
George C, Anna Eliza, and Harriett Bryant and I do hereby constitute and appoint
my two worthy and trusty friends Jesse Taylor and J. B Drake, executors
of this my last will and testament revoking and making all other wills made by me
void and of no effect. Signed, and acknowledged in presents of us who at his
request assign as witnesses.

Richard Short. (Seal)

Aug. Term, 1864. North Carolina, Nash County court fees and quarter session
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard Short
deceased to wit copy of proposed for probate in open court by George C Short
one of the ~~defendants~~ ^{plaintiffs} at law of said deceased and upon motion it is now
therefore ordered that the same be recorded. *W. S. ...*

is recorded. This is the case with the B.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.
in evidence before the court of the B.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.
proper:

In the Name of God Amen. I Nicholas W Arrington Sr of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, Being this day of sound and disposing mind, and having before me with fear the uncertainty of this life, do make public and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz: Item 1st. I will my body and soul to god who gave it, and my body to be decently buried in my family burial ground, and the expenses of such with my funeral rights to be first paid by my hereinafter named executor from any monies of my estate in the hands. Item 2. I lend to my beloved wife Temperance Arrington during her natural life the bridge to extend from Foxes line on the west to the new road leading following line will exhibit, viz: beginning at a pine tree on the path at a small branch leading from my pond the same a northerly direction to Harrison's corner in my line of Greens branch, thus splitting the tract in twos and giving to Arrington and the heirs the being east lot to my daughter Josephine Arrington to them and theirs in fee simple forever. Item 3rd. I will and direct my two tracts of land east of said road the one known as the Harper place and the other in front of Daniel Sumners and known as the Dales place containing about one hundred and thirty five acres each, to be sold at my death by my hereinafter named executor, and the proceeds of sale deposited in bank or kept loaned out by me to be annually applied to the wants and comforts of my unfortunate son Nicholas W. Arrington during his natural life. Item 4th. My plantation known as the Culpepper place upon which W. M. Harris now lives, I loan to my daughter Tempy Ann Harris during her natural life and after her death, I will and bequeath the same to be equally divided among theirs other body, share and share alike, in fee simple forever. Item 5th. My plantation known as my Bynum place, with the mill and all milling rights included, I give to my two daughters Mary Williams, and Celestia C. Arrington jointly, and equally to be divided to suit their own convenience, the same to them and their heirs in fee simple forever. Item 6th. I will and desire that no part of my estate real, perishable, slave or personal go to my daughter Elizabeth and her husband Wright for cause that I have done them by past gifts equal justice with my other children. Item 7. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Temperance Arrington ever and above an equal share in my other negroes, negro woman Martha, a cook, with her increase; And in like manner I give and bequeath to the heirs of the body of Tempy Ann Harris at her death negro slaves Caney (a male), Hank and Giles, with their increase and the said slaves being now in possession of said Tempy Ann Harris I therefore loan them to her during her natural life and I will and direct that all my negroes slaves no where before mentioned and bequeathed from my home place, Culpepper place, Bynum place and elsewhere, be thrown together and by a lawful course of appraisal and division allotted in families as far as possible, upon equal terms to the following heirs to wit one share of negroes to my beloved wife Temperance Arrington with their increase to her and her heirs forever, one share of negroes with their increase to my son John G Arrington him and his heirs forever, one share of negroes with their increase to my unfortunate son Nick W Arrington and his heirs forever and one share of negroes with their increase to Josephine Arrington my youngest daughter one of which shares I wish to be kept and worked upon my home plantation say little Hicks share for his ample support and attention and Josephine until she is married upon fore account, or if necessary have a Guardian, also one share of negroes with their increase to the children now and hereafter in their other body of Tempy Ann Harris and to this end, I appoint and hereby make my friend L. M. Conyers executor and trustee for the benefit of the said heirs to protect and keep together said property for their benefit and the good of said Tempy Ann's family. Also a share of negroes with their increase to my daughter Mary William Arrington to her and her heirs in fee forever, and a share of negroes with their increase to my daughter Celestia C. Arrington to her and her heirs forever. And I request and direct the last named two shares of slaves to Mary Williams and Celestia C. Be worked jointly on their Bynum land. Item 8th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife my best carriage horses, and harness, and her during her natural life all the house hold and kitchen furniture with plantation stock I may leave on hand including live stock of all kinds and its increase, with provisions, and the stock and plantation utensils and that soever else is upon this place by me as a part of its uses, except the share of four of my best mules which I give to Mary Williams, and Celestia C. my daughters to be worked at the Bynum place, with all of the stocks as in and forever, And the property of what so ever kind by this clause loaned my beloved wife Temperance Arrington after her death shall be equally divided, share and share alike under the provisions and to these several heirs of this will. Item 9. I will and direct that the property of like kind as specified in the above clause such as furniture, stock, utensils of plantation and c. shall remain as it is upon the Culpepper plantation in loan to my daughter Tempy Ann Harris, and at her death to her children in fee simple forever. Item 10th. I will and direct that the balance of money then found in hands of my hereinafter named executors, I will and direct that one fourth of the whole be paid to Mary William Arrington, one fourth to Celestia C Arrington and the balance be in share to Josephine Arrington, all my daughters and youngest children. Item 11th. I will and direct with the protection of the courts to the same, that if any one of my children to whom I have here bequeathed property should die leaving no issue or heir of their body, then and in such case the heirs of the body of Tempy Ann Harris shall their from such deceased and not said Tempy Ann Harris. Item 12th. I nominate and appoint my two nephews L. N. B. and L. F. my true and lawful executors in my name

and stand to execute and fully discharge the obligations of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16th day of March A.D. 1863.

Witness to Signature: J.J.M. Collins
L.N.B. Battle
State of N.C.
Nash County

Nicholas W Arrington (Seal)

court of pleas and quarter sessions
Aug. term 1865

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Nicholas W. Arrington is offered for probate on the testimony of J.J.M. Collins, L.N.B. Battle, the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded and L.N.B. Battle and L.F. Battle the executors therein named are duly qualified as such.

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

In the Name of Almighty God Amen. I Benjamin W Dunn of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed with health and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die at what hour he knoweth not, and in order to be prepared for the final dissolution of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made in manner and form following: viz: Item 1st. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried in a christianlike manner, by and suitable to the wishes of my family and friends, and such monies and other worldly inheritance as I have pleased God to bless me with, I will and dispose of as follows: viz: Item 2nd. It is my will and desire that all my just debts of every kind and description shall be first paid. Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my dear and beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn the following property in fee simple viz: Mary Ann, Harriett, John, Rose, Alstin, Sarah, Henry, Sallie and Willie, and what servants there may be in Tennessee (if any) and their increase, the above named servants were former slaves when we were married, with this provision, that my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn is to take all the above named servants, except Henry or such part of them as may be on my plantation at the time of my decease, and make whatever disposition of them as she wishes, so as to have them taken from my plantation, I also give to my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn her wardrobe and her bureau, her rocking chair, bed and bed covering, that was formerly here when we were married, and all that she may be justly entitled to including bonds, monies and all kinds of property arising from her deceased father Willie Powell estate, and one thousand dollars in current money to be paid by my executors. Item 4th. I loan to my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn, former benefit and for the sake of my children living at home when not at school my house and lot household and kitchen furniture of every kind and description, carriage and horses, and this provision, I loan them to her former benefit and the benefit of my children, and wish every thing kept on as though I were living, with the understanding that things as are raised on the plantation so long as she is disposed to keep it as a home for her benefit, and the benefit of my children and so long as she remains my widow and no longer. But should my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn continue to be my widow and wish to remain at the old home, when my youngest son Francis W. Dunn arrives to the years of maturity say twenty one years, I then loan to her three hundred acres of land including my dwelling house and lot and the following named servant for her life time or as long as she remains to be my widow viz: Anthony G. Sizer, and their children, (that are not disposed of and given away in this writing) London and Betsey, Moses and Mary; I also loan her one yoke of oxen and cart, two horses, one mule and cart two cows and calves two sows, and pigs, and ten head of sheep and give her all the poultry. Item 5th. My wish is for my executors hereinafter named to keep my plantation and every thing belonging thereto as though I were living, until my son William Orris Dunn completes his education and arrives to the years of twentyone, then I wish for him to receive ten of the average negroes in value that may be on the plantation at that time and I wish for my executors to pay to him ten thousand dollars in current money. I also give and bequeath to him my watch. Item 6th. I wish the remainder of my estate kept together until my daughter Martha Susan Dunn arrives to the years of twentyone, and then if she wishes, I wish her to draw the same proportion as her brother William Orris did, say ten of the average negroes that may be on the plantation at that time and for my executor to pay to her in current money ten thousand dollars. I also give and bequeath to her my piano. Item 7th. I wish the remainder of my estate kept together as usual and in the same way as is prescribed in this writing until my son Francis Wilkinson Dunn arrives to the years of twentyone and then for him to receive the same portion that his brother William Orris and his sister Martha Susan Dunn received say ten of the average negroes that may be on the plantation at that time ten thousand dollars in current money and the choice horse or mule that may be on the plantation. I also wish that the time my son Francis Wilkinson Dunn becomes of age say twentyone years for all of my lands, stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils that I am not loaned to my beloved wife Margaret A. Dunn to be sold and an equal division made with what negroes there may be remaining on the plantation and all monies due the estate between my three children viz William Orris, Martha Susan and Francis Wilkinson Dunn or the survivors of either of them.

Item 7th. should my daughter Martha Susan Dunn die leaving no issue from her body I wish for her portion of my estate to be equal divided between her two brothers William Orris and Frances Wilkinson Dunn or the survivors of either. Item 8th. At this critical term and the uncertainty of every thing should my estate be molested by the Yankee, or become diminished in such a way as not to fill each one's portion, I wish an equal division made between the three of what my estate may be worth. Item 9th. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my worthy friend Edward Conmigliani my executor on all of my financial matters including all monies, bonds and o. that I may be in possession of at the time of my death, and I further do constitute and appoint my worthy brother Lemon S. Dunn and my friend col. J.M. Parker on the remainder of my estate both real and personal my executor to carry out this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 31st day of January, 1865.

signed in presence of
Frederick Dozier
E.M. Conyers

B.W. Dunn (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Nash County. Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nov. term 1865

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of B.W. Dunn is offered for probate on the testimony of Frederick Dozier and E.M. Conyers the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded and Lemon S. Dunn, and J.M. Parker the executors therein named are duly qualified as such and Margaret A. Dunn the widow of said B.W. Dunn comes into open court and deposes from said will and is allowed to file her petition for dower and years provisions; and is recorded.

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

For No. 615, See Page 622-

In the Name of Almighty God Amen. I Nathaniel Harrison of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made, in manner and form following: viz: Item 1st. After paying all my just debts, I loan to my beloved wife Margaret during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between my three children, their heirs, the following property: viz: the whole of the tract of land whereon I now reside, my carriage and match of carriage horses, two mules, four cows, and calves, my choice, four sows and pigs, one yoke of oxen, all my house hold and kitchen furniture, farming and plantation utensils consisting of plows, hoes, carts, rakes and o. also the following names slaves viz: Susan and her child Lavinia, Evelyn and her child Harriett, Ageline and all the increase of said negroes, from this time, also negro man Sam. Item 2. I give and bequeath to my son John H. Harrison six hundred dollars in money or its equivalent to be paid out of the money or bonds that may be on hand or first come in hand after my death. Item 3. All the balance of my estate of every kind and description, not heretofore disposed of I wish equally divided between my beloved wife Margaret and my three children viz: My son John H. Harrison and my daughters Francis A. Hicks and Ann E. Williams, my beloved wife Margaret share or portion however, I loan to her during her natural life and after her death, to be equally divided amongst my three children afore named. Item 4th. I nominate and constitute my confidential friend Benjamin D. Mann my sole and only executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10th day of March, 1860. Done and executed in the presence of

Nathaniel Harrison (Seal)

Wm H. Hilliard
E.W. Whitaker
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
May term 1866

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Nathaniel Harrison deceased is offered for probate on the testimony of Wm H. Hilliard and E.W. Whitaker the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded and B.D. Mann the executor therein named being dead without leaving a will administrator on the estate of said Nathaniel Harrison with the will annexed is granted to Wm H. Jones, who enters into bond of twenty five thousand dollars with Wm H. Jones, Wm T. Wright and J. W. Mitchell sureties and Margaret Harrison the widow of said Nathaniel Harrison comes into court and deposes from said will and is allowed to file her petition for dower and years provision

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

and is recorded in obedience thereto. B.H. Sorsby, C.C.C. clk.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Nash County, October the 26th, 1863, In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Vick of the County and State aforesaid, being weak in body but in sound mind and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, do hereby constitute make and ordain this paper writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows: viz: My will and desire is that my burial expenses and just debts be first paid. I then give and bequeath to my grand daughter Arabella C. Walker one bed and furniture