

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County sessions August term 1853
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament
 of William M. Mann is exhibited in open court for probate and duly proven
 by the oath of William M. Mann one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
 and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I James M. Mann of the State of North Carolina, and County of Nash being of sound mind and disposing memory do publish and declare that this is the act of my last will in relation to the matters herein contained, first I give and devise to my half brother Samuel L. Arrington all my lands which lie on the north side of Swift Creek adjoining the lands of John Harrison and others, to him and his heirs forever. The residue of my estate of every description both real and personal (with the exceptions hereinafter made) I give and bequeath as follows, to my half brother Samuel L. Arrington I give and bequeath one third part thereof to him and his heirs forever. To my half brother Archie Wald M. Arrington I give and bequeath one third part thereof to him and his heirs forever, and the remaining one third part thereof I give and bequeath to my nieces Elizabeth Williams and Lucy M. Cooper and my nephews Henry G. Williams, Solomon Williams, Samuel Williams, William I. Williams, John Williams, Archibald Williams and Thomas Williams children of my half sister Elizabeth Williams, to be divided between them in the manner and proportion following, viz. One half thereof I give to the aforesaid Elizabeth Williams and her heirs, and the other half of the said one third part to be equally divided between the aforesaid Lucy M. Cooper, Henry G. Williams, John Williams, Solomon Williams, Samuel Williams, William I. Williams, Archibald Williams and Thomas Williams share and share alike. My negro slaves Jim, (once/times called Jim Ditcher) and Henry a negro man I give and bequeath to Samuel L. Arrington during his natural life and if the said Samuel should die during the lives of Archibald H. Arrington and Thomas M. Arrington (one of the aforesaid) or if either of them, then I give the said negroes Jim and Henry to the said Archibald H. Arrington during his natural life, and if the said Archibald should die during the life of the said Thomas M. Arrington then I give the said negroes Jim and Henry to the said Thomas M. Arrington and his heirs. This last bequest is made in full confidence that the said negro Jim will be permitted to enjoy the fruits of his labor, as also what he has already accumulated and that all the privileges which I have allowed him will be continued to him and that the said negro Henry in consideration of his long and faithful services will be treated with special indulgence and favor. I do hereby constitute Samuel L. Arrington and Archibald H. Arrington executors of this my will, the whole of which is written with my own hand and subscribed with my own name. Done the 20th day of January, A.D. 1851.

James M. Mann (Seal)

witness

T.M. Wright

William H. Arrington

This is the only will that I have ever made, since Jan. 1 1851. this 20th of June 1853. Jas. M. Mann.

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

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James M. Mann deceased was produced in open court and proved by the oath of T.M. Wright and William H. Arrington the subscribing witnesses thereto, her upon Archibald H. Arrington one of the executors therein named appeared in open court and qualified as such according to law. Ordered that the executor or have leave to sell the perishable estates of the testator and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Taylor Thorne of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of infirm health but of sound mind, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: Item 1st. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of any part of my estate not herein specially bequeathed. Item 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Temperance L. Thorne, and my son Theophilus T. Thorne the whole of my real estate to be equally divided between them and to their heirs forever. Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Temperance L. Thorne one negro slave named Louiza to her and to her heirs forever. Item 4th. I give and bequeath unto my children, Ned Thorne, John E. Thorne, William B. Thorne, Joseph Thorne, Theophilus T. Thorne, Martha Hicks, Mary Jones and Temperance L. Thorne the residue of my estate of every description to be equally divided among them and to their heirs forever. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son John E. Thorne, executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 25th day of November 1853.
 signed, sealed and acknowledged
 in presence
 of us,
 James W. Ricks,
 Mourning Drake

Taylor Thorne (Seal)

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State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County Feb. term 1854
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Taylor Thorne deceased is exhibited in open court by John E. Thorne executor and is duly proven by the oath of Jas. M. Ricks one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I Henry Harrison of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First that my executor herein after named shall pay all my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever, owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item I give and bequeath to my brother John Harrison the following named negro slaves to wit, Dennis, David and Judy to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my brother Amos Harrison the following named negro slaves to wit, Lewis, John to him and his heirs forever. Item I give to my brother John Harrison for the use and benefit of his son Nicholas C. Harrison and at his death to his heirs one negro slave Benjamin. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Temperance Drake during her natural life the following negro slaves to wit, Chary, Nick, Ned, Curran and Sam and at her death to be equally divided between her children and to their heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my brother John Harrison the following named slaves to wit, Tom and Emma to him and his heirs forever. Item It is my further will and desire that my executor herein after named give to each of the negroes given to him Temperance Drake and Nick C. Harrison ten dollars each for ten years in case either of the aforesaid negroes should die then it is my further will and desire the remaining portion be equally divided between the aforesaid negroes. Item It is my further will and desire that the balance of my property consisting of land stock and c. be sold and its my further will and desire that my executor pay to my friend and neighbor Mrs. Patsy Collins, fifty dollars for kindness and c. out of any moneys that may come into his hands. Item It is my further will and desire that all the balance of my property not otherwise disposed of be equally divided between my brothers and sisters. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty brother John Harrison my lawful executor to execute 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 Henry Harrison have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of July A.D. 1853.

signed, sealed and published and declared by the said Henry Harrison 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.

Henry Harrison (Seal)

H.W. Cooper
John Powell

State of North Carolina, Nash County court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Feb. term 1854

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Benj. H. Harrison deceased is exhibited in open court, by John Harrison Exor. therein named and is duly proven in open court by the oath of H.W. Cooper and John Powell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I Raiford Boon of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. viz: I give and bequeath to my son Philimon Boon forty acres of land to be laid off and allotted to him off of the tract of land whereon I now dwell most and adjoining the lands on which he now resides to him and his heirs forever. I give to my granddaughter Harriet Westray my bedstead and furniture to her and her heirs forever. I give to my daughter Elizabeth wife of William Westray five dollars to her and her heirs. I give to my daughter Catherine wife of Edwin Edwards two cows and yearlings to her and her heirs forever. I also give to my son Philimon Boon five dollars to him and his heirs. I give and bequeath the residue of my estate of every description both real and personal to my two daughters Mary and Martha to them their heirs executors administrators and assigns to be equally divided between them share and share alike. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Archibald H. Arrington executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 16th day of March 1854.
 signed, sealed and acknowledged
 in the presence of
 Joseph A. Drake
 John E. Arrington

Raiford Boon (Seal)

Nash County North Carolina

court of pleas and quarter sessions
May term 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Basford Boon is exhibited in open court and is duly proven by the oaths of Joseph A Drake and William T Arrington two subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest G.W.Wood, C.C.C.
Attest G.W.Wood, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Lazarus Cook of Nash County and North Carolina being in proper health of body mind and memory having thought proper to form following viz:
My will and desire is that as much of my perishable property be sold as will satisfy my just debts unto which I lend unto my beloved wife Sally Cook the use of my land and other property during her natural life and after her death my perishable property be sold and equally divided between all my children viz: Andrew Cook, Lucy Mary Martha Levison, Nancy and Celina Cook also my two grandchildren Edwin and Marthena Cook to both have a part as one of the part of my children my will and desire is that Martha Levison and Celina Cook to have the use of my land after their mother's death during the time they live a single life and after their death or marriage to be sold and equally divided between all my above named children. I give unto my son Andrews Cook one chest of drawers. I give unto Martha Cook one bed and furniture. I give unto Levison Cook one bed and furniture. I give unto Celina Cook one bed and furniture. And lastly I constitute nominate and appoint Andrew's Cook executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of January. 1849.

James P Mercer
Thomas Mercer

Lazarus Cook (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
May term 1854

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lazarus Cook is offered for probate on oath by the testimony of Jos P Mercer and Thomas Mercer the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proven whereupon Andrew S Cook the executor therein named is duly qualified according to law and is ordered to be recorded. Attest G.W.Wood, C.C.C.
G.W.Wood, C.C.C.

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I Peter Arrington of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence at publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. To wit, I give to my wife Sarah Ann Arrington during her lifetime or widowhood the tract of lands whereon I now reside together with all the house and kitchen furniture plantation utensils all my stock of every description horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep crop and produce and all produce on hand of every description and my carriage and buggy with the understanding and upon condition that she is to make no charge against any one of my children for board or any necessary she may furnish and if there should not be a sufficiency raised on the plantation for the support and maintenance of the family my executor hereinafter named is authorized to supply such deficiency out of my monies that may be in his hands belonging to my estate and whatever any one of my children shall arrive at the age of one and twenty years or should marry, such child shall have allotted off if desired a fair share of my estate and in the event of the death or marriage of my wife in that case I will and desire that the tract of land on which I now reside be sold and all the above mentioned property with the exception of the negroes to wit household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, all the stock or its increase of every description horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep crop and provisions and all produce that may be on hand of every description and carriage and buggy or such vehicles as may be on hand for the use and convenience of the family. It is my will and desire that my negroes that are in the state of Alabama should continue to be hired out annually and should any one of my negroes either in the state of Alabama or here in this state become disobedient or ungovernable in such case my executor is hereby authorized to sell or dispose of such negro or negroes I will and desire that the tract of land I own in the county of Franklin known as the Helma tract be sold by my executor either publicly or privately as in his discretion he may think most advisable. It is my will and desire that if my wife should marry in that case she shall have allotted to her a fair distributive share of my personal and proceeds of my real estate and the residue of my estate of every description both real and personal I give and bequeath to my children namely Susan Ann, Harriett Eliza, Peter, William, Burt, Kearney Williams and Lucy Jones, to them and their heirs and assigns to be equally divided share and share alike. I devise all claims due me either by bond note account or otherwise be collected and my just debts paid and I do hereby constitute and appoint my nephew Dr Thomas C. Arrington executor to this my last will and tes-

tament this the 24th September. A.D. 1851. Signed sealed and acknowledged by the Peter Arrington to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in words and proceeds of my real in the seventh line 2 page were interlined before signing. Peter Arrington (Seal)

Test. Robert C Hart
Arch. H Arrington
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County May term, 1854

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the late Peter Arrington of this county bearing date the 24th day of September 1851 and propounding for probate heretofore to wit: at November term of the county court of this county 1852 is now again propounded for probate it being suggested the same was info mally proven and now at this term of the court of pleas and quarter sessions the said paper writing is duly proven by the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded at the last will and testament of the said Peter Arrington.

Attest G.W.Wood, C.C.C.
Attest G.W.Wood, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

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Basford Boon, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory do publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form follows viz: I give and bequeath to my son Philomen Boon forty acres of land to be laid off and allotted to him off of tract of land whereon I now dwell next and adjoining the lands on which he now resides to him his heirs and assigns forever. I give to my granddaughter N Harriett Westrey my bedstead and furniture to her and her heirs forever. I give to my daughter Elizabeth wife of Willis Westrey five dollars to her and her heirs I give to my daughter Catherine wife of Edwin Edwards two cows and yearlings to her and her heirs forever. I also give to my son Philomen Boon five dollars to him and his heirs; I give the residue of my estate of every description both real and personal to my two daughters Mary and Martha and to them their heirs executors administrators and assigns, to be equally divided between them share and share alike. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Archibald Arrington executor to this my last will and testament In test many of which I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 15th March 1854. Basford Boon (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of
Joseph A Drake
W.T. Arrington.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Temperance Hendrick of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being not in good health but of sound mind and memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following. I gave my sole to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came and it to be decently interred and after paying my burial expenses I then dispose of my property in manner following. First I give and bequeath to my beloved son Henderson W. Hendrick all my land lying in the county of Nash and adjoining the lands of William B. Bryant and containing by estimation twenty nine and a half acres be the same more or less to him and his heirs forever. Second. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth M Strickland my granddaughter one bed, bedstead and furniture called the big bed and one walnut table to her and her heirs forever. Third. I give and bequeath to Mary W. Strickland my grand daughter one bed, bedstead and furniture, grey chest to her and her heirs forever. Fourth I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Nancy Strickland the residue of my household and kitchen furniture to her and her heirs forever. Fifth I give and bequeath one fourth part of the money that I may have on hand at my death to be equally divided among the children my son Granberry Hendrick deceased to them and their heirs forever. Sixth I give and bequeath one fourth part of the money that I may have on hand at my death to be equally divided among the children of my son Wright B. Hendricks to them and their heirs forever. Seventh I give and bequeath one fourth of the money that I may have on hand at my death to be equally divided among the children of my son John Hendrick to them and their heirs forever. Eighth I give and bequeath one fourth of the money that I may have on hand at my death to be equally divided among the children of my son Redding Hendrick to them and their heirs forever. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend J. J. Taylor my executor to this my last will and testament and I hereby revoke and disavow all other wills heretofore made by me this 1st of April, A.D. 1848.

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of
Robert D Deane
Guilford H Williams

Temperance H. Hendricks (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County Aug. court 1854

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Temperance Hendricks is offered for probate on oath of Guilford H. Williams a subscribing witness thereto and is duly proven whereupon J.J.T. Taylor the