

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. Joel Wells (Seal)
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 by the said Joel Wells, by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do use and say and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Wells 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 with sees thereto as aforesaid 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 I knower 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.
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 authorised 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.
Robert H. Marriott (Seal)

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

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

shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 19 day of July, 1873. And the deponents, further saith, that the said Robert H. Marriott, 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 Robert H. Marriott 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 23 day of October, 1873, before me.

J. P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

In the name of God Amen. I Sallie Vinson of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Wood, one hundred and thirty two acres of land be the same more or less known as the Collins place adjoining the lands of Henry Robertson and others and also one third of all the balance of my estate to him and his heirs forever provided he leaves a child or children or returns to North Carolina; but should he leave no child or never return then and in that case all that is allotted to him in this my will to be equally divided between Britton Wood, Irene Collins, Sallie Collins, and Martha Hopkins, Irene Collins, and Martha Hopkins, wife of Whitmel Hopkins, my nieces, one third of all my estate consisting of moneys, bonds, accounts, furniture, or of every other description that I have or may be due me at my death to them and their heirs forever. But should Martha Hopkins die leaving no child then and in that case her part of the one third to be equally divided between Sallie Collins and Irene Collins. Item 3rd. I do lend to Sallie Collins the wife of Clifton Collins eight hundred dollars to her her life time and at her death I do give it to her children to them and their heirs forever. Item 4th. I do give and bequeath to Britton Wood and John Wood who is the son of my deceased brother Britton Wood all the balance of my estate which is not before given away in this will, to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. And lastly I do nominate and appoint my friend Dr. Thomas Davis executor to my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19th day of March, 1857.

Sallie X Vinson (Seal)
mark.

Witness. Wm. Hunt.
W. H. Edwards.

State of North Carolina, Nash County. Court of Pleas and quarter sessions. Feb. term 1868.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sallie Vinson deed executed in presence of a power contained in a marriage settlement made in 1836 is propounded for probate and the due execution thereof by the said Sallie Vinson is proved by the oath of William Hunt one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Sallie Vinson and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. Thomas Davis the executor therein named being dead on motion Britton Wood is appointed administrator with the said will annexed and he enters into bond in the sum of two thousand dollars with James Vinson, J. T. Webb, Bennett Gay and Whitmel Hopkins as sureties. Bond executed and accepted by the court, administrator qualified.

B. H. Soraby, C. C. C.

I John Tucker, being of sound mind and memory do publish this my last will in manner and form following to wit. I loan to my beloved wife Martha Tucker and my daughter Frances Tucker, jointly fifty acres of land with all the improvements and at their death I give the above fifty acres of land and improvements to my son Taylor Tucker and to his heirs the balance of my land I give to my grand children George K. Tucker and Ditson Tucker to be equally divided between them. I give my daughter Martha Rowland one bed and furniture. I give to Rebecca King one bed and furniture all the balance of my property I loan to my beloved wife Martha Tucker and daughter Francis Tucker, jointly and at their death the still and cider fixtures to go to my sons Taylor and Wright Tucker the balance to go to said Taylors and Wright Tuckers children to be equally divided between said children. Lastly I appoint my son Wright Tucker executor to this my last will. In witness whereof I the said John Tucker do hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of February 1871.

his
John X Tucker
mark

Signed sealed in presence of
N. W. Cooper
James T. Avent.

Whereas I John Tucker have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 21st day of February 1871 I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said will to be taken and construed as a part thereof, will and direct that fifteen acres of land to be taken from the land willed to George R. Tucker and Ditson Tucker. I now give to my daughter Martha F. Rowland wife of Doctor Rowland if however my said daughter Martha F. Rowland should die leaving no bodily heirs then the said fifteen acres of land is to go to George R. Tucker and Ditson Tucker said fifteen acres of land to be forrest land in the corner adjoining Thos. H. Garner an Thos. W. Avent. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of March 1872.

his
John X Tucker. (Seal)
mark

Signed and sealed in presence of
N. W. Cooper
James T. Avent

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, } SS. IN THE PROBATE COURT.
NASH COUNTY.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Tucker deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by Wright Tucker, the Executor thereon named, and the due execution thereof by the said John Tucker 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 John Tucker. That the said John Tucker 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 21st day of February, 1871.

And the deponents, further saith, that the said John Tucker, 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 John Tucker 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.

N. W. Cooper (Seal)
James T. Avent. (Seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed this 12th day of August, 1872, before me.

J. P. Jenkins
Probate Judge.

In the name of God Amen. I John Braswell of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, to-wit. I lend to my beloved wife Sarah during her life or widowhood, the following property, to wit, Three Negroes namely, Kinchen, Sarah and Jane. If Kinchen should die or become disable to work then and in that case I desire that Gambrick should take his place. One Horse of her own choice, one Suggy and Harless. Two cows and Calves her own choice. Three sows and pigs her own choice. Eight head of year old hogs, eight head of sheep her own choice. All the farming utensils, one Cart or wagon, four beds and their necessary clothing, and all the other household and furniture except Beds and furniture herein after to be disposed of. Also 1000 lbs. of pork, thirty barrels of corn, twelve bushels of wheat or two barrels of flour, 75 lbs. of sugar, 40 lbs. of coffee, 10 gallons of Vinegar, 3 gallons of molasses, all the bee hives and honey on hand, five stacks of fodder - half of the shucks on hand - ten bushels of oats. I also lend to my said wife during her life or widowhood as aforesaid, the following land to wit, the part of the tract of land on which I now live, lying on the East side of the Path, beginning at the flat ford on Meachries creek, thence southwards, the path leading by the House to the Ford of the Branch to Ward's line, to be cultivated by her own hands, but neither the lands nor the turpentine boxes are to be rented out nor any timber sold off the lands. I also give to my said wife, five hundred dollars in money, and also one of the beds and its necessary clothing, which I loaned to her alone. I also loan to Francis Hedgepeth four hundred Dollars to be equally divided between his four first children by his first wife. I also give to Brother William Braswell's four children to wit: Joe, Charity, Lucy and Harriett, four hundred Dollars in money to be equally divided between them, I give and bequeath unto my nephew John T. Braswell all the balance and residue of my estate of every description, including the property loaned to my wife, after her death or widowhood. And I appoint my said nephew John T. Braswell my executor to this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4 day of September,