

In the Name of God Amen. I Rosannah Tompkins of the State of North Carolina and County of Nash being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: I hereby authorize and direct my executor hereinafter named to sell the land and plantation on which I now live, at such time, in such manner and on such terms either at private or public sale as they may consider most to the interest of my estate, and in case of the death or refusal to act of either, a deed from the surviving or acting executor to convey a good and lawful title in fee simple to the purchaser. And, I loan to my son Peter R. Minns during his natural life negro man Willa and Harlie and girl Phrona and at his death to be equally divided between such child or children or their legal representatives as may be living at the time of his death by his present wife his second wife. I also give to my said son Peter old man Will and should he at anytime become chargeable I wish him supported by my executors out of my estate they of course to retain sufficient for that purpose. I also give to my said son Peter one bed, bedstead and furniture to him his executors and administrators. And, I wish all my just debts to be paid out of the balance of my estate, and the remainder of whatever it may consist or whenever it may be found I hereby give to my son John Franklin Tompkins to him his executors and administrators, but in case of the death of my said son John without child or children then and in that case the whole of the property hereinafter given to him to go to my son Peter during his natural life and at his death to his child or children by his present wife. It being my intention that the property hereinafter given to my said son John shall in no event go to his paternal relatives. I hereby constitute and appoint Richard Minns and my son Peter R. Minns executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of April A D 1845 and sealed, sealed and published and declared as my last will and testament in the presence of

Bennett Dunn  
Mourning Drake  
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session  
Nash county  
Aug. Term 1849

The execution of the foregoing will is duly proven in open court by the oath of Mourning Drake one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on proof of the said writing of Bennett Dunn the other subscribing witness to the said will by the oath of Benjamin F. Knight is ordered to be recorded, and is recorded.

Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.  
Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Clarissa Counsel of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form vizt

Item 1 My will is first that my just debts being paid out of my estate.

Item 2 I give and bequeath my interest in all my land to Susanna Hunter children to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3 I give to David L. Hunter one feather bed and furniture one bedstead to him and heirs forever.

Item 4 I give and bequeath to Richard Hunter one cow and calf to him and heirs forever.

Item 5 I give and bequeath the balance of my property to Peter H. Hunter to him and his heirs forever. My will is that Susanna Hunter shall have my trunk and the contents ther and her children forever. I point my friend Jesse H. Drake my executor to this my last will and testament this day and date do set my hand and seal this 15 of August A D 1846

test Tenny Cooper  
Mourning Drake  
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session  
Nash county  
Aug. Term 1849

The execution of the foregoing will is duly proven in open court by the oath of Tenny Cooper and Mourning Drake the two subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.  
Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen I Martha Eldridge of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: My will and desire is that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and after the payment of my debts and the necessary expenses, the residue of my estate to be disposed of in the following manner to wit:

First, I give and bequeath to my niece Eady Rose my demity counterpane and bed quilt and trunk to her disposal absolutely forever.

Second, I give and bequeath unto my sister Lidy Rose my feather bed and two sheets two checked and one yam counterpane and one pine chest contents to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my friend Nicholas W. Boddie all the residue of my estate of every kind after the satisfaction of the above specified legacy or legacies, to him and his heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint and my friend N. W. Boddie of said county my sole executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of August 1849 A.D.

Martha Eldridge (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged published and declared to be her last will and testament before us by the testator the subscribing witnesses.

Witness:  
W. H. Boddie.  
Jno H Edwards.  
State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session  
Nash county, November term 1849

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha Eldridge as offered for probate in open court and is duly proven by the oaths of W. H. Boddie and J. H. Edwards the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.  
Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

In the Name of God Amen. I Elisha B. Hart, of the county of Nash, and State of North Carolina; being of perfect mind and memory, but of feeble health, recollecting the uncertainty of life and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die; do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following to wit:

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy W. Hart, two beds, bedsteads and furniture and one side saddle.

Second, I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Susan B. Hart one bed and bedstead and half my bed furniture all but James Guilberts in Franklin county. I further give and bequeath to my daughter Vandelia C. Hart, one bed and bedstead and the remaining half of my bed furniture at James Guilberts in Franklin County. It is further my will and desire that all the remainder of my household and kitchen furniture together with my stock of cattle and horse farming utensils and so be sold and appropriated to the payment of my just debts.

I further give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy W. Hart (after the payment of the balance of my debts) all my right title and interest in the following named negroes viz: Jinney and her son Daniel, Easter and her two sons Robert and Sampson. And I hereby make underlain my worthy friend Daniel L. Crenshaw executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Elisha B. Hart have hereunto set my hand and seal, June 7th, 1849.

signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

J. M. Taylor  
Benj B. Smith.  
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session  
Nash County Feb term 1850

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elisha B. Hart is offered for probate in open court and duly proven by the oaths of J. M. Taylor, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

State of North Carolina, Nash County I Henry Edwards of the County and State aforesaid being in bad health but of sound mind make this my last will and testament. Item 1. I loan to my wife Milley all my property of every kind and quality whatsoever including all my money for her sole use and benefit to manage and live on as she may best think, and if at any time any of the negroes become obstinate or unruly and will not be managed I give to my wife the power to sell such negro or negroes and use the lawful interest of such money as she may think best. Item 2. At the death of my wife I give all my lands to my three sisters now living in the State of North Carolina, viz: Nancy, Lucy and Sally to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever. Item 3. At the death of my wife I will all my negroes and all my other property and money which is loaned to my wife and its increase to be equally divided between my three sisters now living in