

during his natural life, and after his death I lend
all of said property to his wife Mary for and during
her natural life and after her death I give all of
said property to the children of the said Mary together
with the residue of her body by the said H. H. High to them
and their heirs forever. Lastly I hereby nominate H. H. High
executor to this my last will and testament hereby revoking
and declaring utterly void and of no effect all other wills
heretofore made by me. Witness my hand and seal this
8th day of December 1880

Martha E. Catman (Deaf)

A. B. Williams

W. M. Rul

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State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Nash County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of
Martha Catman deceased is exhibited before me the under-
signed Judge of Probate for said County by H. H. High the
executor therein named and the due execution thereof
by the said Martha Catman by the oath and examination
of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn
do depose and say and each for himself, depose and say
that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now
shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of
Martha Catman that the said Martha Catman in the presence
of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of
said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and
deposits date of the 8th day Dec 1880 and the deponents
further say that the said Martha Catman the testator
aforesaid died at the time of subscribing her name as
aforesaid shown to said paper writing so subscribed by her
and exhibited to be her last will and testament and these
deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end
of said will as acting witnesses thereto and at the request
and in the presence of the said testator and these deponents
further say that at the same time when the said
testator subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid
and at the time of the deponents subscribing their
names as acting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said
Martha Catman was of sound mind and memory of full age
to execute a will and was not under any duress or
undue influence or belief of her deponents and further these deponents being not
Small, sworn & subscribed this 7th day of
Feb 1881 before me A. B. Williams Judge

A. B. Williams (Deaf)
W. M. Rul

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State of North Carolina } Nov 25th 1872
Nash County

I Ruffin B. Griffin of the county and State aforesaid do make
and declare this to be my last will and testament to wit=
Item 1st I give to my beloved wife Violet Griffin all the real
estate I own in the town of Nashville consisting of two town lots
including the dwelling house all out houses store house stable etc
also all my household and kitchen furniture of every description also
all the corn fodder stubs and provisions that I may have on
hand at my death also one field horse named Marnie and all
the hogs that may be on hand during her natural life and after
her death my will and desire is that all the aforesaid property
shall belong to my daughter Lucy Griffin Rebecca Ward and
my grand son C. B. Griffin to have and to hold the same in
fee simple. Item 2nd I will to my daughter Lucy Griffin my
watch and to my grand son C. B. Griffin my pistol
Item 3rd My will and desire is that all the balance of my
property both real and personal consisting of eighteen acres of
land adjoining the lots heretofore mentioned and conveyed to
my wife etc on the west side of Nashville various notes money
on hand etc be placed in the hands of my executor hereafter
mentioned to be by them applied to the payment of my just debts
and liabilities and of a sufficient amount should be left
in their hands to pay the balance of the funeral money of the
thirty three (33) acres of land bought at the sale of the late B. H. Dorsey
deceased and divided to R. H. Griffin then they are authorized to pay
for the same Item 4th My will and desire is that all the
balance of my property not heretofore disposed of be equally
divided between my six children. Item 5th I do hereby
constitute and appoint my son Samuel H. Griffin and my
friend Josiah P. Jenkins my lawful executors to carry out my last
will and testament in witness whereof I do hereunto
subscribe my name and affix my seal the date above
written

William P. Griffin

Jos. C. Harper

State of North Carolina } In the Probate Court
Nash County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Ruffin B.
Griffin deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of
Probate for said County by R. H. Griffin & J. P. Jenkins the
executors therein named and the execution thereof by the said
Ruffin B. Griffin by the oath and examination of the subscribing

Witness thereto who being duly sworn do depose and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Rufin B. Griffin that the said Rufin B. Griffin in the presence of their deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and bears date of the 8th day November 1852. And the deponents further say that the said Rufin B. Griffin the testator aforesaid died at the time of his subscribing his name as aforesaid deponents the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and then deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said ~~will~~ ^{will} as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in presence of the said testator and then deponents further say that at the said when the said testator subscribed his name to the said will aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Rufin B. Griffin 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 their deponents and further their deponents say not

severally sworn and subscribed this } William P. Griffin (Dea)
 28th day of July 1852 before me } S. C. Harpur (Dea)
 B. H. Corsey }
 Probate Judge

In the name of God Amen.

I Willard Hinton of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of his frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, First I give and bequeath to my three single daughters that is to say, Willie Mehala and Eliza Hinton the tract of land on which I now live is to belong to them three so long as they live or remain single and if one or two of them gets married then is to be no division in my land until the last one of them dies or gets married and then is to be disposed of as my executor doth fit one bed and bedstead and furniture a piece

for my three daughters whose names I have mentioned and one bed and bedstead and furniture for my son William Hinton and one bed and bedstead and furniture for Nancy Cook I now direct that the remainder of my estate belong to my three daughters whose names I have mentioned above and if one of them gets married she is to take her bed and furniture and the remainder is to remain with the single one till the last one dies or gets married and then to be disposed of as my executor doth fit. I now have one tract of land in Johnson County that I want my executor to sell after my death if not sold before and the proceeds to be applied to the paying of my debts if any. Likewise I

Nicholas Collins
 William Colson
 J. P. Hallsworth

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
 Nash County }

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Willard Hinton deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Willard Hinton by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and swear that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last will and testament of Willard Hinton that the said Willard Hinton in the presence of their deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and bears date of the 10th day of July 1851. And the deponents further say that the said Willard Hinton the testator aforesaid died at the time of subscribing his as aforesaid deponents the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and then deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in