

signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us.
Wm. L. Edwards.
J. M. Hilliard

the words expenses and daughter interlined before
singing.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Hess county.
May term 1860
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Jones
is offered for probate on the testimony of John Jones is offered for probate
on the testimony of William L. Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses
therein who duly proves the execution thereof and the said William L. Edwards
further proves that the other subscribing witness and James G. Hilliard
is dead and that he saw the said James G. Hilliard subscribe his name as a
witness to said paper in the presence of the said John Jones and at the
request of said Jones and further that he is well acquainted with the said
writing of said Hilliard and that he acquired said knowledge of his hand
writing and that the signature of said Hilliard is his genuine signature.
It is therefore ordered that the said paper be admitted to probate as the
last will and testament of said John Jones and that it be recorded.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest B. H. Searcy, C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. I, Low Arrington being of sound mind and memory
do this 27th day of April, 1860 make and declare this my last will and
testament in manner following to wit: After paying my just debts, my will
is, I give to my son Benjamin L. Arrington the tract of land I now live
on being on the south side of Sandy Creek known as William Hammett's
also one small tract of land lying on Redhead Creek called the Vine Collins
landmark by the name of the Hammett tract, also one other tract on the
south side of Red head called the Pitts land formerly known as the Webb
head, also one other tract lying on the south side of Redhead called the
Elizah Biddle tract being a part of land known as the William Arrington
tract. I give to my son George V. Arrington one tract of land lying in
Franklin county whereon he the said George now lives called the Peter
Arrington tract. I give to my son William Henry Arrington two tracts
of land lying on the north side of Sandy Creek known as the John and
Mary Hammett tracts. I give to my daughter Sally Ann Taylor one tract of land
known as the Eliza Williams tract, one other tract called the
James Russell tract, one other tract known as a part of the John Hammett
land one other tract called the Rappaport and Mary Russell land also one
other tract called the John Taylor land all of which lands lie on the
south side of Sandy Creek adjoining the lands of James Russell and others.
My will and desire is the negroes I do possess or shall be equally
divided between all my children, by those of my children remaining on
account of what I have given them off prior to making my will of fair
valuation at the time I gave the negroes my will is that James Benjamin,
George, and William shall pay to Mary E. Hammett wife of James E. Hammett
the sum of five hundred dollars and to my wife property. Whatsoever
Benjamin E. Arrington shall do or suffer without commission,
indemnity whereof I have heretofore set my hand this day and date above
written.

I also give to my son Benj.
and to Arrington one feather bed and furniture

and o.
test. A Arrington
John Arrington, Sen.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Hess county.
August term 1860
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Low Arrington
deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by B. H. Searcy
the executor therein named and the due execution thereof of the said
Low Arrington, is proved by the oath and examination of Arthur Arrington
and John Arrington Sen. 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 Low Arrington and the
same is ordered to be recorded and filed and therefore the said executor
B. H. Searcy duly qualifying as such.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest B. H. Searcy, C. C. C.

Attest B. H. Searcy, C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. I, Lewis Vick of the County of Nash and State of
North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the
uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last
will and testament in manner and form following that is to wit.
First: That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my wife a
several burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives, friends and pay
all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereunto and to those
coming out of the same that my first son John Vick shall be equal to
pay or pay of my estate. Next I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Vick
all my land and all my other property of land and of any kind in the State
of North Carolina, adjoining the land of Robert Williamson, B. H. Searcy, B. H.

Carter and others, one brandy still and fixtures one company of hogs at
the old field about twenty head one bed, bedstead and furniture one
cup and saucer one set and one walnut chest, after his paying my daughter
Tenny Parker wife of Josiah Parker one hundred dollars to him and his
heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Poland wife of Joseph
Poland one bed bedstead and furniture now in her possession to her and
her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Jincy Vick one bed and bedstead
and furniture now in her possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Tenny Parker wife of Josiah
Parker one bed bedstead and furniture now in her possession to her and her
heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son David B. Vick one bed bedstead and
furniture to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my
son B. L. Vick one bed, bedstead and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item: My desire is that the residue of my property of all kinds undisposed
of be sold and the debts due me be collected by my executors hereafter named
and after all of my just debts be paid out of the proceeds of there should
be a surplus I want it equally divided betwixt my six children to wit

Elizabeth Poland wife of Joseph Poland, David B. Vick, Jincy Vick, B. L.
Vick, Joseph John Vick and Tenny Parker, wife of Josiah Parker. Lastly

I constitute and appoint my son Joseph John Vick and Josiah Parker my
sole and lawful executors to this my last will and testament to be executed in
the same manner and to the same effect as the same shall be directed by the
court in that behalf made by me.

I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
27th day of August, A. D. 1860.

signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of
Lewis E. Vick (Seal)

Attest B. H. Searcy, C. C. C.

Edward Williamson
J. G. Taylor
Dwight Fridgen

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County.
August term 1860

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lewis
Vick is offered for probate on the testimony of Edward Williamson
J. G. Taylor and Dwight Fridgen the subscribing witnesses thereto and
is duly proved and admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded where
upon Josiah Parker one of the executors therein named is qualified as such
and Josiah John Vick the other executor therein named enters into court
and renounces his right to qualify as executor.

and is recorded.

Attest B. H. Searcy, C. C. C.
Attest B. H. Searcy, C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. I, Sally Hunting of the County of Nash and State
of North Carolina, do make and declare this my last will and testament
that I give and bequeath to my nephew John H. Harris, negro man John
to be his and to his sole use and benefit forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my relative Sally E. Harris (daughter
of my nephew John H.) negro girl nine and her child Joe and any in-
crease that may arise from said child, to be held by her father John H.
Harris, as trustee for her use and benefit during her natural life and at
her death to be equally divided between her children should she leave any, if not,
they shall be equally divided between her brothers, John W. B. Harris,
and Thomas B. Harris.

Item: I give and bequeath to my relative John W. B. Harris (son of my
nephew John H.) negro girl Ann and her mother Fanny to be his and to his
sole use and benefit forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my relative Thomas B. Harris (son of my
nephew John H.) negro girl Gilly to be his and to his sole use and
benefit forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my said relative Sally E. Harris, John W.
B. Harris, and Thomas B. Harris, the tract of land upon which I now
live, containing about one hundred and thirty two acres, together with
all the improvements thereon to them and their heirs jointly and equally
in fee simple forever.

Item: It is my direction that my negro man Arch and Mary be sold
and that the monies arising from said sales, together with all the monies
due me whether by note or account and all the monies arising from the
sale of my crop, stock, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils
and so on, be equally divided between my before mentioned legatee viz;

Sally E. Harris, John W. B. Harris, and Thomas B. Harris. The portion
of Sally E. Harris to be taken out of the same terms as mentioned in
Item 1st. viz: Her father John H. Harris is to take charge of it as trustee
and pay it out to her or for her as her necessities may require, and at
her death should any thing remain, he shall pay it over to her child or
children if she leaves any. If not it shall go to her brothers John and
Thomas or their issue, such issue to represent the father and take such
part as the father would be entitled to if living.

Item: I hereby appoint my nephew John H. Harris executor to this
my last will and testament, given under my hand and seal this seventh day
of August A. D. 1860.

signed,
Sally Hunting (Seal)

Attest B. H. Searcy, C. C. C.

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State of North Carolina, court of peace and quarter session
 Nash County
 Nov. term, 1888
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sally
 Herring deceased is presented in open court for probate and John
 H. Harris the executor therein named and the due execution thereof
 by the said Sally Herring is proved by the oath and examination of
 T. Schrader and W. F. Griffin the subscribing witnesses thereto, 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 Sally Herring
 and is ordered to be recorded and filed among and therefore the said
 John H. Harris executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by
 taking the oath prescribed by law,

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

In the Name of God Amen. I Willie Powell of the County of Nash and State
 of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory blessed
 be God for the same, and knowing that it is appointed for me to die, at that
 hour, be knoweth not, and in order to be prepared for the final dis-
 solution so far as my worldly matters are concerned, do hereby make
 constitute and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking
 all others by me heretofore made, in manner and form following: viz:
 Item 1. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth
 from whence it came to be buried in christian like manner by and suitable
 to the wishes of my family and friends and such monies and other worldly
 inheritance as it has pleased God to bestow on me with, I will and dispose
 of as follows, viz:

Item 2. It is my will and desire that all my just debts of every kind
 and description shall be first paid.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary the following prop-
 erty viz. three beds and furniture, one horse, and harness, three cows and
 calves, two pigs and one turkey, which formerly belonged to her, five
 hundred and fifty dollars in cash, to be paid by my executor, six chairs,
 one table, one side board, one dozen cups and saucers, three dishes, five
 silver spoons, coffee pot, sugar dish, trivet, looking glass, spinning
 wheel, pair of cards, one cart and wheel, one pot, one skillet, one
 loom, one washing tub, one water pail, and iron shovel and tongs
 and iron and provisions sufficient for one years support, I then leave to
 my beloved wife Mary during her natural life and after her death to be
 sold and the proceeds equally divided amongst all my children or the
 lawful heirs (with this proviso that that portion of my estate going to
 my grand daughter Martha Burnett, should she die leaving no issue, shall
 revert back and be equally divided amongst my children or their lawful
 heirs) the following property viz: negroes "Wilford, Primes, Jane, and
 Harvina, and a part of the land whereon I now live, bounded as follows
 viz: Beginning at a corner poplar tree, on Griffin swamp thence
 running a straight line in a south east direction to a corner pine, thence
 a straight line in a western direction to the ford a crop "bumpers
 branch in front of R.D. Hanna house thence the branch along said
 Hanna house, thence up the branch along said Hanna line to a corner
 gum, thence and "bumpers corner, thence my line to Griffin swamp thence
 down Griffin swamp to the beginning, which includes my dwelling with
 this proviso however that my daughters Martha and Margaret shall have
 the privilege of living on and occupying the said land in common with
 my wife, so long as they remain single and are satisfied so to do.

Item 4. I leave and bequeath all the balance of my land, negroes and
 other property, notwithstanding disposed off, to be sold by my executor and
 the proceeds to be equally divided amongst all my children or their
 lawful heirs with this proviso however that that portion of my estate
 going to the heirs of my son Willie Powell, his daughter Sarah Elizabeth
 Powell, shall receive one-half.

Item 5. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my worthy grandson
 J.B. Moore executor to carry out the provisions of this my last will
 and testament. In testimony whereof I have set out my hand and affix
 my seal this 20th day of March, 1888.

Willie Powell. (Seal)

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.
 State of North Carolina, court of peace and quarter session
 Nash County
 Nov. term, 1888

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Willie
 Powell deceased was exhibited in open court by J.B. Moore the executor
 therein named and the execution of the same by the said Willie Powell
 being duly proved by the oath and examination of J.B. Moore and J.P.
 "bumpers the subscribing witnesses thereto it is declared by the court
 that the said paper writing and every part thereof and suitable
 thereto is the last will and testament of the said Willie Powell and the
 same is ordered to be recorded, whereupon J.B. Moore the executor
 therein named qualified as such by taking the oath according to law.

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

and is recorded.

I Joseph W Arrington of the State of Alabama and county of Montgomery,
 being of sound and disposing mind and memory, having hereby made and
 declare the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking
 and other writings purporting to be a will and testament before made
 by me.

1st. I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved brother Jelly B.
 Arrington, supposed to reside in Louisiana, two hundred and fifty dollars,
 should he be living at the time of my death should he be the said Jelly B.
 Arrington be dead at the time of my death I will and bequeath the said sum
 two hundred and fifty dollars to my beloved brother William T. Arrington
 who now resides in North Carolina, and I hereby will and bequeath
 the remainder of my estate, property, money and effects of whatever kind
 to my said brother William T. Arrington with the exception of my gold watch
 which I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved nephew, James T. Arrington.
 I hereby make, declare and publish these to be my last will and testa-
 ment this 31st day of May, 1888.

Subscribed in the presence

of J. L. Arrington
 Jno. B. Smith
 Jno. B. Arrington
 State of North Carolina,
 Nash County

Joe W. Arrington (Seal)

court of peace and quarter session
 November term, 1888

The appearing that the will of Joseph W Arrington a citizen of Montgomery
 county in the State of Alabama was duly proved and allowed in said
 State of Alabama and a duly certified and authenticated copy thereof
 being produced and exhibited to the court and it appearing that the
 testator possessed property in this county it is therefore allowed and
 is ordered to be filed and recorded, And William T. Arrington is appointed
 admr. in testament annexed of the said Joseph W. Arrington and enters in
 to bond in the sum of two thousand dollars with W.W. Arrington Sen. as
 surety.

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

In the Name of God Amen. I William B. Bryant of the County of Nash and State
 of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering
 the uncertainty of my life do make and declare this to be my last will
 and testament in manner and form following, "first my executor hereinafter
 named shall provide for my body a burial suitable to the wishes of my
 relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my
 just debts out of any monies that may first come into his hands as a
 part of my estate.

Item first. I leave to my beloved wife Susan Bryant during the term of
 her natural life or widowhood as follows a part of the tract of land I
 now live in fact all the balance of that I shall not in another item
 dispose of six negroes Buck, Stephen, Hannah, Gealy, Penny and Martha
 my horses still and fixtures enough upon my place for her meat for self
 and family, seventy five barrels of corn, ten stack-blade fodder two
 cut steams, ten bushels wheat two beds and furniture all the counter
 pins and blankets on hand two horses, her choice two milk cows and
 calves her choice one buggy and harness three cows and pigs, her choice,
 the horse sheats ten head of sheep her choice two hams, the beef all
 the crockery ware all the tables and chest all the looking glasses all the
 kitchen furniture and one loom and gear two wheels and cards anyone
 of them and a pair of cart wheels both her choice enough of the farming
 tools to carry on her farm including black smith tools.

Item: I leave to my daughter Mourning (Vice wife of J.B. Moore) one negro
 woman Mauder and two children which she now has in possession during her
 natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the same to all her
 children to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my son Jno W Bryant and his wife William Jones during
 their natural lives or life the following property to wit one negro
 woman Caroline thence girls Sarah, Harriet, Emma, three boys Jim,
 Lewis and Willie all the property I bought and left in his possession
 at his sale could under a deed of trust and at the death of my son
 Jno. W Bryant I give and bequeath the above named property to all his
 lawful begetten heirs to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my son Henry B. Bryant, during his natural life the
 following negroes Young Jacob, Violet, and Scavina and at his death
 I give and bequeath to my grandson William Bryant, son of Henry B.
 Bryant the said Scavina and the other two negroes I give and bequeath
 to all his lawful heirs together to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my daughter Mary B. Bryant wife of "bumpers" vice two
 negro girls Mary and Lucy and at her death I give and bequeath the said
 sum to all her lawful heirs of her body to share and share alike.
 Item: I leave to my son William T. Bryant during his natural life the fol-
 lowing property the tract of land whereon he now lives two negroes
 Albin and Johann all his household and kitchen furniture all the
 stock and other things I bought at his sale under a trust all the
 rights and interest in Edward Strickland's estate but it consist in
 what it may be arranged by my executors in the best manner for the
 interest of my said son and family, and at his death I give the same to
 all the lawful begetten heirs of my said son to share and share alike.
 Item: I leave to my son Evan B. Bryant the following property the land
 whereon he now lives it being the land I bought of William T. Bryant and