

In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel D. Sorby of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being now in health the in sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 19th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows viz:

Item: I give to my brother Henry Sorby the whole and all of my personal property consisting chiefly in bonds, accounts, &c.

Item: I give also to my said above mentioned brother Henry Sorby my land lying and being in the state of Illinois, also I bequeath to my said brother Henry my part of property inherited by the decease of our brother Benjamin Sorby. Also my part in my mother's dower, also my expected legacy in Virginia at the decease of our aunt. Also all the rest of property of what ever kind if any yet undisposed of above to him his heirs and assigns forever. And I hereby make and ordain my friend Benjamin Blount executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Samuel D. Sorby hath the day and date above written set my hand and seal.

S.D. Sorby (Seal)

Test.
James Dozier
Mary Blount

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State of North Carolina, Nash County court May session 1823.

The last will and testament of Samuel D. Sorby was duly proven in open court by the oath of James Dozier and Mary Blount subscribing witnesses thereto who swore that they believed the testator to have been in proper mind and disposing memory at the time of execution the same and that they both saw him sign, and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last will and testament. therefore on motion the same was ordered to be made of record.

Henry Blount C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest H. Blount, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen. I Jesse Pridgen in the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being in health and perfect mind thanks be given to God for the same therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say: Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and

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divide and dispose of the same in following manner and form viz:

Item: I give to Patrick H. Pridgen one hundred and twenty five acres of land at the lower end of the old plantation. Item: I give to Colen H. Pridgen one hundred and twenty five acres of land at the upper end of the above mentioned plantation.

Item: I give to Jesse Pridgen two hundred and fifty acres of land whereon he now lives.

Item: I lend unto my deary beloved wife Mary Pridgen two hundred and fifty acres of land the plantation whereon I now live during her lifetime and after her decease my will is for it to be equally divided between my three sons Jesse Pridgen and Patrick H. Pridgen and Colen H. Pridgen.

Item: I lend to my wife Mary Pridgen one negro man by the name of George during her lifetime and after her decease my will is for him to be sold and equally divided between all my children.

Item: It is my will and desire that as much of my property as shall be sufficient to pay my just and lawful debts shall be sold to pay them and after my debts are paid the remainder of my property I want it sold and equally divided between all my children and my wife I want them all to have an equal part lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Drevry Pridgen and Hardy Pridgen my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixteen;

Signed, sealed in presence of Jesse Pridgen (Seal)
Sam W. Wick
David Winstead
John Wells

State of North Carolina Nash County court. Aug term 1823.

The foregoing was duly proven in open court by the oath of Sam W. Wick one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of Jesse Pridgen deceased.

Attest H.G. Blount C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest H.G. Blount, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Jacob Braswell of the Nash County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this twenty second day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifteen make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First I give and bequeath to my daughter Cloah Bellars one negro woman named Dinah and all her increase also \$750 five dollars in cash to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.