

of James
Turner
before named
to be divided
in the same
manner

I give and bequeath to the lawful begotten heirs of James Ransom by his wife Sally all the balance of my lands with six slaves, J. M. Ned, Ping, Lorena, Mitty and Watson, said tract of land including my home plantation above bequeathed to the heirs of James Ransom Guardian to said children being called on to enter into bond or security further it is my will that all the balance of my estate be sold by my executor hereafter named and all my just debts paid and the surplus if any after paying my just debts I give and bequeath to the children heretofore directed, and I do hereby constitute will and testament, revoking and making void all other wills made by me last terminated before assigned, this 7th day of June 1848.

Attest W. B. Bryant
Jno. B. Rice.

Thomas Bryant, Seal.

The foregoing paper writing heretofore offered for probate by Evan H. Morgan as the last will and testament of Thomas Bryant deceased and on which an appeal was taken to the superior court of law of Nash county is by consent of the parties to said issue of disavowal now offered for probate and the same is duly proved by the oath of Jno. B. Rice except as to the codicil thereof which is by the court refused to be admitted to probate and A. B. Haines the executor named in said paper is accordingly qualified. Ordered that said executor have leave to sell J. M. Ned, Ping, Lorena and Mitty on a credit of six months to pay debts. The foregoing faithfully recorded.

By S. W. Ward, C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I John Brown of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory doth make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following (to wit) first, I lend to my beloved wife Martha Brown the land and plantation on which I now live, also another small tract lying on little Peacock's creek known as my old place supposed to be in all one hundred and seven acres to her during her natural life. I also lend to my wife Martha all of my stock of horses, hogs, cattle, crop household and kitchen furniture, and all the remainder of my estate of any that is not mentioned in this my will to her during her natural life, secondly at the death of my wife that all my just debts shall be paid out of my estate and the remainder if any to be equally divided between my children say William Brown Rebecca Brown, Elizabeth Brown, and that one share to be equally divided between my grandchildren, the bodily heirs of my deceased daughter Mary Weston, and lastly I do appoint my friend James Harrison Executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 22th day of July eighteen hundred and fifty two (1852) signed, sealed and acknowledged.

W. H. Edwards
R. H. Lanier
State of North Carolina,
Nash County

his
John x Brown (Seal)
mark.
court of pleas and quarter
sessions Nov. Term, 1852

A paper writing purporting to be the last will of John Brown being exhibited in open court for probate Wm H. Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being examined testifies that he assigned the paper writing in the presence and at the request of said decedent and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time and it is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

Attest G. W. Ward, C. C. C.

I Lasa Turner 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 this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I loan to my beloved wife Rebecca Turner during her widowhood or life all of the following property my plantation household and kitchen furniture plantation tools nine milks cows and calves ten head of sheep one yoke of oxen and cart all of my bees hives one barrel of brandy a ll of my horses what my two youngest sons shall be come of age Henry and George shall both have a horse out of my estate. I give my plantation to my two sons Henry and George Turner to be equal divided between them at the marriage or death of my wife. I loan to my wife all of my negroes and their increase Cage and Leane and all of this children as they may all stay together for the benefit of my wife and family I wish my wife to have one years provision I give to each of my daughters one head and clothing five head of sheep I give to each one of daughters Sixty dollars at my death or where the property may be divided I wish all the rest of my property to be sold at my death and the money equally divided between my wife and children I do hereby constitute and appoint Nathaniel Murphy my lawful executor of this my last will and testament this the 20 of April 1852 signed sealed and o.

Witness
William Whitley
Henry Whitley

Lasa Turner (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County sessions Feb. term 1852

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lazarus Turner being exhibited in open court and propounded for probate by Joseph Turner one of the legates and upon the examination of William Whitley one of the subscribing witnesses the same was admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded. And is recorded.

Attest G. W. Ward, C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I Stephen Wells of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory blessed be god do this the sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty make and publish this my last will and testament in form and manner following to wit: First that my executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts whatsoever and to whomsoever out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Wells two feather beds bedsteads and furniture her choice two black walnut tables and two hundred dollars in money to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Bartley Wells five dollars current money of said state to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Redmon D. Wells one feather bed bedstead and furniture one negro boy by the name of Dennis and one hundred dollars in money to him and his heirs forever. Item: I lend to my beloved wife Mary Wells all my land and plantation whereon I now live and the following negroes to wit: old Jacob and Hada his wife Mary Harriett and her child Tom Abram and little Jacob and their farther increase and all the balance of my estate both real and personal of all kinds that I have not disposed of in the above items to her during her natural life or widowhood. Item: At the death of my beloved wife Mary Wells or end of her widowhood I give and bequeath all of my real estate both real and personal that I have lent to her during her natural life or widowhood to my son Redmon D. Wells to him and his heirs forever. and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Redmon D. Wells and my friend J. J. Taylor Executors to this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Stephen Wells do hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written. Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of

Wm. H. Edwards
William Asbury Priggen
Brewy Priggen

his
Stephen x Wells (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County May term 1853

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Stephen Wells is offered for probate on the testimony of Wm. H. Edwards and William A. Priggen two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and ordered to be recorded and Redmon D. Wells one of the executors therein named is duly qualified J. J. Taylor the other executor being in open court and renouncing it is ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded.

Attest G. W. Ward, C. C. C.
Attest G. W. Ward, C. C. C.

I Milley Edwards of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, this 18th day of March 1853 publish and declare this to be my last will and testament inform as follows:

Item: let I will and assign myself to my God and that my executors hereinafter named use that mortals remains be decently and respectfully buried and that they pay for all expenses of it out of any monies that may first come into their hands. Item: I will and give to my grand children the children of my son Michael Manning one third part of my estate of every kind quality and condition to him their heirs and assigns forever. Item 3rd. I give to my grand children the children of my son Brittan Manning one third part of my estate of every kind quality and condition to them their heirs and assigns forever. Item 4th. I will and give to my grand children the children of my son Allen Manning, one third part of my estate of every kind quality and condition to them their heirs and assigns forever. Item 5. I will and give to Joel Price an ox that I bought of Mrs. Anna Hicks to him and his heirs forever. Item 6th. I will that Mrs. Price shall carry on my business as she was alive after the crop shall be housed the coming fall I will and desire that my executors make divisions of my estate as before mentioned. Item 7th. I nominate and appoint Wm. H. Huddle and B. Hilliard executors to this my last will and testament. The day and date above written. Witness my hand and o. Milley Edwards (Seal) witnesses. Jesse Beal, Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Bunting, mark