

all the residue of my estate. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute 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 null and void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said James Ferrell do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of February A.D. 1850.

signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James Ferrell to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

his
James x Ferrell (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County sessions may term 1850
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Ferrell deceased is duly proven in open court by the oaths of Chauborn Perry and A. J. Taylor the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest Jno W Cooper, C.C.C.
Attest Jno W Cooper, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I William Cone of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory (thanks be to God) do this the 20th day of April in the year of our Lord 1850 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following to wit. 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all my stock of horses cattle and hogs and all my corn and fodder also the proceeds of my crops for the summer and fall of this present year. I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife my present stock of bacon or pork together with all my household and kitchen furniture farming utensils and all of which I desire her to keep or dispose of as she may think best for the proper raising and educating of my children. 2nd. I lend to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood my negro Peter and all my land consisting of 200 acres. I also lend to my beloved wife (at the death of Nancy Morgan (if she should then be living) all the negroes that justly belong to me at said Nancy Morgans decease; said loan to be valid only during her widowhood.

3rd. It is in my further will and desire that at the death of Nancy Morgan or my wife which ever may be the last survivor, that the negroes above loaned be equally divided between my following named children viz: Harriett, Alsey, Mary, Henry Richardson, James, John Turner, Catherine, Susan, and William. It is also my will and desire that at the death of Nancy Morgan or my wife which ever may be the last survivor that the land above loaned to my wife be sold, and the balance of my wife's property consistent with her will be also sold, and that my daughter Elizabeth Green receive in money amounting to within fifty dollars of the average value of my other children may receive from the division of the above mentioned negro and if after the sale of the above mentioned land and property anything should remain as an overplus that it be equally divided among my sons. I also make and ordain my worthy friend Reuben Murray executor to this my last will and testament. The day and date above written.

his
William Cone
mark

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County sessions Aug. term 1850
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Cone deceased is duly proven in open court by the oaths of J. M. Taylor and William B. Bridgers 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.

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10th April 1842.
I Joel Roper are in my wright mind I do make this my last will and testament if my wife Mary Roper should be the longest liver I give her all the negroes and their increase that came by her at our marriage

Joe I Roper.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County sessions Aug. term 1850
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Roper but not attested by subscribing witnesses is brought into court and propounded for probate by Thos W. Wright and the court being satisfied from the evidences of three witnesses that said paper and the signature thereto are in the proper hand writing of said Joel

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Roper and that the same was found at the death of the deceased amongst his valuable papers the said paper writing is admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

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

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In the Name of God Amen. I David Rawls of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory and being conscious of my approaching dissolution and wishing to dispose of my earthly goods before I go hence do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Article 1st. I give and bequeath my tract of land being in the county of Martin and the State of Maryland, to my brother and sisters viz. Hardy Rawls Milley, Bailey Martha Woodard and Nancy Rawls to them to have and hold and dispose of at their will and pleasure. Article 2nd. I give and bequeath to my brother in law Daniel Bailey all moneys due me in the county of Martin for services rendered to me. Article 3rd. I give and bequeath to Mary T. Foster and her two children Sally Ann and Kelly Rawls all of my property moneys and debts due me after having paid all my just debts that I have not otherwise disposed of in this my last will and testament. Article 4th. I ordain and appoint Benj. F. Foster as my executor with discretionary powers to carry in to affect the provisions of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal. This 2nd day of July 1850. David Rawls (Seal)

Witness
W. T. Wright
P. C. Whitehead.
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session Nov. term 1850
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Rawls and is duly proven in open court by the oaths of W. T. Wright and P. C. Whitehead the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest J. W. Bryant, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Winstead of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for his blessings, calling to mind the uncertainty of my earthly existence and knowing that it is appointed unto all once to die I make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my Grandson James L. Winstead one negro boy by the name of Jack to him and his heirs forever.
Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Nancy W. Winstead one negro girl named Betty to her and her heirs forever.
Item 3rd. The balance of my estate I leave to my two sons James W. Winstead and David W. Winstead to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. I constitute and appoint my two sons James W. Winstead and David W. Winstead my whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and forty nine.

her
Elizabeth x Winstead (Seal)
mark.

Witness
B. B. Smith
Calvin Cooper
Dempsy Winstead.
State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County November term, 1850
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Winstead was duly proven in open court by the oaths of B. B. Smith, Calvin Cooper, and Dempsy Winstead the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C. and is recorded. Attest Jno W Bryant, C.C.C.

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State of North Carolina, Nash County In the Name of God Amen. I Theophilus Batman of the County and State aforesaid being far advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in way and manner following. First. I give my soul to God and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a plain but decent manner;
Item: I lend unto my loving wife Mary my home tract of land containing ninety acres and the mill stone bridgehead I lend unto my wife Mary and a negro slave named Pam and one bed and furniture during her natural life and at her death I give said property to my daughter Eliza Batman to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Grimes Batman five silver dollars to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Milly Williams fifty dollars in cash and one small tract of land containing 73 acres lying near where Drury

Williams have live to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Senath Williams the tract of land where she now lives containing two hundred acres hereafter to be run off also twenty dollars in money to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my three grandsons children of Rashab, five dollars each to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nelly Batman the tract of land where she lives containing about two hundred acres yet to be run off also I give said Nelly two negroes name Violet and Eliza to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Priscilla Williams five dollars to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my son Willie Batman the tract of land where he lives containing three hundred and twenty acres more or less to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my son Haywood Batman five dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to the lawful heirs of Noel Batman five dollars each to them and their heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Charity Dalton the Dickerson tract of land containing about three hundred acres also one negro girl Betty and one negro woman named Rachel to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Batman one negro boy Jack and one negro girl named Leona also one man named Pink and one carryall, to her and her heirs forever. It is my will that the property left to my daughter Eliza Batman should remain with my life during her life. I give and bequeath to my daughter Tamy Batman a part of the James Deans land say two hundred acres also one negro girl named Marge also one boy named Bedford to her and her heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my son Garman Batman one hundred dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my son Marshal Batman the balance of the Deans lands where he lives yet to be run off also one negro girl Ailey to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Winbourn one hundred dollars in cash and it is my will that said money be paid to her as she may have need. Item: It is my will that all the balance of my estate both real and personal say seven negroes land not given away and stock of all kinds hives, furniture crop and c. be sold by my executor hereafter named and the money arising from said sale to pay all my just debts and the bequests in this will and the balance to be equally divided between my four children viz: Willy Willey Haywood and German Batman and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my worthy friend A.B. Deans, Jr. executor to this my last will and testament making utterly null and void all other wills heretofore made by me this 4th day of October 1848

Test.

John Dozier
M. H. Deans.State of North Carolina court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county August term 1851

The execution of the foregoing will is duly proven in open court by the oaths of John Dozier and M.H. Deans the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered:

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

and is recorded.

"Whereas I Theophilus Batman have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 4 day of October 1848 and have thereby made sundry devises and bequests according to the then existing circumstances of my estate but which circumstances having so changed I do by this my writing which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said will to be taken and construed as a part thereof. will and demise that one hundred acres of the Dickerson tract of land and one negro woman Rachel only be given to my daughter Charity Dalton instead of three hundred acres of land and two negroes as directed in my said will and I do hereby give and devise to my granddaughter Caroline Boykin wife of Willie Boykin one hundred acres of land a part of the Dickerson tract lying on the road and one negro girl named Betty to her and her heirs forever in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of May 1849. Signed, sealed and published by Theophilus Batman to be a part of his last will and testament in presence of us

Jesse Peale
Edwin Mulhmanhis
Theophilus x Batman (Seal)
mark.

In The Name of God Amen. I Mourning Kent of the County of Nash County and State of North Carolina, being in a low state of health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in way and manner following, first I give my sole to God and body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a plain decent manner 2nd. I wish all my just debts paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson William H. Bottoms one tract of land adjoining John Matthews Sam Williams and others containing one hundred and four teen acres to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson John H. Bottoms one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Nelly Bottoms one negro girl named Chain also one loom and gear to her and her lawful begotten heirs other body forever. Item

I give and bequeath to my two grandsons William H. Bottoms and John H. Bottoms one brandy still and fixtures to them and their heirs forever. I

give and bequeath to the said John H. Bottoms one blue chest to him and his heirs forever. Item: Give and bequeath to my daughter Willey Bottoms all of the balance of my house hold and kitchen furniture to her and

her heirs forever. and I do hereby nominate and appoint my worthy friend Brittain H. Bottoms executor to this my last will and testament this

14th day of April, 1851 signed, sealed and published in the presence of us who at her request signed

as witnesses her

Test. A.B. Deans, Jr. Mourning Kent (Seal)

John Matthews Mark.

State of North Carolina court of pleas and quarter session Aug. term 1851

Nash county The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mourning Kent was exhibited in open court and duly proven by the

oaths of A.B. Deans and John Matthews the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded. Attest Jno. M. Bryant, C.C.C.
Attest Jno. M. Bryant, C.C.C.

In The Name of God Amen. I James Sullivan of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, do publish and declare this to be my last will and

testament viz: First: Out of the property which I possess I desire all my just debts to be paid and after the payment of all my said just debts, it is my will and desire that the residue of my property both

real and personal shall be disposed of as follows: viz: I give and bequeath all the aforesaid residue of my estate both real and personal, to Jacob Strickland to him and his heirs: On trust and upon the conditions

nevertheless that the said Jacob Strickland will hold the same for the sole and separate use and benefit of Margaret Hammond (now aged about fourteen years) free from the control of any person or persons whomsoever, and more particularly free from the control of any person

she may hereafter marry and should she marry, then the said Strickland is to hold the said property in trust for her the said Margaret as fully as she were a feme sole and unmarried, and free from the control

and use and disposal of the said husband; and at the death of the said Margaret Hammond it is my will and desire that the said Jacob Strickland

shall hold the said property both real and personal for the use and benefit of the children of the said Margaret, but in consideration of the foregoing bequest to the said Margaret Hammond, it is my will and desire that

she the said Margaret should both take care of her mother Charity Hammonds during her life, and to the end that she may not suffer, I desire that the said property be left in trust to the said Jacob Strickland,

should be and the same is hereby charged with the support of the said Charity, to the extent that the said Margaret may think reasonable.

I do hereby appoint my friend Jacob Strickland my executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my

hand and seal this day of February 1850.

Signed, sealed, and published in the presence of

Daniel J. Crenshaw James Sullivan (Seal)

J.M. Taylor

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session Nov. term 1851

Nash County The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Sullivan is pronounced for probate. and the same is

duly proved by the oath of J.M. Taylor, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

And is recorded. Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.