

the 4th day of July A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty two 1852. signed sealed and acknowledged before us.
W. H. Edwards
Harriet White

After writing and making the above which is my will I see proper to add this which may serve as a codicil for the natural love and affection which I have for Harriet White the wife of Joseph H. White. I do also to her one loom and one linen wheel to her and her assigns for ever. Intestacy of which she has unto set my hand and seal this the 10th day of July eighteen hundred and fifty two 1852. signed, sealed and acknowledged before us
W. H. Edwards
Harriet White

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county
Nov. term 1852
The paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mourning Sikes deceased being exhibited in open court and presented for probate by the executor therein named whereupon Wm H Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being examined testifies that he assigned the said paper writing in the presence of and at the request of said deceased and that she was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time also that the other subscribing witness thereto Harriet White assigned the same in his presence and at the request of said deceased whereupon the court ordered the same to be probated.
Edmond Sikes the executor therein named comes forward and qualifies accordingly.
It is ordered to be recorded. Attest G. W. Wood, C. C. C.
and is recorded. Attest G. W. Wood, C. C. C.

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I Peter Arrington, of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of death earthly existence as follows to wit. I give to my wife, Sarah Ann, during her life time, or widowhood, the tract of land whereon I now reside together with all the negroes that belong to me that are in this state, also all my household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, all my stock of every description, horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep, crop and provisions all produce on hand of every description and my carriage and buggy with the understanding and upon condition that she is to make no charge against any one of my child on four pound or any necessaries she may furnish and if there should not be a sufficiency raised on the plantation for the support and maintenance of the family my executor hereinafter named is authorized to supply such deficiency out of any monies that may be in his hands belonging to my estate; and whenever any one of my children shall arrive at the age of one and twenty years, or should marry, such child shall have allotted off, is desired, a fair share of my estate; and in the event of the death or marriage of my wife, in that case I will and direct that the tract of land on which I now reside be sold also all the above mentioned property, with the exception of the negroes (to wit) household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils all the stock or its increase of every description, horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep, crop and provisions and all produce that may be on hand of every description and carriage and buggy or such vehicles as may be on hand for the use and convenience of the family. It is my will and desire that my negroes that reside at the state of Alabama should continue to be hired out annually and should any one of my negroes within the state of Alabama or hire in this state become disobedient or ungovernable in such case my executor is hereby authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of such negro or negroes.

I will and direct that the tract of land I own in the county of Franklin known as the Eben Hales tract be sold by my executor either publicly or privately as in his discretion he may think most advisable.
It is my will and desire that if my wife should marry in that case she shall have allotted to her a fair distributive share of my personal and proceeds of my real estate and the residue of my estate of every description both real and personal I give and bequeath to my children, namely, Susan Ann, Harriett Eliza, Peter, William Burt, Kearney, Williams, and Lucy Jones to them their heirs and assigns to be equally divided share and share alike.
I desire that all claims due me either by bond note account or otherwise be collected and my just debts paid and I do hereby constitute and appoint my nephew, Dr. Thomas G. Arrington, executor of this my last will and testament this 24th day of September A.D. 1851.
The words "and proceeds of my real in the seventh item 2nd page were interlined before signing."

Peter Arrington (Seal)

signed sealed and acknowledged by the said Peter Arrington to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Test Robert D. Hart
Archibald, H. Arrington

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county
Nov. term 1852
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Peter Arrington deceased is exhibited in open court by Dr. Thomas G. Arrington the executor and C. and pronounced for probate whereupon Robert D. Hart one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being examined testifies that he assigned the said paper writing in the presence and at the request of said deceased and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time. The executor, qualified accordingly and is ordered to be recorded. Attest G. W. Wood, C. C. C.
and is recorded. Attest G. W. Wood, C. C. C.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county
May term 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the late Peter Arrington of this county bearing date of the 24th of September 1851 and pronounced for probate heretofore to wit at November term of the county court of this county 1852 is now again pronounced for probate it being suggested the same was informally proven and now at this term of the court of pleas and quarter sessions the said paper writing is duly proven by the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Peter Arrington
Attest G. W. Wood, C. C. C.
and is recorded. Attest G. W. Wood, C. C. C.

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Know all men by these presents that I Elizabeth Burt of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina this the 10th day of Jan. A.D. 1850 being of perfect mind and memory for which I feel thankful to God but knowing the frailty and uncertainty of my life do think proper to make this my last will viz: In the first place I wish all of my just debts paid by my executrix out of my estate secondly I give to my sister Ann C. Burt my interest in the tract of land whereon we now live with every improvement, also my interest in a tract of land in Halifax county adjoining Littleton Arrington and others. I likewise give my children viz: Solomon, Lane, Lucinda, Cuffy and William, also I give my said sister all of the furniture and stock carriage and horses as included. Also all of my bonds except one for one hundred and eighty two dollars and 78 cents against L. B. Sims, the above property to her and her heirs, thirdly I give to L. B. A. Garrett the negroes viz: Angelina, Mary, and Lucy, in the possession of Ann L. Burt her life time to be managed to the best advantage for the said L. B. A. Garrett. In the event of the death of L. B. A. Garrett without an heir I wish the said negroes to be equally divided among her or others then living. Fourthly I give to Ann L. Burt, Harriet A. B. Garrett, Mary A. Burt, Harriette C. Burt, Saml. B. Harriette, and John A. B. Garrett an equal interest in fellow Daniel to be sold by my executrix. Fifthly I give to Peter Arrington negroes Murray & Haywood to him and his heirs. Sixthly I give to Edmund and Elizabeth Burt negro Adeline, seventhly I give to Edmund and Lucy daughters of William Burt, deceased negroes Peggy and child Sarah to them and their heirs. Eighthly I wish my negro fellow Ned sold giving Peter Arrington the preference in the purchase and the proceeds of his sale to be given to Cassandra Burt. Ninthly I give to Leonard L. Sims his note for \$182. 78 cents all other property that Lucy die possessed of not mentioned in the above will I give to Ann L. Burt. And I appoint my sister Ann L. Burt executrix to this will. I hereto set my hand and seal this the day and date mentioned above.
test.
Mark A. Perry
A. Arrington
Henry Sims.

Elizabeth Burt (Seal)

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State of North Carolina Nash county. court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nov. term 1852
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Burt deceased being exhibited in open court and pronounced for probate by the executrix therein named whereupon Arthur Arrington one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being examined testifies that he assigned said paper writing in the presence and at the request of said deceased and that she was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time whereupon the court ordered the same to be probated administratrix qualified accordingly ordered that it be recorded. Attest G. W. Wood, C. C. C.
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from record.
Attest G. W. Wood, C. C. C.

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In the Name of God amen. I Thomas Bryant of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being old and infirm but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: Item 1st I lend unto Elizabeth Bryant widow of William F. Bryant deceased one hundred acres of land including the house where said Elizabeth now lives so as the line just run on the south side of the line leaving the one hundred acres in the north end also I lend to said Elizabeth two slaves to wit Delila and Ourehur during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I give and bequeath the above named land and slaves to the lawful begotten heirs of James Mansom by his wife Emily.

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 and appoint my worthy friend A. B. Haines Jr. sole executor to this my last will and testament. Revoking and making void all other wills made by me last terminated before assigned, this 7th day of June 1848.

Attest Wm. 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 Peace tree 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, Eliza Beth 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.

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

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John x Brown (Seal)
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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. 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 Lemme 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 at the state 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 Rodah 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. Edwards
William Astbury Priggen
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Stephen x Wells (Seal)
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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. 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. W. Huddle and B. Hilliard executors to this my last will and testament. The day and date above written. In witness my hand and o. Milley Edwards (Seal) witnesses. Jesse Beal, Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Bunting, mark