

State of North Carolina, Nash county. Court of pleas and quarter session, May term 1853
The paper writing purporting to be last will and testament of Milley Edwards is offered for probate on the testimony of Jesse Beal one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded, whereas W. Boddie the executor therein named is duly qualified and is recorded.

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

In the Name of God Amen. I Ouben Strickland of the County of Nash And State of North Carolina being sound in mind and disposing memory but considering the uncertainty of earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit first that my executors hereafter mentioned shall provide for my body a decent funeral suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts. Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Isaac Strickland five negroes and their increase, my Harriet land one boy Elias, Sam and a girl named Fanny also all the property that he had before given me with three hundred and fifty dollars paid towards his land. Item 2. I give and bequeath to the lawful begetter heirs of the body of my daughter Elizabeth Tisdal the following property say five negroes Jim, Hillman, Mary and Anne and also all the property that she had from before after my death to ly in the hands of a guardian. I further more authorize the guardian to pay costs to my beloved daughter every year a sufficiency of money arising from hiring out of the negroes or in case they fall from the sale of property to support her family and after her death to be equally divided among her heirs of her own body is ordered by me that her children have no interest and till after her death. I hereby appoint my son Isaac Strickland Guardian to the heirs of Elizabeth Tisdal. Item 3. I give and bequeath to my dear beloved son Hardy Strickland five negroes say Ben, Mourning and Sam Turner and Leamon and also all the property that he has received from me heretofore and his increase to them and three hundred and fifty dollars in cash in place of land.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my dear beloved son Wm. D. Strickland four negroes Milbro, Hanson, Alfred and Nathan their increase also eighty acres of land whereon he now lives call the Booth tract of land a joining my own land and James Bullants and others and I leave a bridle and saddle one feather bed and furniture two cows four head of sheep to him and his heirs.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my dear beloved son Ouben Strickland five negroes Mary, Dillay, Willaford, Little Hannon and Tiddy. I also live him all the land on the north side of the Arthur Williams Branch also my grise mill a crop coopers creek one hundred acres of land on the north side of the said creek with a small part of the hundred acres round said mill is on the south side of said mill I give him my black smith tools also myrindy still and other casks. I give further to him and all my working tools also all my household furniture to him and his heirs. also I give him one yoke of oxen and cart.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my three grandsons, I give each to be equally divided between them. Item 7th I give and bequeath to my grand son Willey Morgan one negro by the name of Charity. I give him one horse Bridle and saddle the horse formerly called his one bed and furniture one cow one sow and pigs. also I give him all the land on the south side of Arthur Williams Branch that Inavenot given away in other bequest to him and his heirs. I further more give and bequeath to Henderson Morgan and William Morgan two hundred and sixty acres of land at the west end of my land adjoining the lands of Wm. Frazier call the Parks tract of land to them and their heirs. I also have two old negroes Dub and Hannon at my death I want them to choose which of my children they wish to stay with for their home. N.B. also in such case where I have given a way my negroes any heirs also the increase to remain to such share. all of my stock other as cattle sheep and hogs and also all the property that is not mentioned in this my last will my wish is that executors hereafter named shall sell and after paying all such cost and charges as may accrue in settling said estate to be equally divided between my five children. I also further more order my executor to take in hand at my death all the money that may be on hand at my death to be divided as above stated among my five children. I hereby appoint my worthy friends John W. Bryant and Jacob Strickland my lawful executors 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 heretofore revoking making all void all other wills heretofore made by me in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of June, 1850. enterlain before assigned, in the case of the heirs of Elizabeth Tisdal.

Witness. Evan H Morgan
Wm. Morgan.

State of North Carolina, Nash County. Whereas Elizabeth W. Drake of the county and State aforesaid being seized and surprised with a sudden and unexpected attack of sickness after leaving home some time in September last not being able to return home was confined at the house of J. T. Wright, in a fitness of her death she requested and called upon her

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and Sally Bennett who were present that her wish and desire was for her administrator out of her estate twenty five dollars to her granddaughter Ann Eliza Wright for attendance and waiting on her during her sickness and on Sept. 1852.

State of North Carolina,
Nash County

court of pleas and quarter session
Feb. Term 1853

The foregoing paper writing is duly proven in open court by the oath of John I. Drake one of the witnesses therein named and is ordered to be recorded.
Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
and is recorded.

In the Name of God Amen. I Kessiah Massingall of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do this 6th day of February A.D. 1851, make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. I give and bequeath to my daughter Judah K. Walker wife of Richmond Walker all that tract of land I purchased of W.W. Cooper sheriff of Nash County, containing seventy acres more or less adjoining the lands of Henry Houghton, James I. Williams and others, during the term of her natural life, to her sole and separate use and to not to be under the control of her husband or in any way responsible for his debts, and after the death of my daughter Judah, it is my will and desire that the same be equally divided between my two grandsons, Wm. P. Walker and Salathiel R.D. Walker, to have to them and their heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Judah two beds and furniture, one chest, one iron pot rack, one dutch oven, one pair of fire tongs, six head of sheep, one sow and six pigs, four sheats, seven geese, one riddle, and three chairs, during the term of her natural life, to her sole and separate use and not to be under the control of her husband or responsible for his debts, and after her death to be equally divided between my two grandsons, Wm. P. Walker and Salathiel R.D. Walker. I give and bequeath to my daughter Dilly P. Whitfield, wife of Archibald P. Whitfield, one bed and furniture, one loom, one wheel, one safe, one table, one riddle, one iron pot rack, one pair of tongs, one bread tray and one chestone meat stand, one trivet, and four slates, to have and to hold during her life time, to her sole and separate use, not to be under the control of her husband or responsible for his debts, and after her death, it is my desire that the same shall be equally divided between her children, Franklin Whitfield, Patrick L. Whitfield and Dilly Ann Whitfield. It is my will and desire that if either of the above Walker children die without issue then the property which would belong to him shall belong to the survivor. Also it is my desire that if either of the Whitfield children die without issue, his or her share of the property above given shall belong to the survivor or survivors. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend William B. Boddie executor of this my last will and testament and trustee for the uses above declared. In witness whereof I the said Kessiah Massingall do hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Kessiah Massingall
mark.

declared by the said Kessiah Massingall to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness
Coleman W. Woodard
Will. Woodard

State of North Carolina, Nash County court of pleas and quarter session
sessions August term 1853
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Kessiah Massingall is exhibited in open court and duly proven in open court by the oath of William Woodard one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.
Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
Attest J.W. Ward, C.C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I Willey Batman of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life I do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I give myself to God and my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in again but decent manner.
Item I lend to my beloved wife Gincy Batman during her natural lifetime or widowhood all of my estate both real and personal after paying all my just debts and bequeath and after her death or marriage all of my estate is to be equally divided between all my children except my daughter Reeny Williams.
Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Reeny Williams five dollars in money to her and her heirs forever. likewise I make constitute and appoint my trusty son Leonard Batman to be my executor to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of June A.D. 1853.
Witness
his
Willey Batman (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County sessions August term 1853
 The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament
 of William M. Mann is exhibited in open court for probate and duly proven
 by the oath of William M. Mann one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
 and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I James M. Mann of the State of North Carolina, and County of Nash being of sound mind and disposing memory do publish and declare that this is the act of my last will in relation to the matters herein contained, first I give and devise to my half brother Samuel L. Arrington all my lands which lie on the north side of Swift Creek adjoining the lands of John Harrison and others, to him and his heirs forever. The residue of my estate of every description both real and personal (with the exceptions hereinafter made) I give and bequeath as follows, to my half brother Samuel L. Arrington I give and bequeath one third part thereof to him and his heirs forever. To my half brother Archie Wald M. Arrington I give and bequeath one third part thereof to him and his heirs forever, and the remaining one third part thereof I give and bequeath to my nieces Elizabeth Williams and Lucy M. Cooper and my nephews Henry G. Williams, Solomon Williams, Samuel Williams, William I. Williams, John Williams, Archibald Williams and Thomas Williams children of my half sister Elizabeth Williams, to be divided between them in the manner and proportion following, viz. One half thereof I give to the aforesaid Elizabeth Williams and her heirs, and the other half of the said one third part to be equally divided between the aforesaid Lucy M. Cooper, Henry G. Williams, John Williams, Solomon Williams, Samuel Williams, William I. Williams, Archibald Williams and Thomas Williams share and share alike. My negro slaves Jim, (once/times called Jim Ditcher) and Henry a negro man I give and bequeath to Samuel L. Arrington during his natural life and if the said Samuel should die during the lives of Archibald H. Arrington and Thomas M. Arrington (one of the aforesaid) or if either of them, then I give the said negroes Jim and Henry to the said Archibald H. Arrington during his natural life, and if the said Archibald should die during the life of the said Thomas M. Arrington then I give the said negroes Jim and Henry to the said Thomas M. Arrington and his heirs. This last bequest is made in full confidence that the said negro Jim will be permitted to enjoy the fruits of his labor, as also what he has already accumulated and that all the privileges which I have allowed him will be continued to him and that the said negro Henry in consideration of his long and faithful services will be treated with special indulgence and favor. I do hereby constitute Samuel L. Arrington and Archibald H. Arrington executors of this will, the whole of which is written with my own hand and subscribed with my own name. Done the 20th day of January, A.D. 1851.

witness
 T.M. Wright
 William H. Arrington
 This is the only will that I have ever made, since Jan. 1 1851. this
 20th of June 1853. Jas. M. Mann.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County Nov. term 1853
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James M. Mann deceased was produced in open court and proved by the oath of T.M. Wright and William H. Arrington the subscribing witnesses thereto, her upon Archibald H. Arrington one of the executors therein named appeared in open court and qualified as such according to law. Ordered that the executor or have leave to sell the perishable estates of the testator and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Taylor Thorne of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of infirm health but of sound mind, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:
 Item 1st. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of any part of my estate not herein specially bequeathed. Item 2nd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Temperance L. Thorne, and my son Theophilus T. Thorne the whole of my real estate to be equally divided between them and to their heirs forever.
 Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to them and to their heirs forever, one negro slave named Louiza to her and her heirs forever.
 Item 4th. I give and bequeath unto my children, Ned Thorne, John E. Thorne, William B. Thorne, Joseph Thorne, Theophilus T. Thorne, Martha Hicks, Mary Jones and Temperance L. Thorne the residue of my estate of every description to be equally divided among them, to them and to their heirs forever.
 And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son John E. Thorne, executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 25th day of November 1853.
 signed, sealed and acknowledged
 in presence
 of us,
 James W. Ricks,
 Mourning Drake
 Taylor Thorne (Seal)

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State of North Carolina court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Nash County Feb. term 1854
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Taylor Thorne deceased is exhibited in open court by John E. Thorne executor and is duly proven by the oath of Jas. M. Ricks one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I Henry Harrison of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First that my executor herein after named shall pay all my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever, owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item I give and bequeath to my brother John Harrison the following named negro slaves to wit, Dennis, David and Judy to him and his heirs forever.
 Item: I give and bequeath to my brother Amos Harrison the following named negro slaves to wit, Lewis, John to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give to my brother John Harrison for the use and benefit of his son Nicholas C. Harrison and at his death to his heirs one negro slave Benjamin.
 Item I give and bequeath to my sister Temperance Drake during her natural life the following negro slaves to wit, Chary, Nick, Ned, Currin and Sam and at her death to be equally divided between her children and to their heirs forever.
 Item: I give and bequeath to my brother John Harrison the following named slaves to wit, Tom and Emma to him and his heirs forever. Item: It is my further will and desire that my executor herein after named give to each of the negroes given to him Temperance Drake and Nick C. Harrison ten dollars each for ten years in case either of the aforesaid negroes should die then it is my further will and desire the remaining portion be equally divided between the aforesaid negroes.
 Item: It is my further will and desire that the balance of my property consisting of land stock and c. be sold and its my further will and desire that my executor pay to my friend and neighbor Mrs. Patsy Collins, fifty dollars for kindness and c. out of any moneys that may come into his hands.
 Item: It is my further will and desire that all the balance of my property not otherwise disposed of be equally divided between my brothers and sisters. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty brother John Harrison my lawful executor 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 void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Henry Harrison have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of July A.D. 1853.
 signed, sealed published and declared by the said Henry Harrison 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.

Henry Harrison (Seal)
 H.W. Cooper
 John Powell

State of North Carolina, Nash County court of pleas and quarter sessions
 Feb. term 1854
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Benj. H. Harrison deceased is exhibited in open court, by John Harrison Exor. therein named and is duly proven in open court by the oath of H.W. Cooper and John Powell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.
 Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I Raiford Boon of the County of Nash And State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. viz: I give and bequeath to my son Philimon Boon forty acres of land to be laid off and allotted to him off of the tract of land whereon I now dwell most and adjoining the lands on which he now resides to him his heirs and assigns forever.
 I give to my granddaughter Harriet Westray my bedstead and furniture to her and her heirs forever. I give to my daughter Elizabeth wife of William Westray five dollars to her and her heirs. I give to my daughter Catherine wife of Edwin Edwards two cows and yearlings to her and her heirs forever. I also give to my son Philimon Boon five dollars to him and his heirs. I give and bequeath the residue of my estate of every description both real and personal to my two daughters Mary and Martha to them their heirs executors administrators and assigns to be equally divided between them share and share alike.
 I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Archibald H. Arrington executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 16th day of March 1854.
 signed, sealed and acknowledged
 in the presence of
 Joseph A. Drake
 John E. Arrington
 Raiford Boon (Seal)