

State of North Carolina, Nash County. Court of pleas and quarter session
Feb. term 1866
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob Griffin deceased is propounded for probate in open court by John U. Griffin the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Jacob Griffin by the oath of and examination of J. M. D. Drake and Lawrence Battle two of the subscribing witnesses thereto is therefor considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of Jacob Griffin. It is therefore ordered by the court that it be recorded and filed.
Whereupon I W. Griffin appears in open court and qualifies as executor by taking the oath prescribed by law.
Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.
and is recorded. Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Jesse Braswell of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this the 14 day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred fifty nine, make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner as follows, that is to say: First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann Braswell after all my just debts are paid all my estate including money, bonds, land, and property of every description during her natural life, to be kept together as her estate as near as possible. And after my wife Mary Ann Braswell's death it is my will that out of the estate one hundred and eighty dollars be paid to my grandson William Braswell, he being a son of my son Nicholas Braswell. And I also will that one hundred and eighty dollars be paid out of the said estate to my granddaughter Mary Ann Braswell daughter of my son Nicholas Braswell nevertheless provided that my granddaughters Mary Ann Braswell and my granddaughter Mary Ann Braswell make and convey to my estate the right title and interest they have in six acres of land that belongs to their father's estate, the said six acres a part of the tract of land whereon I now live, now in the event that this interest is not conveyed to my estate it is then my will that they apportion said land amongst Mary Ann Braswell shall have no part of my estate. 4th. I also will and bequeath to my grand daughter Eliza Braswell (a daughter of my son John Braswell) at the death of my beloved wife Mary Ann Braswell one hundred dollars provided the said Eliza Braswell be then living. 5th. After which it is my will that the balance of my estate be equally divided between my sons Edward, Madison and Jefferson and my two daughters Lucy and Louisiana Braswell, each receiving four hundred dollars for the support of my daughter Eliza Braswell which sum is to be placed in the hands of my son William for the above purpose and at her death if any part of the above sum of four hundred dollars shall be unpaid that remaining shall be equally divided between my five youngest children to wit Edward, Madison, Jefferson, Lucy and Louisiana. 6th. Now in the first place I gave to my beloved wife Mary Ann Braswell all of my estate during her natural life be it understood it is upon the condition that she never marries, but in the event that she marries again, it is my will that she receive a child's part and the balance of my estate be then equally divided between my five youngest children to wit Lucy, Edward, Louisiana, Jefferson and Madison now in the second of this my last will and testament I make and ordain my beloved wife Mary Ann Braswell executrix to the same. In witness whereof I the said Jesse Braswell have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

signed, sealed published and declared
by the said Jesse Braswell the testator as
his last will and testament in the presence
of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof the above
instrument. test. A. Foster, Thomas Davis, Benja. L. Arrington.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County July term 1866
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse Braswell is offered for probate on the testimony of B. L. Arrington one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who duly proves the same and also A. Foster and Thomas Davis the other subscribing witnesses that he saw them subscribe the same in the presence of the testator to said will as witnesses. It is ordered by the court that said will be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said Jesse Braswell and is ordered to be recorded whereupon Mary Ann Braswell the executrix named comes into court and duly qualifies as such.
Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.
and is recorded in obedience thereto Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.

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State of North Carolina, Nash County. September 8th, A. D. 1865. In the name of God . . . being of sound mind and good health I Thomas Lewis do dispose of my property in the following way and manner to wit: First I give to my wife Polly all of my property during her widowhood if she marries again she is not to have and hold any of it any longer. Item. And if neither father gives my daughter Sarah his property then she is not to come in and heir in my estate otherwise she is to equally share with the rest of my children in my estate. Thirdly. I declare in this Catherine's share of my estate and good treatment there as I do hereby acknowledge in presence of these witnesses this to be my last will and testament whereunto I set my seal and set my hand.
Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.
his mark.

State of North Carolina, Nash County. September 25th, 1866
In the Name of God Amen. being of sound mind and in good health I Thomas Lewis do dispose of my property to the above named heirs with the exception that Harry Alford shall have anything to do with my part of my property my daughter Sarah who married the said Alford.
test.
Thomas Lewis (Seal)
his mark.

State of North Carolina, August Term 1866
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Lewis is offered for probate on the testimony of J. C. Lewis and W. T. Bryant two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved by them. It is ordered by the court that said will be admitted to probate and recorded.
Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.
and is recorded. Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Margaret Vick, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. I give and bequeath to my son W. V. Parker, all my estate of every kind, nature and description whatsoever, that may belong or be due me at my death, and thereby constitute and appoint him executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27 day of September 1865.

her
Margaret V. Vick (Seal)
mark.
witness.
Marmaduke Hicks
Spencer C. Hicks
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County. Aug. term 1866
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret Vick is offered for probate on the testimony of Marmaduke Hicks one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved by him and also it is proved that the other subscribing witness is dead and his hand writing being duly proved the court orders said paper to be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of said Margaret Vick and W. V. Parker the executor therein named is qualified as such.
Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.
and is recorded. Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.

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In the Name of Almighty God Amen, I William J. B. Batchelor, of the County of Nash, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. Item 1st, It is my will and desire that all my just debts of every kind and description, including my burial expenses, shall be paid by my executors hereafter named. Item 2, After all my debts are paid as mentioned in item 1st, I leave the remainder of my property of every kind and description, both real and personal, in the hands of my friend B. H. Sorby as trustee, for the use and benefit of my two nieces, Quilly Lamon and Ann Batchelor, children of my sister Quilly Batchelor, provided however that if either one of them shall marry contrary to the will and consent of my said trustee, given in writing, then other to receive the whole and in marrying and if both shall marry contrary to the above directions then and in that case I give, and bequeath the whole of my estate to my nephew William Morgan son of William Morgan, Item 3. I nominate and appoint my friend B. H. Sorby, my executor to this my last will and testament. May 18th, 1865.
witness, T. H. Scott
B. B. Gripp
his
William J. B. Batchelor
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County. August term 1865.
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William J. B. Batchelor is offered for probate by the executor B. H. Sorby, and is duly proved by the oaths of B. H. Griffin and T. H. Scott the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded and is ordered to be recorded whereupon B. H. Sorby the executor therein mentioned comes into court and duly qualifies as such.
Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.
and is recorded in obedience thereto Attest B. H. Sorby, C. C. C. clk.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Susan Bryant of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory upon the tenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and sixty three make publish and ordain this to be my last will and testament in way and manner following: Item 1. After my decease my wish is that my burying expenses together with all my just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named. Item 2. I give to my daughter Mearns Rice (wife of Nicholas Rice) four hundred dollars out of any money belonging to my estate after my decease. Item 3. I give to my son Gideon B. Bryant three hundred dollars out of any money that may belong to my estate and one day horse. Item 4th. I give to my daughter Polly Rice, wife of Henderson Rice, one thousand dollars out of any money belonging to my estate after my decease. Item 5th. I give to my son Thomas N. Bryant one hundred dollars out of any money that may belong to my estate after my decease. Item 6th. My will farther is that if after the above gifts is satisfied there shall remain any balance belonging to my estate that it shall be equally divided between William T. Bryant and N.