

branch to the fork then the east fork to the road at a sassafras a marked sassafras then south to the branch back of the orchard then up said branch to a pond then south running in a midway through the wheat back field and running a south course two hundred yards beyond the field to a corner pine then east to Williams Winstead line then said Winsteads line to the River then up said River to the first station also slaves to wit George and Bettha also their increase also one darke filley 4 years old, two cows and calves to cows and pigs one saddle and bridle it is my will that my executors should rent out the land given to my son Bryant Rice until he arrives at full age and then return to him the proceeds of such rent.

Item: In addition to the above bequeath I lend unto my wife Martha Rice one yoke of oxen one cart and wheels one pig and harness and all the sheep one hand during her natural life at whose death it is my will that Silva and Isaac should be sold and the money arising from said sale to be divided between my four children in the following manner Lucy to Susan Winstead five dollars and Morning Williamson five dollars and the balance to be equally divided between James M Rice and Henderson Rice. It is my will that at the death of my wife Martha Rice that the 4 slaves lent to him in the will should then be the property of my son Bryant Rice and the land and steers and cart to him and his heirs forever and in case he die leaving no lawful begotten heir of his body it is my will that said property be divided between my four children equally and James M Rice, Henderson Rice, Susan Winstead and Morning Williamson.

Item: It is my will that all the balance of my estate be sold by my executors and all my just debts paid and the over plus if any to go to my son Henderson Rice provided it doth not exceed one hundred dollars and if it should exceed one hundred dollars the balance to be divided between my 3 children James M Rice, Henderson Rice and Morning Williamson the part drawn by my daughter Morning Williams to be disposed of by my executors as before named and in case there be not sufficient left out of this will to pay all my just debts then and in that case it is my will that each of my heirs should pay back and pay equally alike. and I do hereby appoint constitute and ordain my two worthy friends A.B. Pains Jr. and Martha Rice my executors to this my last will and testament revoking and utterly making void all other wills heretofore made by me in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28 day of March, 1845.

test.
Kinchen Taylor.
Robert D Deane.

John Rice (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county Nov. term, 1845

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Rice was offered for probate and the same being duly proven by the oath of Kinchen Taylor and Robert D Deane the two subscribing witnesses thereto it is ordered to be recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

and is recorded,

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

In The Name of God Amen. I William Ball of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and after recommending my soul to God who gave it and my body to a decent interment by my executor and friends I dispose of such worldly goods and estate as it hath please God to intrust and bless me with, in the following manner viz:

Item: 1st. My will and desire is that my beloved wife Milly have a possession as a home during her natural life of the house, orchard and field, yard and garden in the land where I now live and after her death I give the whole of the said tract of land and all its appurtenances to my beloved son William Kinchen Ball to have and to hold the said land he, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 2nd. I lend unto my beloved wife Milly during her natural life one negro woman named Rachel, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs, all the fowls, 1 bed and furniture, 1 safe, 6 chairs, 1 table, 1 chest, (keys) 1 room and gear, 1 spinning wheel and 1 pair cards all the kitchen furniture, 5 barrels of corn and 500 pounds of pork. And after her death I give the above named negro stock and furniture to my son William Kinchen to have and to hold, he, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 3rd. I give unto my beloved son William Kinchen Ball three head of cattle called his, one black mare one negro boy named John, a parcel of hogs called his viz: 1 sow and 4 pigs, and 8 shoats, 8 head of sheep to have and to hold, he, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 4th I also give unto my son William Kinchen Ball fifteen barrels of corn, fifteen hundred pounds of fodder, 1 bridle and saddle called his.

Item: 5th. I loan unto my beloved daughter Priscilla Lawrence Walker during her natural life one steer, 1 cow 2 beds and furniture, 1 trunk and other articles now in possession of my son in law Soling Walker, and after her death I give the above named stock and furniture to her children John B. Walker, Ellick H. Walker and Rebecca H. Walker to have and to hold, they, their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 6th I give and bequeath unto my grand children John B. Walker, Ellick H. Walker and Rebecca H. Walker one negro girl named Jennet

the said girl to be kiredant until the year of 1862 and the money arising from the hire of said girl to be appropriated to the education of said grand children, and at the expiration of the above named period if one or more of the above named grandchildren shall have died, without leaving issue to be possessed by the survivor or survivors, or if all survive or have issue to be equal heirs to have and to hold said girl and her increase forever.

Item 7th. My will and desire is that my son William Kinchen Ball have immediately possession of the balance of my land not loaned to my wife and that he live with and assist his mother to make a support and take care of her during her life.

Item: 8th. The residue of my perishable estate I wish to be sold by my executors to satisfy my creditors and if there should be any surplus money after the payment of my debts I give it to John B. Walker, Ellick H. Walker and Rebecca H. Walker as joint heirs of one half and my son William Kinchen Ball as heir of the other half.

Lastly I hereby appoint and constitute my friend John F. Bellamy of Nash county and State of North Carolina my sole executor to this my last will and testament and also authorize him to take charge of the negro girl Jennett and shew her out annually and use the proceeds of her hire in educating my grand child as specified in item the sixth of this will and any moneys that may accrue as specified in item the 8th. and moreover be it fairly known as my will and desire that if said negro girl should have so many children as to become a charge or prevent her heirship for at least enough to support and raise her children I give under such circumstances or the probability of such an event, full and discretionary power to my executors or his successor to withhold the money devised to educate the children for the above specified purpose of raising their increase of said negro girl Jennett for my above named grand children as he my executor may deem most prudent.

In witness whereof I William Ball the testator have to this my last will (written on one sheet of paper) set my hand and seal this 24 day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred.

Forty two.
Joseph B. Battle
Dennis Jorry

William Ball (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash county
Nov term 1845

The foregoing paper of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Ball deceased was offered for probate and the same being duly proven upon oath by Joe B. Battle and Dennis Jorry the two subscribing witnesses thereto it is ordered to be recorded. and is recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.G.

In The Name of God Amen. I John F. Bellamy of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, for which I feel grateful to God, and confiding in his grace for the salvation of my soul, do make and declare this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testament hitherto made by me. After humbly recommending my soul to God who gave it and my body to a decent interment by my friends, I dispose of what worldly goods and chattels the Lord has blessed me with in the following manner.

Imprimis: I give unto Elizabeth W. Coffield one bed and one pair of sheets, two blankets, one counterpane and two pillows first choice, and one common bedstead, second choice, one gold lever watch which was her mother's, to have and to hold the same, she and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 2nd. I give unto Martha C. Coffield one mahogany bedstead and curtains and a second choice of bed, one pair of sheets, two blankets, and calico spread of the kind of the curtains two pillows one mahogany bureau with the mirror attached thereto and one mahogany washstand which was her mother's, to have and to hold the same she, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 3rd. I give unto Sarah B. Coffield one bed, third choice and stand, one pair of sheets, two pillows, two blankets and one counterpane, one carriage and newest set of carriage harness thereto, and one black trunk belonging to the carriage to have and to hold the same she, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 4th I give to the above named three girls one set of silver spoons which were their mother's, the wearing apparel and trinkets and ~~clothes~~ of their mothers with all other sheets, towels, table cloths, pillow cases, toilets or covers of any kind, bearing the initials or name of their mother prior to her union with me, to have and to hold the same for their joint use and distribution forever.

Item 5th. I give unto my daughter Ann W.B.M. Hunter all the negroes lent to her heretofore and their increase since being in her possession, and all other things lent her and four more negroes viz: Patty, Mary Jane, (and her child) Minna, and Noah, to have and to hold the same she, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: 6th. I give unto my son John T.M. Bellamy the following negroes viz: Milly, William, Evadina and her increase, Clarissa, Abram, (son of Patty,) Harry the husband of Clarissa and all the children of Clarissa, to have and to hold the same he his heirs and assigns forever.

Item 7th. I give unto my son Joseph Clinch Bellamy the following negroes viz: Billy, (son of Coffield) Matilda, Hardy John, (son of Wincy) Edney, Mary and Margaret (children of Edney) Shincy, Alfred, Polly and Bathia, Harry, Sency, Ily, children of Shincy, children of Polly