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In the Name of God Amen I William Murray of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect sound mind since memory and understanding do make this my last will and testament in form and manner following to wit: I give my soul to almighty God that gave it to me and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter mentioned. Item: My desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and then all my worldly goods to be divided in manner and form following.

Item: I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved son Elijah Murray the sum of forty shillings and I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved daughter Nancy Morgan the sum of forty shillings. Item: I give and bequeath to my wife's oldest son Joel Whitfield one feather bed and furniture. Item: I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Mornin Murray all the land that I am possessed with and all my stock of every kind and all my property of every kind during her natural life or widowhood and then to be equally divided between the balance of her heirs this being my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day of March 1839.

Test William Johnson
Isaac x Whitfield
mark.

William x Murray (Seal)
mark.

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State of North Carolina Nash county court of pleas and quarter session
Nov. term 1846

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Murray was offered for probate and duly proven by the oath of William Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

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

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

and is recorded.

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In the Name of God Amen. I William Bellamy of Nash County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God, but calling to mind the uncertainty of the hour in which death will approach me, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

1st. My desire is that my body be interred between the graves of my dear wife and beloved daughter in a plain, cheap, and christian like manner; and the grave yard will inclosed with Rock, in a workman like manner by my executor herein after named.

2nd. My will is that the property heretofore given by me to my children, Edward C. Bellamy, William Bellamy, Alexander A. Bellamy deceased, and Samuel W. C. Bellamy be considered entirely equal.

3. My will is that my perishable estate of every kind be sold, at public sale by my executor and my lands on which I now live also to the highest

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bidder, with the exception of the graveyard. It is also my will that my lands and mill in Hargetts county North Carolina, be also sold by my executor at public sale, and out of the money raised by them sales my just debts be paid, and other incidentals expenses incurred by the executor of this will.

4th: My will is, that my negroes be divided into four lots of equal value, as near as may be, without separating man and wife and children (under ten years of age) from their parents; and that my son Edward C. Bellamy have one lot, my son William Bellamy another lot, my two grandsons of Alexander A. Bellamy deceased have a third lot, and in case one should die before he arrives to lawful age, the survivor to have the whole, and in the event both die before arriving, be equally divided between my living sons above mentioned at their heirs; and my will is that my son Edward take charge of the property given to the above named grand children (sons of Alexander A. Bellamy deceased) and my son Samuel C. Bellamy have the fourth lot. These lots to be drawn according to seniority.

5th. My will is that my wearing apparel and walking sticks be given to my son William Bellamy, and the residue including money and every thing else, be equally divided as aforesaid. Lastly, I hereby make and appoint my trusty friend Benjamin Hunter, of Halifax County, N.C. my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

In presence of
S.S. Judge
J.B. Whitaker

Wm Bellamy (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county. Nov. term 1846

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Bellamy was offered for probate by Benjamin Hunter and duly proven by the oath of J. J. Judge one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

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

and is recorded. Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

State of North Carolina court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county Feb. term 1847

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Bellamy is now further proven by the oath of the other subscribing witness J. B. Whitaker and the recordation of the same is confirmed.

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