

State of North Carolina, court of peace and quarter session
 Nash County
 Nov. term, 1888
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sally
 Herring deceased is presented in open court for probate and John
 H. Harris the executor therein named and the due execution thereof
 by the said Sally Herring is proved by the oath and examination of
 T. Schrader and W. F. Griffin the subscribing witnesses thereto, it is
 therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every
 part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Sally Herring
 and is ordered to be recorded and filed among and therefore the said
 John H. Harris executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by
 taking the oath prescribed by law,

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Willie Powell of the County of Nash and State
 of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory blessed
 be God for the same, and knowing that it is appointed for me to die, at that
 hour, be knoweth not, and in order to be prepared for the final dis-
 solution so far as my worldly matters are concerned, do hereby make
 constitute and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking
 all others by me heretofore made, in manner and form following: viz:
 Item 1. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth
 from whence it came to be buried in christian like manner by and suitable
 to the wishes of my family and friends and such monies and other worldly
 inheritance as it has pleased God to bestow on me with, I will and dispose
 of as follows, viz:

Item 2. It is my will and desire that all my just debts of every kind
 and description shall be first paid.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary the following prop-
 erty viz. three beds and furniture, one horse, and harness, three cows and
 calves, two pigs and one turkey, which formerly belonged to her, five
 hundred and fifty dollars in cash, to be paid by my executor, six chairs,
 one table, one side board, one dozen cups and saucers, three dishes, five
 silver spoons, coffee pot, sugar dish, trivet, looking glass, spinning
 wheel, pair of cards, one cart and wheel, one pot, one skillet, one
 loom, one washing tub, one water pail, and seven shovels and tongs
 and provisions sufficient for one years support, I then leave to
 my beloved wife Mary during her natural life and after her death to be
 sold and the proceeds equally divided amongst all my children or the
 lawful heirs (with this proviso that that portion of my estate going to
 my grand daughter Martha Burnett, should she die leaving no issue, shall
 revert back and be equally divided amongst my children or their lawful
 heirs) the following property viz: negroes "Wilford, Primes, Jane, and
 Harvina, and a part of the land whereon I now live, bounded as follows
 viz: Beginning at a corner poplar tree, on Griffin swamp thence
 running a straight line in a south east direction to a corner pine, thence
 a straight line in a western direction to the ford a crop "bumpen"
 branch in front of R.D. Hanna house thence the branch along said
 Hanna house, thence up the branch along said Hanna line to a corner
 gum, thence and "Robert" corner, thence my line to Griffin swamp thence
 down Griffin swamp to the beginning, which includes my dwelling with
 this proviso however that my daughters Martha and Margaret shall have
 the privilege of living on and occupying the said land in common with
 my wife, so long as they remain single and are satisfied so to do.

Item 4. I leave and bequeath all the balance of my land, negroes and
 other property, notwithstanding disposed off, to be sold by my executor and
 the proceeds to be equally divided amongst all my children or their
 lawful heirs with this proviso however that that portion of my estate
 going to the heirs of my son Willie Powell, his daughter "Lena Elizabeth
 Powell, shall receive one-half.

Item 5. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my worthy grandson
 J.B. Moore executor to carry out the provisions of this my last will
 and testament. In testimony whereof I have set out my hand and affix
 my seal this 20th day of March, 1888.

Willie Powell. (Seal)

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.
 State of North Carolina, court of peace and quarter session
 Nash County
 Nov. term, 1888

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Willie
 Powell deceased was exhibited in open court by J.B. Moore the executor
 therein named and the execution of the same by the said Willie Powell
 being duly proved by the oath and examination of J.B. Moore and J.P.
 "Harris the subscribing witnesses thereto it is declared by the court
 that the said paper writing and every part thereof and contents
 thereof is the last will and testament of the said Willie Powell and the
 same is ordered to be recorded, whereupon J.B. Moore the executor
 therein named qualified as such by taking the oath according to law.

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

and is recorded.

I Joseph W Arrington of the State of Alabama and county of Montgomery,
 being of sound and disposing mind and memory, having hereby made and
 declare the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking
 and other writings purporting to be a will and testament before made
 by me.

1st. I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved brother Jelly B.
 Arrington, supposed to reside in Louisiana, two hundred and fifty dollars,
 should he be living at the time of my death should he be the said Jelly B.
 Arrington be dead at the time of my death I will and bequeath the same
 two hundred and fifty dollars to my beloved brother William T. Arrington
 who now resides in North Carolina. And thereby will and bequeath
 the remainder of my estate, property, money and effects of whatever kind
 to my said brother William T. Arrington with the exception of my gold watch
 which I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved nephew, James T. Arrington.
 Thereby make, declare and publish these to be my last will and testa-
 ment this 31st day of May, 1888.

Subscribed in the presence

of J. L. Arrington
 Jno. B. Smith
 Jno. B. Arrington

Joe W. Arrington (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of peace and quarter session
 Nash County
 November term, 1888
 The appearing that the will of Joseph W Arrington a citizen of Montgomery
 county in the State of Alabama was duly proved and allowed in said
 State of Alabama and a duly certified and authenticated copy thereof
 being produced and exhibited to the court and it appearing that the
 testator possessed property in this county it is therefore allowed and
 is ordered to be filed and recorded, And William T. Arrington is appointed
 admr. in testament annexed of the said Joseph W. Arrington and enters in
 to bond in the sum of two thousand dollars with W.W. Arrington Sen. as
 surety.

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

In the Name of God Amen. I William B. Bryant of the County of Nash and State
 of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering
 the uncertainty of my life do make and declare this to be my last will
 and testament in manner and form following, "First my executor hereinafter
 named shall provide for my body a burial suitable to the wishes of my
 relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my
 just debts out of any monies that may first come into his hands as a
 part of my estate.

Item first. I leave to my beloved wife Susan Bryant during the term of
 her natural life or widowhood as follows a part of the tract of land I
 now live in fact all the balance of that I shall not in another item
 dispose of six negroes Buck, Stephen, Hannah, Gealy, Penny and Martha
 my horses still and fixtures enough upon your horse for her meat for self
 and family, seventy five barrels of corn, ten stack-blade fodder two
 cut steams, ten bushels wheat two beds and furniture all the counter
 pins and blankets on hand two horses, her choice two milk cows and
 calves her choice one buggy and harness three cows and pigs, her choice,
 the horse sheats ten head of sheep her choice two hams, the beef all
 the crockery ware all the tables and chest all the looking glasses all the
 kitchen furniture and one loom and gear two wheels and cards anyone
 of them and a pair of cart wheels both her choice enough of the farming
 tools to carry on husbandry including black smith tools.

Item: I leave to my daughter Mourning (Vice wife of J.B. Allen) one negro
 woman Mauder and two children which she now has in possession during her
 natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the same to all her
 children to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my son Joe W. Bryant and his wife William Jones during
 their natural lives or life the following property to wit one negro
 woman Caroline thence girls Bertha, Harriet, Emma, three boys Jim,
 Lewis and Willie all the property I bought and left in his possession
 at his sale could under a deed of trust and at the death of my son
 Joe W. Bryant I give and bequeath the above named property to all his
 lawful begetten heirs to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my son Henry B. Bryant, during his natural life the
 following negroes Young Jacob, Violet, and Scavina and at his death
 I give and bequeath to my grandson William Bryant, son of Henry B.
 Bryant the said Scavina and the other two negroes I give and bequeath
 to all his lawful heirs together to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my daughter Mary B. Bryant wife of "Anderson" two
 negro girls Mary and Lucy and at her death I give and bequeath the said
 property to all her lawful heirs of her body to share and share alike.
 Item: I leave to my son William T. Bryant during his natural life the fol-
 lowing property the tract of land whereon he now lives two negroes
 Allen and Johann all his household and kitchen furniture all the
 stock and other things I bought at his sale under a trust all the
 rights and interest in Edward Strickland's estate but it consist in
 that it may be arranged by my executors in the best manner for the
 interest of my said son and family, and at his death I give the same to
 all the lawful begetten heirs of my said son to share and share alike.
 Item: I leave to my son Evan B. Bryant the following property the land
 whereon he now lives it being the land I bought of William T. Bryant and

In addition to the above I land him after the death of my wife fifty acres to be taken from the land I land my wife commencing at Pitts corner in the big branch running east branch as to be strike Silas Allison line as to leave him fifty acres. I also land him two negroes George and Sarah. I also land him all the debt he is owing that may be think will be of the greatest benefit to him and family and at his death I give and bequeath to him and his heirs the above property is to be for my own special benefit.

Item: I land to my son Gideon B Bryant during his natural life all that part of my tract of land lying west of the following line commencing at Abraham old landing on the river just above the old hill fields thence a due north course to Willie Harrison line and also two negroes James and Good and at his death I give and bequeath the same to all his lawful heirs. Item: I land my son Thos. B Bryant during his natural life the following land commencing in or about the center of the Woodstock old field thence a due east course to N. J. Martha land all north of said line in addition to the above I land him another piece commencing at corner the center of the Woodstock old field on Warren line thence said line to the new road thence the said road south to a sandy bottom near the head of my lane thence out east about two hundred yards thence back to the said station to be a straight line as to not to go near than two hundred yards of the field. I also land him the following negroes Abram, Jordan, and Clara. I also land him at his death I give the same to all his lawful heirs and if he should die without any such heir then and in that case the property is to return to all his brothers and sisters surviving.

Item: At my death I may will that Jordan, I bought of A. J. Taylor shall be sold by my executor and if he should fail to bring enough to pay the note N. V. Eddie whole against me my son Joe V. Bryant is to pay the balance. Item: It is my will and desire that my executor sell my part of the mill and all the negroes and other property that I have not disposed of as a credit of six months bonds bearing interest from date and all my just debts paid and the balance after paying my wife Susan one hundred dollars be divided between James B Bryant and Henry B Bryant, Evan B Bryant, Gideon B Bryant and Thomas B Bryant and to share and share alike.

Item: I except one acre of the land I have lent to Gideon B Bryant for the use of the Mill. Item: At the death of my wife I may will and desire that all the property I have lent her be sold by my executor as a credit bonds carrying interest from date and the money arising from such sale, it is my will that my son Joe V Bryant shall receive eleven hundred dollars in lieu of land and the balance be equally divided between my six sons Joe V. Bryant and M. H. Bryant, Evan B Bryant, Wm. T Bryant, Gid. B Bryant, and Geo. B Bryant, to share and share alike.

Item: And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Joe V. Bryant, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes. It is my will that my last will and testament according to the true meaning and intent of it is my will that he shall not be required to give bond and in witness whereof I the said William B Bryant have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6 day of October, 1861.

Witness
George N Lewis
Thomas Greenmore
William B Bryant, (Seal)
Mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Forsyth County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of "William B. Bryant, deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by Joe V. Bryant the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said W. B. Bryant is proved by the oath and examination of George N Lewis and Thomas Greenmore the subscribing witnesses thereto it is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said W. B. Bryant and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed, and thereupon the said Joe V Bryant executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law;

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest B. H. Sarsby, C. C. J.

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In the Name of God Amen, I Martha Rice of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in my own presence following: First I give my soul to God and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a plain decent manner. First I give and bequeath to my son Bryant B Rice one certain bed and stool and furniture and all the clothes were also it is my wish that my son Bryant B Rice shall have all the hire of my property. I also bequeath to him or money also all the pork and lard that I have at my death except 200 lbs. of pork and 20 lbs. of lard. Item the said I give and bequeath to my grand children to wit the children of my son Henderson Rice and the children of my daughter Hannah Williamson all the rest of my estate

to be equally divided among them that is living at the time of my death except 200 bushels of property given to my grand children consist of one mare and mule, and 1000 lbs. of seed cotton, 2 stacks of blade cotton, 10 barrels of corn two sows and pigs one hog, sheep 7 head of cattle. It is my wish that the property left to my grand children of shall be equally divided between the children of Henderson Rice and Hannah Williamson.

I give to my son Henderson Rice one buggy now in his possession, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Henderson Rice executor to this my last will and testament. This 15 day of July 1861.

signed, sealed and acknowledged

in presence of us.

Kincham Taylor

A. H. Palmer Jr.

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter session

Nash County

Aug. term 1861

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha Rice is exhibited for probate in open court by A. H. Palmer Jr. and Kincham Taylor the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proved and admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded whereupon Henderson Rice the executor therein named duly qualified as such.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest B. H. Sarsby, C. C. J.

Attest B. H. Sarsby, C. C. J.

In the Name of God Amen, I Jacob Fox, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, make and declare this to be my last will and testament, in the first place, viz: I give to my wife Mary all the land I now live on during her natural life and I also take all my household and kitchen furniture during her life time and give to her absolutely my bay horse called Seaboard and my buggy and harness.

Item 1st. I give to my wife the following negroes viz. Charity, Joe, Mary Ann, Hades, Prince, Haden, Filla, and Minnie. Item 2nd: I give to my daughter Hellen Kearney and the children she now has or may hereafter have all the amount this is now due me from the estate of her grandfather Bartholomew Fuller not to include the amount I have already received which was about eight hundred and eighty dollars and in lieu of that amount I give to them a note of four hundred and sixty eight dollars and 50/100 due to Ben V. Fenn from K. Kearney to which I was security and said note I have taken up and now hold against said K. Kearney, and the interest that my executor on said note, and all accounts and interest which I held against the said K. Kearney to be equally divided between them in full of all interest or claim to any portion of my estate.

Item 3rd. I wish the following negroes viz: Aaron Matt, Emma and Raymond to be equally divided between my three youngest children viz: Isham, Fendin and Lucy. I also give to each one a bed and furniture after the death of my wife.

Item 4. My will and desire is that my wife shall sustain and support of charge my three youngest children out of the estate I have given and loaned to her until they arrive to the age of one and twenty years respectively.

Item 5. I give to my wife the hogs on the Daring plantation all my sheep and cattle two carts, one wagon one ox cart and even all my crop and farming implements and two mules (John and Jim), and I wish her to take care of my Spanish mare and two white colts for Isham and Fendin which I give to them Item 6. I will and desire my Pitts plantation to be sold with the exception of half an acre of land in and around the grave yard, also two mules (Bob and Kate) and if their proceeds will not pay my just debts, then I will the following negroes to be sold, viz. Hades, (Little Haden), Mourning, Daniel, and Louanna and if not enough to pay my debts then a part of the stock I have loaned or given to my wife. I appoint and constitute my friends A. H. Arrington and B. B. Hilliard executors to this my last will and testament this 20th day of April, 1861.

signed and acknowledged in the presence of us.

Thomas V. Asent

Wm. Leonard.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County

Aug. term 1861

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jacob Fox, deceased is presented in open court for probate and the due execution of the same by the said Jacob Fox being proved by the oath and examination of Thomas V. Asent and William Leonard the subscribing witnesses thereto the said paper writing is declared by the court to be and contain the last will and testament of the said Jacob Fox and is therefore ordered to be recorded.

and is recorded as such

Attest B. H. Sarsby, C. C. J.

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