

and said, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be last will and testament of Mary Barnes. That the said Mary Barnes in the presence of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of the 11th day of November 1867. And the deponents further said that the name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by her and upon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and these deponents further said that at the said time when the said testator, deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Mary Barnes, was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not. Severally sworn and subscribed this 20th day of May, 1871, before me. J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

Redmon Burr (Seal)

D. Trevathan (Seal)

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In The "name of God Amen. I Bolen Melton, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do on this the twenty fourth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twentyone, make public and ordain this to be my last will and testament in way and manner following. Item 1. After my decease that all my just debts be paid out of my estate. Item 2. I give to my beloved wife Zilpha D Melton a certain tract or parcel of land bounded as follows beginning at a bunch of maples, Witches corner on the road from thence west to a corner pine W.B. Williams corner from thence north 212, pole to a corner pine from thence east to Alerson Strickland line on the east side of Coco creek from thence south Strickland line to his corner, from thence east to the Halifax Road thence said Road to the beginning. In addition to the above described tract of land I give to my beloved wife all my stock of every description, farming tools, all of my many bonds and accounts together with every thing I possess nothing after disposed of. Item 3. I give to my friend Alerson Strickland all the land I have on the west side of the Halifax Road lying north of the tract of land given to my wife. I give to my friend Alerson Strickland one other tract or parcel of land lying on the east side of the Halifax Road and bounded as follows, beginning at an oak on the road where the mill path leaves the road near the old Jenkins house from thence east course to the spring known as the Thomas Carter spring thence down said spring branch to Turkey creek all the land North of said branch and east of the Halifax road belonging to me I give to Alerson Strickland. Item 4th. I give to Jasper G Strickland and Robert W Strickland Sons of Alerson Strickland a certain tract or parcel of land and bounded as follows Beginning at an oak on the east side of the Halifax road where the mill path turns out of the road near the old Jenkins house from thence east course to the spring known as the Thomas Carter spring thence down said spring branch to Turkey creek thence down said creek to B. Woods corner thence woods line to J.T. Webb's line from thence Webb's line to Coco creek thence up said creek to the Halifax road thence said road to the beginning. Lastly I leave Bennett Gay my executor to this my last will and testament to execute the same according to its true intent and meaning the day and date first above written. Signed, sealed and in presence of witnesses.

Bolin Melton (Seal)

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William Powell William S. Gay, Bennett Gay, State of North Carolina, in the Probate court Nash County.

a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Bolin Melton, deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned, judge of probate for said county by Bennett Gay the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Bolin Melton by the oath and examination of William Powell, William S. Gay and Bennett Gay, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and said, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Bolin Melton, that the said Bolin Melton, in the presence of their deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of the 4th day of May, 1871. And the deponents further said that the said Bolin Melton, the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of said testator and these deponents further said that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Bolin Melton, was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

William Powell (Seal)

William S. Gay (Seal)

Bennett Gay (Seal)

To the Probate Judge of Nash County. September 2nd, 1871. I hereby recommend my executorship to the last will and testament of Bolin Melton, in favor of Mrs. Zilpha Melton, his widow.

I Nathan G Joyner, of the State of North Carolina, and County of Nash being of weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, sense, and understanding do make this my last will and testament in form and manner following to wit: I give my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named. Item. My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid then all my worldly goods be disposed of in manner following: Item: I leave to my dear beloved wife (at) Joyner all the land that I now own and all the personal and perishable property that I now own to have and to hold her natural life and at her death all of which to be equally divided between my beloved daughter Nancy Joyner and my beloved son Nelson W Joyner, to them and to their heirs and assigns forever. I do also constitute and appoint my trusty friend James E.R. Winstead, executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 26 day of August, 1871

John Bone Jas. W. Winstead.

his Nathan x G Joyner (Seal) mark.

State of North Carolina, Nash county in the probate court. a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Nathan G Joyner deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned judge, of probate for said county, by J.E.R. Winstead the executor therein named and the due examination thereof by the said Nathan G Joyner by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and say, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Nathan Joyner that the said Nathan G Joyner in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and bears date of the 26th day of August 1871. And the deponents further said that the said Nathan G Joyner the testator aforesaid declared at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid that the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator and these deponents further said that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will and testament subscribed his name to the said last will and testament as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Nathan G Joyner was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents and further they say not.

John Bone (Seal)

Jas. W. Winstead (Seal)

severally sworn and subscribed this the 30th day of Oct. 1871 Probate Judge. J.P. Jenkins.

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Sept 22nd. 1865 In The Name of God. Amen. I William Culpepper of the County of Nash and of the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit: to my eldest son Henry H. Culpepper I give and bequeath twenty five acres of land a joining the land whereon he now lives. I also give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mariah Elizabeth one bed and furniture one blue painted chest to her and her heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Elger Joyner one bed and furniture and one red painted chest to her and her heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Frances R Joyner one cow and calf, one table my loom and gear to her and her heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my beloved son John J. Culpepper all the rest residue and remainder of my real and personal estate not above mentioned to him and his heirs forever, like wise I make, constitute and appoint my said son John J. Culpepper to be executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and fixed my seal the twenty second day of Sept. in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight. his attest 20 Nov. / 71 *Wm Culpepper* W. A. Langley. *Wm Culpepper* mark.

Whereas I William Culpepper of county of Nash and State of North Carolina, have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date twenty second of sept one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight I further more desire my son John J. Culpepper to pay to my three beloved daughters above mentioned twenty dollars each, and lastly it is my desire that this codicil be annexed to an made a part of my last will and testament as aforesaid to all intents and purposes. State of North Carolina, In The Probate court. Nash County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of William Culpepper deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County, by John Culpepper the executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said William Culpepper by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and said, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing

now shown him purporting to be last will and testament of William Culepper that the said William Culepper in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and bears date of the 22nd day of September 1868. And the deponents further saith, that the said William Culepper the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and these deponents further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said will and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say

severally sworn and subscribed this 18th day of Dec. 1871 before me.

J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

G.D. Langley (Seal)

W.J.D. Langley (Seal)

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In the Name of God Amen. I Charlotte Batchelor of the State of North Carolina, and county of Nash, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: First I do give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Martha W. Sikes; wife of Madison Sikes of said county and State, all of my effects including bed clothing wearing apparel, collectively and singularly which shall be found in my possession at my death, and all money or monies except one dollar there of which shall be given to my next of kin. Lastly I do nominate and appoint my worthy friend Calvin Ward executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 25th day of July A.D. 1867.

witness
A. Thomas
A. M. Wester

Charlotte Batchelor (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, Nash County

SS In the probate court.

a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Charlotte Batchelor deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county by C.W. Ward the executor thereon named, and the due execution thereof by the said Charlotte Batchelor by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Charlotte Batchelor that the said Charlotte Batchelor in the presence of these deponents subscribed her name as the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears the date of the 25th day of July, 1867. And the deponents further saith, that the said Charlotte Batchelor the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing as subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names as the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator and these deponents further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid, the said Charlotte Batchelor, was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not.

severally sworn and subscribed this 12th day of March, 1872, before me.

J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

A.H. Wester (Seal)
A. Thomas, (Seal)

State of North Carolina, 24th August A.D. 1868. Nash County. Lucy Bass of the County and State aforesaid, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following viz: Item 1. I give and bequeath to my daughter Charity Ann Manning wife of J.D. Manning and her heirs forever, one certain piece or parcel of land containing one hundred and seventy five acres more or less adjoining the lands of Van B. Batchelor, William Weaver and others as for compass reference to the division of the heirs at law of the dowry of the late Mourning Holland deceased will show. Item 2. I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Charity Ann one bed and furniture, her choice. Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mourning Frances Manning, one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever, also one trunk to her and her heirs and c. Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Gideon R. Bass one hundred acres of land in Arkansas apart of four hundred acres of land which descended to my by the death of my son James Willie Moore to him and his heirs forever. Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Charity Ann Manning wife of the said J.D. Manning all my stock of every description at my deceased to her and her heirs forever. Item 6th. All the rest and residue of my estate now heretofore disposed of, my will and desire is to be sold by legal authority as times may afford, and the proceeds arising therefrom to be applied to my lawful debts the balance of any to be equally divided between my daughter Charity, Ann Manning and my son Gideon R. Bass to them and their heirs forever. I Publish and declare this to be my last will and testament proving and declaring void all other wills heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal 24th August 1868. In the presence of us.

attest. G.W. Ward,
J.D. Barnes

her
Lucy x Bass (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, Nash County SS In The Probate Court;

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Lucy Bass deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county, by J.D. Manning and the due execution thereof by the said Lucy Bass, by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, do depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Lucy Bass that the said Lucy Bass, in the presence of these deponents subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 24th day of August, 1868. And the deponents further saith, that the said Lucy Bass, the testatrix aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing her name as aforesaid, and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And these deponents further saith, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as attesting witnesses thereto as aforesaid the said Lucy Bass, was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of these deponents and further these deponents say not.

severally sworn and subscribed this 23 day of March 1872, before me.

J.P. Jenkins, Probate Judge.

G.W. Ward (Seal)

Wm J D Barnes (Seal)
mark.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Davis G. Barrett of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. Item; I give and bequeath to my beloved sister Susan Winborn all of my property let it consist in what it may to her and her heirs forever. And I do hereby appoint my said sister executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal whereof on this 31st day of Jan'y A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight. his witness
H.B. Barrett
J.E. Barrett

Davis x Barrett (Seal)
mark

State of North Carolina, Nash County SS In the Probate court, A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Davis G. Barrett deceased is exhibited before me, the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county, by Susan Winborn, the executor thereon named and the due execution thereof by the said Davis G. Barrett by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn do depose and say and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Davis G. Barrett. That the said Davis G. Barrett in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid, and bears date of the 31st day of Jan'y, 1868. And the deponents further saith, that the said Davis G. Barrett the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as attesting witnesses thereto, and at the request, and in the presence of the said testator. And these deponents further saith, that at the said time when