

what would belong to the parent if living. The children of my son Green W. Drake, dec. I wish to be considered as entitled to his part of the same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day

of July 1838
Witness

Jno. Arrington
Eliza Griffin

Francis Drake (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Nash County

Court of pleas and quarter sessions
August term 1838

The above codicil to the last will and testament of Francis Drake deceased was duly proven in open court by the oaths of John Arrington and Eliza Griffin subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest B.H. Blount, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I William Drake of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory blessed be God do make and constitute this my last will and testament in the following manner viz: I wish all my just debts to be paid and then bequeath as follows to wit:

1st Item: I give and bequeath to the four children of my deceased nephew, Green W. Drake say Mary Elizabeth, Wm Green, Louiza and the youngest a daughter (name not recollected but was born about the 12th march last in the State of Mississippi) the following negroes to wit, Tim, and his wife Sally with her five children say Leah, Nick Sandy, George and Alice with their increase to them and their heirs forever, with the provision that any of the said four children should die before marrying or arriving to the age of twenty one years, that the surviving one to heir the said property jointly, the above named negroes are now in the state of Mississippi.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my niece Sally Ann Arrington who is daughter of my sister Elizabeth Drake one small negro girl named Mary (who is daughter of Lucy deceased) also the sum of one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever. 3rd. Item: I give and bequeath unto my niece Temperance Arrington wife of Nicholas W. Arrington one negro girl named Chancy the daughter of Epsey also the sum of one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

4th Item: Having given to my niece Elizabeth Wright one negro girl named Chancy I now give and bequeath to her the sum of one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

5th: I give bequeath to my nephew William Drake who is son of my sister Elizabeth the land and plantation whereon I now live together with the following negroes viz: old Samberry, his wife Lydia, Carter,

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Nelson, Ned, Siller, Ann, and her three choice children say Prince, Cherry and Caswell, also a negro woman named Penny together with the residue of my estate not hereafter and devised and willed away.

6th item: I give and bequeath to my nephew Joseph John Drake, son of my sister Elizabeth, the land and plantation that I bought of John Sanders laying in the county on back swamp adjoining the lands of Thomas W. Wright and others estimated to contain five hundred and seventy five acres together with the following property viz: six negroes say Alfred, Ferrey and her four children viz: Luke, Leah, Arthur and Berry with their increase and one brandy still on the Sanders plantation also one apple mill and all the cider casks on said plantation, also the two choice mules on said plantation and one sorrell mare got by character one yoke of oxen cart and wheels, four cows and calves, three sows and pigs and some pork, and fodder sufficient for one years support also one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

7th item: I give and bequeath to my niece Dorothy Drake who is daughter of my sister Elizabeth Drake the sum of one hundred dollars, one white and one negro girl named Jane Daughter of Penny all to her and her heirs forever.

8th item: I give and bequeath to my nephew Mathew Bolliver Drake son of my sister Elizabeth Drake one negro woman named Beck and her daughter Cynthia, one white Col boy named Henry son of Lucy deceased and one negro named Abner aged about eighteen years and is son of Charity and now in the state of Georgia also one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

9th item: I give and bequeath to nephew Richard Drake son of my sister Elizabeth one negro woman named Charity and her son Squire aged about sixteen or seventeen years (Charity and Squire are now in the state of Georgia) and one negro woman named Epsey with her son Isaac to him and his heirs forever.

10th item: I give and bequeath to my two nephews son of my brother Richard Drake, deceased, viz: James W. Drake, and George W. Drake the following negroes which are now in the state of Georgia to wit Luke, Adam, Henry and Leah together with her children and grand children their names are not known to me, to be equally divided between the said two nephews James W. and George W. Drake, to them and their heirs forever.

11th item: I give and bequeath to my beloved sister Elizabeth Drake the sum of one hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item: The property here willed and devised in this my last will to my sister Elizabeth four youngest sons say Wm. F. Drake Joseph J. Drake, Mathew W. Drake, and Richard Drake is given with this provision and under the following condition and regulation, viz: if either of the four last named nephews should die without lawfull issue that in that case the property

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devised by me to said nephews should go to the surviving brothers and be equally divided among the surviving brothers of such deceased so that the property belong to the survivors unless the deceased leave lawfulness.

Item: I hereby nominate and appoint my brother in law Francis Drake and my nephew William F. Drake executors to this my last will and testament made this 26th day of June 1838 before signing or subscribing my name to the above. I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend and neighbor William Burt sen. executor to this my last will and testament.

Signed, and sealed in the presence of
Wm. Burt.
Jno Arrington
E.M. Hilliard
J.J. M Collins

Wm Drake (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county, August term 1838

The foregoing paper writing containing the last will and testament of William Drake deceased was duly proven in open court as his last will and testament by the oaths of William Burt and John Arrington two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded, Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.
The original will of which the foregoing is a copy has been delivered to Wm F. Drake Exr. in obedience to an order of the court made at February Term 1841 See minute docket.

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In the Name of God Amen. I David Forehand of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory bless God for his mercy doth this thirteenth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say I gave my soul to God that gave it also my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor.

Item: I leave all my land to be sold and the moneys arising from the sale of the land to be equally divided betwixt the heirs of Betsey Ruffin namely Polley Ruffin, David Ruffin, Marthe An Ruffin, Samuel Henry Ruffin, Elizabeth Frances Ruffin and John Ruffin and after paying my just debts I leave all the balance of my property to be sold, horses cattle logs and sheep and negroes and all the balance of my property and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between Betsey Ruffin, John Maths and Lucy Taylor and Morning Morris and Lettie Forehand also the said David Forehand do make and ordain this my last will and testament and revoke all others I also leave my worthy friend Barney Pearson my executor, signed, sealed and delivered

In presents of us.
Dempsy Harrison
Teacher Risks

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David x Forehand (Seal)
mark.

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State of North Carolina Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county, August term 1838

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Forehand was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Dempsy Harrison and Teacher Risks the Court by the oaths of Dempsy Harrison the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience to the above order.

Attest, E.H. Blount, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen I John Bissett of Nash county and State of North Carolina make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form first I revoke all wills or papers writing heretofore made by me and ordain this to be my last will and testament as following to wit: My will and desire in the first place is that all my just debts to be paid out in one horse one feather bed and furniture or some much of the crop and stock as my executor hereafter named thinks can be best spared sold on a credit of six months and if there should be any money left after pay the debts I give it as follows to wit:

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Delia Bissett the surplus part of the money that may be on hand after paying my debts and ^{settling} my estate and one half of all the remainder part of my estate both real and personal and of whatsoever kind to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife Delia Bissett all the remainder half of my estate that I have not given away both real and personal and of whatsoever kind to her for her life time and after her death I give all the said half of the said property that is lent to her real and personal and of whatsoever kind unto John Henderson Bissett son of Joseph Bissett to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I do ordain and appoint my friend Josiah Vick my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and this the 18th day of August 1838 sealed and acknowledged in presence of us
Test.
German Duibangley
Mathew x Joyner
John Bissett (Seal)
mark.

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State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash county November term, 1838

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Bissett was duly proven in open court by the oaths of German D. Langley and Mathew Joyner subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.
and is recorded.
Attest E.H. Blount, C.C.C.