

executor therein named is duly qualified according to law, and is ordered to be recorded, and is recorded.

Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.
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I Charity Whitfield of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First: That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item I lend to my niece Penelope Price all of my estate both personal and real to her use and her children so long as she shall live and at the death of my niece Penelope Price I give all of my property to her children both personal and real estate to be equally divided among them and I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John E. Thorn my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Charity Whitfield do hereunto set my hand and seal this 4 day of January A.D. 1852.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Charity Whitfield to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

her
Edwin Edwards
Theophilus E. Thorne
Charity x Whitfield, (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County Aug. term 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Charity Whitfield is offered for probate on oath by Theophilus E. Thorne the executor therein named is duly qualified and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Dempsy Beckwith of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do publish this as my last will and testament I give to my wife Martha all my property of every kind and quality to be hers absolutely to the use of in any way she may think proper I do hereby appoint my wife Martha executor to this my last will and testament intestate whereof which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of August A.D. 1853

Witness
W. T. Arrington
Charles Gay
James B. Elin
his
Dempsy Beckwith (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County August term, 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Dempsy Beckwith is offered for probate on oath of W. T. Arrington Charles Gay and James B. Elin the subscribing witnesses thereto and is duly proven whereupon the executor Martha Beckwith therein named is duly qualified and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.
Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.

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State of North Carolina, Nash County. In the name of God Amen. I William G. Freeman of the town of Nashville being of sound mind and disposing memory and well knowing the uncertainty of the life do make this my last will and testament.

1st. I bequeath my immortal souls to the God that gave it and my body to the Father earth to be decently interred with a fine tombstone over it.

2nd. It is my wish that what few debts if any that I may owe shall be paid.

3rdly. I give and bequeath to my mother and sister Amanda G. Freeman the whole of my estate jointly and upon the death of either the survivor to have the whole of it in fee simple forever. I have now in the hands of ~~William~~ Son and Company, in Petersburg some five thousand dollars and in the hands of Smith Watson and Co. in Philadelphia some thousand or fifteen hundred dollars all of which will more fully appear by reference to my ledger I suppose. I have the sum of eight thousand dollars in bonds which are in my pocket book in my trunk and a statement of which is also upon my ledger. Besides a considerable number of accounts which have been drawn from my book, and also a large number yet to draw.

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There will also be found in my pocket book the letters of ~~William~~ Son and Co. and their receipts for the money before mentioned also Smith Watson and Company receipts for deposits with them.

My negroes perhaps they had better keep, and my goods they had better dispose of on as good terms as they can. They were purchased for cash and perhaps can be disposed of with advantage to the purchaser and my estate which disposition can be public or private, but I would not advise the carry on the business as they know nothing about it and would likely be prejudiced in the financial affairs but think my mother and sister might qualify as my executrix and employ W. T. Perch to settle the business up for them as their agent. In consideration of the premises I nominate and appoint my mother Harriet Freeman and sister Amanda G. Freeman my executrices to execute and carry out my will in as full and ample a manner as I could were I personally present. I do not wish for Bryan child to have any part of my estate upon the demise of my mother and sister if that she wrote Amariah is alive because I believe she killed my brother willfully, knowingly and maliciously and because the child can't possibly be raised by such a brute as to be worthy in my estimation of enjoying my property. Perhaps it would be best for mother and Amanda to invest the bonds, notes accounts and o. in State bonds if you could do so, as it would be a safe investment and you could get the interest semi-annually. I do not know what to advise relative to living, perhaps you prefer going to Raleigh to live or perhaps to Franklin but exercise your own discretion and wish as to that. But recollect that after I am dead my designing fellows will be desirous of making them selves very agreeable and will be very desirous to have you believe they feel much concern for your interest and will next want to marry Amanda, but let them go to the devil and content your lawyer as to your affairs and contend for your rights. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 3 of July, A.D. 1854.

William G. Freeman, (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County Nov. term, 1854
A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William G. Freeman is offered for probate on the testimony of Benjamin A. Mount Jas. Harris and George N. Lewis who are credible witnesses make oath that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said William G. Freeman and that the same is generally known among his acquaintances they further swear that they found said paper writing among the valuable papers of the said William G. Freeman on the day of his death shortly thereafter and that the same is every part thereof is in his own proper hand writing and is subscribed by him in his own proper hand writing. On said proof the said proper handwriting is admitted to probate and Harriet Freeman and Amanda Freeman the Executrix therein named are duly qualified.

Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.
Attest G.W. Wood, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Francis Creekmore of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form that I do say, 1st. I lend to my husband Francis Creekmore my tract of land whereon I now live during his natural life. I also lend him my stock of cattle to make use of them one bed and furniture eight sitting chairs three tables two chest two pots also my stock of sheep the above last property will be sold by my executor hereinafter named and the money arising from the sale thereof shall be equally divided among the heirs of my sisters Nancy Manning and Susan Boon with provisions that if any of the above heirs shall marry in the family of Willis Warren they shall not receive any part of my estate whatever. I also lend my said husband one large blue chest during his single life or so long as he shall and then give it to my nephew Willis E. Manning. In addition to the above distribution I give to my niece Francis R. Manning my wollen wheel. 2. I also give to my brother Warren one Dollar as his distribution share of my estate.

3. I give to my friend John W. Bryant my large stone Jug.

3. That the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devisees and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the debts owing to me. Collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts and expenses shall be equally divided and paid over to the devisees in equal portions share and share alike to them and each and every of them their executors administrators and assigns absolutely for ever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Benjamin Eilbre my lawful executor to all intents and purposes with provisions that there shall be no security required of him to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring and utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Francis Creekmore do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of March, 1855.

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of us.

Francis x Creekmore (Seal)