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sum of one thousand dollars; but if this shall not be done then and in that case I give the said upper tract of land together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto James E. Battle to him his heirs and assigns forever, provided nevertheless that the said James E. Battle pay over unto my said daughter Martha the aforesaid sum of one thousand dollars unto her the said Martha or her lawful issue if any her surviving.

I give and hereby direct and convey unto my said son Turner P. Westray ten thousand dollars in cash unto him his heirs and assigns forever.

I give to James E. Battle the following negro slaves to wit Penny and her four children Margaret, <sup>Surrena</sup> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, Huffy, Gilbert and Beck, and their increase to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I give to my son in law Dr. John Arrington the following negro slaves to wit, Pris and her two children Jack and Allen, Hosa, Aaron, and Jim and their increase to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my son Turner P. Westray the following negro slaves to wit: Sam, Nelson, Mark, Whert, Jacob, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, Jacob, Preston, Warren, Carter, Will, Ben, Old Ned, Old Edy, Old Jim, Old Nanny, Nance, Matilda, Mariah, Aggy, Tombrute, Caroline, Clarissa, Sterling, Granville, Mackey, Minerva, Lena, Peggy, Franklin, Eva, Patience, Alice, Moses, M. C. Bowden and Baldy and their increase to him the said Turner P. Westray his heirs and assigns forever, provided nevertheless that I lend and hereby intend and direct that my wife Sally Westray shall to all intent and purposes possess and enjoy an equal right and benefit in the use and serving of all the said last mentioned negro slaves in common with my said son Turner for and during the term of her natural life term and no longer. Of my bank stock I give to James E. Battle one thousand dollars, to my son Turner P. Westray one thousand dollars to them and their heirs forever. I give to my son Turner P. Westray, both my stills, all my cider casks, working tools, stock of horses, hogs, cattle and sheep, and my crushing mill unto him the said Turner his heirs and assigns forever provided nevertheless that it is hereby intended and ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ that my wife Sally shall during the term of her natural life ~~time~~ have possession and enjoy an equal right and benefit with my said Turner to the afore last mentioned property.

It is hereby provided nevertheless that I shall during my life time exercise absolute control over all the property herein given away at my own discretion. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of Apr. A.D. 1827.  
Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
H. Blount  
Eliza E. Edwards.

State of North Carolina Nash county court Feb. term, 1828  
The foregoing written will was proven to have been executed by Sam

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Westray deceased by H. Blount a subscribing witness thereto and that Eliza Edwards signed in the presence whereupon it was ordered to be recorded.

Attest H. Blount, S.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience. Attest H. Blount, S.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I William Pittman of County of Nash and State of North Carolina being in sound perfect mind and memory blessed be God, do this twenty seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven make and publish this my last will and testament. Item the first.

My will and desire that all my just debts be first paid then my goods and chattels to be disposed of in the following manner to wit.

I give and bequeath to my dear and will beloved wife Susan Pittman a certain part of my land beginning in my east line at a post oak thence a west course to Foster Gandy's line thence a north course to a fore and aft pine in said line thence east to the patent line ~~thence~~ ~~across the line of the said Susan Pittman~~ ~~thence south to the first station during her life time or widowhood~~, then to my two children Maryann Pittman and William B. Pittman to them and their heirs forever. I also give my wife Susan Pittman two feather beds and furniture, five fat hogs or the bacon of the same, eight barrels of corn three setting chairs, wheel and card one water pail one table. Item The second.

I give and bequeath to my two children Maryann Pittman and William B. Pittman the balance of my land to them and their heirs forever. the rent of the to ~~give~~ support the said children the balance of my estate to be sold and the money equally divided between my two children Maryann and William B. Pittman to them and their heirs forever. I also appoint my worthy friend James Joiner executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

William Pittman (Seal)

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Bennett Atkinson  
Foster Gandy  
Duncan  
mark.

State of North Carolina, Nash county court, Feb. term 1828

The foregoing within will was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Bennett Atkinson and Foster Gandy two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest H. Blount, S.C.C.

and is recorded.

Attest H. Blount, S.C.C.