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In the Name of God Amen. I William Pope of the county of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Principally and first of all, my just debts to be paid Item: I loan unto my daughter Sally Edwards the tract of land whereon I now live during her natural life and at her death my will and desire is that the said loaned land be equally divided between my grand children John William Edwards, Henderson Battle Edwards, Edwin Francis Edwards and James R. Clinton Edwards, them and their heirs forever. I give one bed and furniture to H.B. Edwards also I give and bequeath to the aforesaid four grand children the tract of land called the Archibald Pope tract to be equally divided to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Sarah Ann Elizabeth Edwards one bureau, red chest and one hundred dollars in cash.

Item: I loan unto my daughter Chrissy Bennet the tract of land call the Joseph Pope tract during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between my four grand children abovenamed for sons of Cullen Edwards to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Edwards and Chrissy Bennett all the residue of my property to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. I do hereby appoint make and ordain my friend Jacob Ing. the sole executor to this my last will and testament ~~and~~ all former will and bequeaths, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of March 1838.

Signed and c. in the presence of the codicil before assigned as being of the original

Test. John D. Cauthen
Edwin Edwards

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William x Pope (Seal)
mark.

P.S. two negroes Harriett and Morning of the residuary part of my estate I intend as a loan, Harriett, I loan to my daughter Chrissy during her natural life, at her death I give to be equally divided between all my grand children of Sally Edwards and Morning. I loan to Sally Edwards during her life and at her death to the said grand children of her body.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions

Nash County

Feb. term 1842

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Pope was offered for probate and duly proven in open court by the oath of Edwin Edwards one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Attest Saml Brown, C.C.C.

and is recorded. Saml Brown, C.C.C.

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In the name of God Amen. I Abijah Pridgen being weak in body but sound in mind ~~and~~ knowing it is appointed for me to die do make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit. 18th Decm 1841.

Item: in the first place my will and desire is for the county court to appoint five free holders to value all my negroes and land in three separate lots that I have nothere to fore given off and make them equal and drawn for by my two children Abijah Thomas Pridgen and Zelbyann Batchelor and my beloved wife Sarah Pridgen and the two lots of negroes and land drawn for by my son Abijah Thomas Pridgen and my daughter Zelbyann Batchelor I give it unto the said Abijah T Pridgen and Zelby ann Batchelor to them and their heirs forever.

Item: the lot of negroes drawn by my beloved wife Sarah Pridgen to gether with the third of the land including my dwelling house I lend

it to my beloved wife Sarah Pridgen her life time and no longer and at her death my will and desire is for the said lot of negroes drawn by my wife to gether with the dower as it may be termed to be equal divided between my two children Abijah Thomas Pridgen and my daughter Zelbyann Batchelor to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give unto my beloved wife Sarah Pridgen on a pine chest that she bought with her to her and her heirs forever.

Item: All my stock I want sold by my executor on a credit of six months together with my crop of all kinds house hold and kitchen furniture and after paying all my just debts the residue of money in his hands to be equally divided between my beloved son Abijah Pridgen, Zelby ann Batchelor and my beloved wife Sarah Pridgen to them and their heirs forever. I hereby constitute and appoint

William Cooper my sole and sole executor to this my last will and testament revoking all other paper writings heretofore made by me

the day and dated above written in the present of us.

Josiah Vick
Martha x Pickman
mark.

Abijah Pridgen (Seal)

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The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Abijah Pridgen was affixed for probate and duly proven in open court by the oath of Josiah Vick one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Attest Sam Brown, C.C.C.

and is recorded. Saml Brown, C.C.C.