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The paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bennett Smith deceased is exhibited in open court for probate and is duly proven in open court by the oath of A.B. Barnes, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto also the hand writing of A.T. Taylor the other subscribing witness is duly proven on oath by A.B. Barnes, and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

and is recorded. Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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I Mary Warren 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 to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: 1st. I lend to my daughter Fanny Greenmore two cows and calves and yearlin, ~~and two plates~~ and furniture, one loom and dish and basins and two plates during her natural life and at her death I give the above lent property to my son Willis Warren I lend my gray mare to my son in law Thomas Greenmore three years and then to my son Willis Warren, 2d. Item: My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the above lent property shall be sold and the debts owing me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payments of debt expenses and legacies that such surplus equally divided and paid over to the heirs of my beloved daughter Nancy Manning in equal proportions shares and shares alike to them and each and every of them their executors administrators and assigns, absolutely forever. Also the heirs of my beloved daughter Susan Moon and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Willis Warren 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 wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Mary Warren do hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of May 1852.

Attest
Benjamin Bilbro
Uriah Greenmore

her
Mary W. Warren (Seal)
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County
August term 1852

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Warren is offered for probate and is duly proven on oath of Uriah Greenmore one of the subscribing witnesses thereto also the hand writing of Benj. Bilbro is duly proven on oath by Uriah Greenmore and thereupon Willis Warren the executor therein named is duly qualified as such and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I William H. Smith of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory but weak of body do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item 1st. My will and desire is that my executor hereinafter mentioned shall out of the first money come into his hands pay all my just debts.
Item: I give the balance of my effects of whatever kind to my friends Dr. John H. Drake, Dr. John C. Drake, Dr. Jno. G. Drake, John William Wallace Drake, I leave as my executor my worthy friend Dr. John H. Drake to carry this my last will and testament into effect hereby revoking all other wills by me made. In witness whereof I have this 24th day of June A.D. 1852 set signed sealed and delivered in presence of us who at his request have hereunto set our names

John J. Drake.
George Evans.
John J. Drake.

William H. Smith (Seal)

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County
August term 1852

The paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm H. Smith is exhibited in open court by John H. Drake for probate and is duly proven in open court by the oath of John H. Drake one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon Dr. Jno. H. Drake the executor therein named is duly qualified as such and ordered to be recorded.

Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

and is recorded. Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Mitchell of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and following to wit: That my executors hereinafter mentioned shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the first moneys that may come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate. 1st Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Johnston wife of Jeremiah Johnston the following slaves to wit: Zany, Keshiah, Angeline, Harris and Lucy, and their increase and also one bed and furniture to their heirs forever. 2nd. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Donier wife of William S. Donier, the following slaves, and their increase to wit: Frances, Temperance, Ned, Sarah and Zany, also one bed and furniture to their heirs forever.

3rd Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Pitts, wife of William Pitts, the following slaves and their increase to wit: Mary, Arnold, Isaac, Simon, Grenshaw, Susanna, Jacob, and Mariah, now in her possession also one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

4th Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Mitchell the following slaves, and their increase to wit: Jacob, Hicks, Mariah and Turner Williams also one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

5th Item: I give and bequeath to my son Henry C.D. Mitchell the following slaves and their increase to wit: James, Willie and Charlotte, also one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. 6th Item: I loan to my wife Penelope Mitchell one tract of land on which I now reside, supposed to contain two hundred and forty eight acres, one bed and furniture and one years provisions and such household and kitchen furniture, as she may wish, and in case she should express no desire except for the bed and furniture above mentioned, they shall be sold and the proceeds applied to the payment of my debts also three negroes to wit: Dolly, Leah and Nick during the life time of my said wife Penelope and at her death part of the above named Negroes Leah and Nick and ~~one~~ to my daughter Mary Johnston, the wife of the said Jeremiah Johnston, and also at the death of my said wife Penelope, I give and bequeath to my son John W. Mitchell the above named tract of land and negro woman Dolly to him his heirs and c; In this my last will and testament, I do constitute and appoint my sons John W. and Henry C. D. Mitchell my lawful executors 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 Henry Mitchell do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 9th day of January A.D. 1851. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Henry Mitchell to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness

Henry Mitchell (Seal)

John G.F. Drake
John J. Drake.

State of North Carolina, Court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County
Aug. term 1852

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Mitchell is exhibited in open court by Jno. W.L. B.C.D. Mitchell for probate and is duly proven by the oaths of Jno. G.F. Drake and Jno. J. Drake the two subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon Jno. W.L. and H.C.D. Mitchell the executor therein named is duly qualified as such and ordered to be recorded.

Attest G.W. Ward, C.C.C.

and is recorded.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Mourning Sikes of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare in this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Julian Bass the wife of Augustin Bass one red painted bedstead and one writing desk and one chest she to take her choice and three choice setting chairs to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Julian Sikes one chest and to my grand daughter Maryann Sikes one chest and thirdly I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Sane Sikes one feather bed and bedstead. Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my son Edmond Sikes the remaining part of my setting chairs and all my earthen ware to him and his heirs forever. Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Margaret Sikes five dollars in money to him and his heirs forever, and sixthly my will is that all the remainder of my estate consisting in money notes and accounts to be divided between my three children say Julian Bass Edmond Sikes, Madison Sikes, but for diverse good reasons my son Edmond Sikes executor to this my last will and testament, in testimony of which I the said Mourning Sikes, hereunto set my hand and seal this