

State of North Carolina, court of peace and quarter session
 Nash County
 Nov. term, 1888
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sally
 Herring deceased is presented in open court for probate and John
 H. Harris the executor therein named and the due execution thereof
 by the said Sally Herring is proved by the oath and examination of
 T. Schrader and W. F. Griffin the subscribing witnesses thereto, it is
 therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every
 part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Sally Herring
 and is ordered to be recorded and filed among and therefore the said
 John H. Harris executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by
 taking the oath prescribed by law,

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Willie Powell of the County of Nash and State
 of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory blessed
 be God for the same, and knowing that it is appointed for me to die, at that
 hour, be knoweth not, and in order to be prepared for the final dis-
 solution so far as my worldly matters are concerned, do hereby make
 constitute and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking
 all others by me heretofore made, in manner and form following: viz:
 Item 1. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth
 from whence it came to be buried in Christian like manner by and suitable
 to the wishes of my family and friends and such monies and other worldly
 inheritance as it has pleased God to bestow on me with, I will and dispose
 of as follows, viz:

Item 2. It is my will and desire that all my just debts of every kind
 and description shall be first paid.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary the following prop-
 erty viz. three beds and furniture, one horse, and harness, three cows and
 calves, two pigs and one turkey, which formerly belonged to her, five
 hundred and fifty dollars in cash, to be paid by my executor, six chairs,
 one table, one side board, one dozen cups and saucers, three dishes, five
 silver spoons, coffee pot, sugar dish, trivet, looking glass, spinning
 wheel, pair of cards, one cart and wheel, one pot, one skillet, one
 loom, one washing tub, one water pail, and iron shovel and tongs
 and iron and provisions sufficient for one years support, I then leave to
 my beloved wife Mary during her natural life and after her death to be
 sold and the proceeds equally divided amongst all my children or the
 lawful heirs (with this proviso that that portion of my estate going to
 my grand daughter Martha Burnett, should she die leaving no issue, shall
 revert back and be equally divided amongst my children or their lawful
 heirs) the following property viz: negroes "Wilford, Primes, Jane, and
 Harvina, and a part of the land whereon I now live, bounded as follows
 viz: Beginning at a corner poplar tree, on Griffin swamp thence
 running a straight line in a south east direction to a corner pine, thence
 a straight line in a western direction to the ford a crop "bumpers
 branch in front of R.D. Hanna house thence the branch along said
 Hanna house, thence up the branch along said Hanna line to a corner
 gum, thence and "bumpers corner, thence my line to Griffin swamp thence
 down Griffin swamp to the beginning, which includes my dwelling with
 this proviso however that my daughters Martha and Margaret shall have
 the privilege of living on and occupying the said land in common with
 my wife, so long as they remain single and are satisfied so to do.

Item 4. I leave and bequeath all the balance of my land, negroes and
 other property, notwithstanding disposed off, to be sold by my executor and
 the proceeds to be equally divided amongst all my children or their
 lawful heirs with this proviso however that that portion of my estate
 going to the heirs of my son Willie Powell, his daughter Sarah Elizabeth
 Powell, shall receive one-half.

Item 5. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my worthy grandson
 J.B. Moore executor to carry out the provisions of this my last will
 and testament. In testimony whereof I have set out my hand and affix
 my seal this 20th day of March, 1888.

Willie Powell (Seal)

Witnessed and presence of
 B.S. "Gum
 L.F. "Walton,

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A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Willie
 Powell deceased was exhibited in open court by J.B. Moore the executor
 therein named and the execution of the same by the said Willie Powell
 being duly proved by the oath and examination of B.S. "Gum, and L.F.
 "Walton the subscribing witnesses thereto it is declared by the court
 that the said paper writing and every part thereof and suitable
 thereto is the last will and testament of the said Willie Powell and the
 same is ordered to be recorded, whereupon J.B. Moore the executor
 therein named qualified as such by taking the oath according to law.

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

and is recorded.

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I Joseph W Arrington of the State of Alabama and county of Montgomery,
 being of sound and disposing mind and memory, having hereby made and
 declare the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking
 and other writings purporting to be a will and testament before made
 by me.

1st. I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved brother Jelly B.
 Arrington, supposed to reside in Louisiana, two hundred and fifty dollars,
 should he be living at the time of my death should he be the said Jelly B.
 Arrington be dead at the time of my death I will and bequeath the same
 two hundred and fifty dollars to my beloved brother William T. Arrington
 who now resides in North Carolina, and I hereby will and bequeath
 the remainder of my estate, property, money and effects of whatever kind
 to my said brother William T. Arrington with the exception of my gold watch
 which I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved nephew, James T. Arrington.
 I hereby make, declare and publish these to be my last will and testa-
 ment this 31st day of May, 1888.

Subscribed in the presence
 of Amel L. Arrington

Joe. B. Smith
 Jose W Arrington
 State of North Carolina,
 Nash County

Jose W Arrington (Seal)

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The appearing that the will of Joseph W Arrington a citizen of Montgomery
 county in the State of Alabama was duly proved and allowed in said
 State of Alabama and a duly certified and authenticated copy thereof
 being produced and exhibited to the court and it appearing that the
 testator possessed property in this county it is therefore allowed and
 is ordered to be filed and recorded, And William T Arrington is appointed
 admr. in testament annexed of the said Joseph W Arrington and enters in
 to bond in the sum of two thousand dollars with E.W. Arrington Sen. as
 surety.

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest B.H. Sorby, C.J.

In the Name of God Amen. I William B. Bryant of the County of Nash and
 State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering
 the uncertainty of my life do make and declare this to be my last will
 and testament in manner and form following, "First my executor hereinafter
 named shall provide for my body a burial suitable to the wishes of my
 relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my
 just debts out of any monies that may first come into his hands as a
 part of my estate.

Item first. I leave to my beloved wife Susan Bryant during the term of
 her natural life or widowhood as follows a part of the tract of land I
 now live in fact all the balance of that I shall not in another item
 dispose of six negroes Buck, Stephen, Hannah, Gealy, Penny and Martha
 my horses still and fixtures enough upon your horse for her meat for self
 and family, seventy five barrels of corn, ten stack-blade fodder two
 cat steaks, ten bushels wheat two beds and furniture all the counter
 pins and blankets on hand two horses, her choice two milk cows and
 calves her choice one buggy and harness three cows and pigs, her choice,
 the horse sheats ten head of sheep her choice two hams the beef all
 the crockery ware all the tables and chest all the looking glasses all the
 kitchen furniture and one loom and gear two wheels and cards anyone
 of them and a pair of cart wheels both her choice enough of the farming
 tools to carry on husbandry including black smith tools.

Item: I leave to my daughter Mourning (Vice wife of J.B. "Aice one negro
 woman Mauder and two children which she now has in possession during her
 natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the same to all her
 children to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my son Joe W Bryant and his wife William Jones during
 their natural lives or life the following property to wit one negro
 woman Caroline thence girls Bertha, Harriet, Emma, three boys Jim,
 Lewis and Willie all the property I bought and left in his possession
 at his sale could under a deed of trust and at the death of my son
 Joe. W Bryant I give and bequeath the above named property to all his
 lawful begetten heirs to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my son Henry B. Bryant, during his natural life the
 following negroes Young Jacob, Violet, and Scavina and at his death
 I give and bequeath to my grandson William Bryant, son of Henry B.
 Bryant the said Scavina and the other two negroes I give and bequeath
 to all his lawful heirs together to share and share alike.

Item: I leave to my daughter Mary B. Bryant wife of "Anderson "Aice two
 negro girls Mary and Lucy and at her death I give and bequeath the said
 property to all her lawful heirs of her body to share and share alike.
 Item: I leave to my son William T. Bryant during his natural life the fol-
 lowing property the tract of land whereon he now lives two negroes
 Abiah and Johannah all his household and kitchen furniture all the
 stock and other things I bought at his sale under a trust all my
 rights and interest in Edward Strickland's estate but it consist in
 what it may be arranged by my executors in the best manner for the
 interest of my said son and family, and at his death I give the same to
 all the lawful begetten heirs of my said son to share and share alike.
 Item: I leave to my son Evan B. Bryant the following property the land
 whereon he now lives it being tholam I bought of William T. Bryant and