

Wilmington N.C. June 14th 1855
 In the name of God Amen, I Edward Mellow of the
 County of Southampton & State of North Carolina, being of sound
 mind and memory (blessed be almighty god for the same)
 do make & publish this my last will and Testament,
 I do hereby constitute and appoint, Thomas H Lane my Sole
 Executor to this my last will & Testament, to whom I convey my
 all my property, whether real or personal, and of whatever nature
 and kind, to be disposed of by him in the manner & herein
 after will direct. My Negro Slave Rebecca and her child
 John, I wish my said Executor to convey to E. & Lane. Mrs
 W. Lane and himself the said T. H. Lane by deed of Trust
 in order that they may enjoy as far as is compatible with
 the laws of the State of North Carolina their personal liberty
 and freedom unrestricted, provided however that should
 the said Slave Rebecca be the mother of one or more
 children after my death, the said child or children
 shall be conveyed by the said trustees to my children
 Peter, Edward & Catharine, or sold & the proceeds div-
 ided equally between my said children. I direct
 & request my executor to give to the said Rebecca the
 sum of Fifty dollars in money out of any monies that
 may be on hand,

The remainder of my property of
 every kind I wish divided (either by sale or otherwise
 as my said executor may think best, between my
 said before mentioned children, share & share alike-

Signed & Sealed in the

Edward Mellow Seal

Presence of

J. & Scarboroughs

John McKnight

State of North Carolina

Southampton County Court September Term 1855
 This paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of
 Edward Mellow, is exhibited in open court, and offered
 for probate, and is duly proven by the oath of John McKnight
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & as such considered
 by the Court to be and contain the last will & Testament
 of said E. Mellow, and as such sufficient to convey the
 legacies therein made, and at the same time Thomas
 H. Lane the executor therein named appears in open
 Court and renounced his executorship, and Daniel
 M. Mellow is appointed administrator, with the will
 annexed & the same is ordered to be recorded and
 filed.
 Note
 J. H. Mellow Clerk

State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover County } I William Marshall of the County of
 New Hanover State of North Carolina being of sound mind &
 memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence
 do make & declare this my last will & testament in manner and
 form

In the name of God Amen. I Matthew Mince of New
 Hanover County & State of North Carolina being of sound
 mind & memory and taking into consideration the uncertainty
 of Life and the certainty of death do this day think proper
 to make and publish this my last will & testament. Item
 I give & grant unto my beloved wife Ann all of my property
 both real & personal of every denomination during her natural
 life for her use and benefit and after her death to be divided
 in the following manner to wit. I have a note and accounts
 against Beatty Sikes to the amount of forty seven dollars this
 note & accounts I give to the heirs of the said Beatty Sikes (if on
 hand at the death of my wife) I give all my other perishable property
 Consisting horses cattle hogs sheep crop household & kitchen furniture
 Cash Notes and accounts that may be on hand of mine at the
 death of my wife to be divided between the heirs John McKee and
 the heirs Elizabeth Cartwright and the heirs of my daughter
 Elizabeth Jane Russ. I have One Negro man Balaam that
 is old and nearly past service I give him (said Negro) with one
 half of my lands to Bryant Newkirk and the other half of my
 lands I give to James Kerr There shall be nothing so construed
 in this will as to deprive my wife the full use and benefit
 of all the property during her life time I do hereby nominate
 and appoint my worthy friend James Kerr executor to this
 my last will & testament this the 17th day of October in the
 Year of our Lord 1841

Witness Seals and acknowledged }
 in presence of

Matthew Mince (seal)

J H Bannerman }
 P R Stringfield }

This I intend as a Codicil to this my last will
 & testament There is a grave yard on my plantation
 and I except one quarter of an acre including said grave
 yard to used as a burying ground this 17th Oct. 1841

Witness

J H Bannerman }
 P R Stringfield }

Matthew Mince (seal)