

my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

The above written instrument

Enoch Peterson (seal)
made

was subscribed by the said

Enoch Peterson, in our presence

and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument, to be his last will and testament, and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereunto.

William Robinson

David C. Rainer

State of North Carolina

New Hanover County Court. June Term 1859.

The within paper writing was exhibited in open Court and pronounced for probate as the last will and testament of Enoch Peterson, by Daniel Robinson, the executor therein named, whereupon Daniel Robinson and Daniel C. Rainer the subscribing witnesses thereto, being duly sworn, proved the due execution of the same by the testator Enoch Peterson, as and for his last Will and Testament; and it is thereupon considered by the Court that said paper writing is the last Will & Testament of said Enoch Peterson, and that the same be admitted to probate as such, and filed and recorded as required by law. Whereupon Daniel Robinson, the executor therein named was duly qualified as such in open Court.

Test.

Saml. C. Bunting. Clk.

New Hanover County

North Carolina

In the name of God. Amen.

I, George Fennell, of the County aforesaid, being of perfect mind and memory, (Thank the Lord for the same,) but knowing that it is appointed unto men once to die; do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in the manner following, viz.

First. It is my Will that my place known as the Bland place, lying on the main road, between Milton Bland's formerly James Stringfield's lines and John T. Newton's lands be sold to pay my debts; and if not sufficient to pay all the balance to be raised out of the perishable property, & if still insufficient, the balance to be raised out of personal property.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Devane, the following negroes, viz. Grace and eight of her children, viz. Edith, Ellick, Eliza, Fred, Lucy or rather a boy named Simon, Jener's Son in the place of Lucy, Maria, Sabitha & Penny, also Edith's three children, viz. Mary, Eliza, Betsey, Ann and Fanny I have already given to my Grand-Children, James S. Devane, Mary B. Devane and Alice A. Devane three negroes, viz. Chester Gilbert & Polly. I have also given to my Daughter, M. A. Devane the amount for which my negro man Will was sold, i.e. six hundred and thirty eight dollars.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath to my Daughter Catharine Dickson, the following negroes, viz. Nery and her children, Nery, Sabina, Mary, Royal & Fred and her youngest child. I also give her a negro woman named Kasty, (now dead but to be accounted for in the division of my property) and I now give her Kasty two children Jude and Margaret, also the money for which negro man Peter was sold, i.e. seven hundred dollars, and four hundred and fifty dollars. I paid towards the land on which she lives, I also give her negro girl Siley.

Fourthly - I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Eliza Spearman the following negroes, viz. Manah and her children Edith Harriet, Ona, Phebe, Allen, Lucy, Ann & her young child. Negro man Ulan & Sophia and her children, Nance, Jane and Jim.

Fifthly - I give and bequeath to my Daughter Julia Caroline Fennell, the following negroes, viz. Serri, Jener and two of her children, Penny and Hamital, and a girl named Margaret, Daughter of Lucy Ann.

Sixthly - I give and bequeath to my son David W. Fennell the use of the following lands, during his natural life, to be taken charge of by my son R. C. Fennell, for the use and benefit of 2^d David W. Fennell, he D^r not to be allowed to sell, or dispose of 5th lands, or even to rent it out without the consent of R. C. Fennell. After his death to belong to his lawful heirs, or children should he have any. - If he should have none to be divided at his death between his brothers & sisters or their lawful heirs. 5th lands are bounded as follows, viz. all my land that lies between Joseph Stringfield's lines and the land I lately deeded to M. A. Devane on Wild Cat. 5th land extending from Black River to Mrs. Ann Fennell's land, altogether containing about four hundred and seventy five acres. - also my land on Buck Horn branch, bought by J. M. Rogers, containing about four hundred and eighteen acres.

Seventhly - I give and bequeath to my son Wm. Wells Fennell and my Daughter Helen Jane Fennell my home place, including all the lands I own lying between Joseph Stringfield's, O. Fennell's, S. C. Devane's and Cuth Johnson's, Isaac Seis and Mrs. Ann Fennell's lines, containing about one thousand, six hundred and nine acres. Wm. Wells Fennell to have the part of the land including the buildings where I now live - Helen Jane to have her

part adjoining the lands of O. Fennell, J. C. Devane, & Crook
Johnson, so as to include the place where N. D. Fennell's new
house was burnt. I also give Wm Wells Fennell, six hundred
and forty acres on the W. side of Moore's Creek, on Bull-head
branch adjoining the land on which Archd. Henry now lives
(formerly T. Malpass) sd land was bought of Dr. J. B. Seavey.
I have already given my son Robert J. Fennell a deed for one
thousand, six hundred and eighty one acres, bright of Wm J. C.
Beatty, Esq. And I have given to my Daughter M. A. Devane
a deed for Two hundred and ninety nine (299) acres on Wild
Cat branch, & including the place where Mrs. Fellow lived & died
also seven acres on Poplar branch between the branch & the main
Road, for her to build on.

Seventhly— I give all the rest of my personal & perishable
property, to be equally divided between my sons David N. Fennell
N. D. Fennell, Wm Wells Fennell and my Daughter Helen
J. Fennell. My Daughters Julia C. Fennell & Helen J. Fennell
to have each a Feather Bed, Bed-head, & furniture extra. In
the division of my personal property it is my wish that N. D.
Fennell have in part Julia & her three children Susan, Thomas
& Rosa Ann, Negro man John, also the money for which
he sold my Boy Malmo, viz. six hundred and fifty dollars
and that R. J. Fennell have in part Jacob, Titus, Amy and
her children Edith & Francis. I also give to my son Robt. James
one half of a share of the personal property, for my son John
Milton, i.e. that he may be enabled to provide for and take
care of him, sd John Milton, as he is not capable of transac-
ting his own business, or taking care of himself. At the death
of sd John Milton, the property allowed for his maintenance,
or taking care of him to be equally divided between S. Robert
James & all the rest of my lawful heirs. It is also my request
that my son R. J. Fennell, see to and manage business for D.
W. Fennell, unless he gets so that he can attend to his own business.
It is also my Will that the negroes which shall fall to the share
of D. W. Fennell, only be his during his natural life & then
divided among his children, should he have any, & if he should
have no issue, then to be divided among his brothers & sisters or
their lawful heirs.

It is also my wish that if the shares above mentioned, given
to my Daughters M. A. Devane, Catharine Dickson, Mary C.
Spearman & Julia C. Fennell, are not equal to the rest of the
shares of the personal & perishable property, that in the division
they shall have enough more to make them equal. The negroes
above mentioned, that I have given to my Grand Children: S.
J. Devane, Mary B. Devane & Alice A. Devane to be counted
in with the share of my Daughter, M. A. Devane.
Lastly— I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved brother
O. Fennell & my son Robert James Fennell: Executors to this my

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Last Will & Testament. Signed with my hand, and sealed with
my seal this 4th day of February 1859 one thousand, eight
hundred and fifty nine
Signed & sealed in
presence of,

John W. Taylor
John T. Newton

Geo. Fennell ^{Seal}

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court, June Term, 1859.
This paper writing, purporting to be the last Will & Testament
of George Fennell deceased, is exhibited for probate, in open
Court, by Owen Fennell & Robt. S. Fennell, the executors named
therein, and the due execution thereof, is proved by the oaths of
John W. Taylor & John T. Newton, the subscribing witnesses thereto.
It is considered by the Court that the said paper writing, and
every part thereof, is the last will & testament of the said Geo.
Fennell, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.
And thereupon the said Owen Fennell & Robert James Fennell
executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such, by taking the
oaths required by Law.
Testo Saml. R. Bunting, Clk

I William Crook of the County of Brunswick and State of
North Carolina, being feeble in body but of perfect mind and
memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence
do make and publish this instrument of writing as my last
will & testament in manner & form following.

First that my executor hereinafter named shall provide
a decent burial for my body after my deceased suitable
to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay the expenses
together with all my just debts out of the first money that shall
come into his hands from my estate.

First it is my will that my executor shall sell all my real
estate if he should deem it advantageous to my estate &
make as good title as I could do my self & divide the
proceeds between my wife thankful Jane Crook and my
two children Daniel T. Crook and Lena E. Crook
equally.

Second. I give to my wife Thankful J.
Crook a Negro girl by the name of Wagar during
her life time & at her death the said girl & her increase
is to go to my two children or their heirs in case she should
have any increase.

Third I give all the balance of my Negroes to my two children
Daniel T. & Lena E. Crook. Fourthly, it is my will
that my executor shall sell all my stock of whatever kind