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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 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

House hold & Kitchen & plantation tools (Except two beds) and Furniture, one for my wife and the other for my two children before named) & if there should be any of the proceeds left after paying my debts it is to be equally divided between my wife & children. Lastly I hereby constitute & appoint my friend George W Moore my Executor to this my last will & testament to every part & parcel thereof, hoping he will attend to the same in witness whereof I the said William Croom have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 27th day of June. A.D. 1859.

Signed Sealed in the presence of each of us and at his request
as witnesses
W. S. Luskens
H. Croom

William Croom (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Now Heard County Court September Term 1859.

The foregoing paper writing was exhibited in open Court, and was duly proved by the oaths of William S. Luskens one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such admitted by the Court to be true and contain the last Will & Testament of William Croom, and sufficient to carry into effect the bequest therein made. Let the same be registered & filed, let the same come Geo W Moore the executor therein named appeared in open Court & was duly qualified.

Jed
J. M. Bunting clerk

In the Name of god Amen.

I Martha Boyles of the County of New Hanover & 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 & form following That is to Say,

First. That after my decease, my body shall be decently buried without ostentation or unnecessary expense, and that my funeral expenses be paid by my executor hereinafter named.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna Willey wife of Henry W. Willey during her natural life seven negroes viz. Cheley, London, Leager, Sarah, David Sampson and Bill. to have and to hold during her natural life

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter, Mary Jane Shepard wife of John Shepard eight negroes, viz. City, Morris, Lott, Siddy, Rebecca, George, Peter & Jane to have and to hold, to her her heirs and assigns in fee simple.