

State of North Carolina
 Anstauera County Court September Term 1864
 The paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament
 of James Richardson is exhibited in open Court, and
 offered for probate, and the due execution thereof is
 proved by the oath of Wm H Lane & E. T. Wood subscribing
 witnesses thereto, and as such, considered by the Court, to
 be and contain the last Will & Testament of Said James
 Richardson in every respect, and as such ordered
 to be recorded
 J. M. R. Bunting clerk

I Thomas Murray of the County of Anstauera and State of
 North Carolina being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty
 of my earthly existence, do make publish and declare this my last
 Will & Testament, in manner & form following that is to say
 1st That my executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body
 a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends
 pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts, to
 whomever owing out of the first money that may come into
 his or their hands, as a part or parcel of my estate,
 2nd I hereby desire that my executors purchase for the use and ben-
 efit of my wife Hester Joanna Murray a Negro girl or woman
 with such part or all of the sum of three thousand dollars
 which I now possess, if any remainder of said sum after
 the purchase of the negro, I wish it to go with the other money
 of my estate
 3rd I will and desire that my executors appropriate all the other
 money of which I may be possessed at the time of my decease to
 the education & support of my wife & children giving to my
 daughter Emily Caroline the sum of two hundred dollars above
 all equal share with my other children, I will and bequeath
 to my wife Hester Joanna all my lands for and during the
 term of her natural life or widow hood, at her decease
 or marriage to all my children in equal shares, It is my
 will that my wife Hester Joanna Murray have my stock of all
 kinds farming implements and all the appurtenances & fixtures
 about my plantation, also my household & kitchen furniture to
 be used for the maintenance & support of her self & my children
 during her natural life, at her decease to all my children share
 and share alike equally, In testimony of all which I the said
 Thomas Murray do hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th
 day of July A.D. 1864
 Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Joanna Murray
 and my brother John W. Murray my executor & executrix
 to execute this my last will & Testament, according to the true
 intent and meaning of the same and every part & clause thereof

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas -
 Murray to be his last will & testament in the presence of us
 who at his request and in his presence Subscribed our names
 as witnesses thereto,
 Hanson H. Murphy
 John Bowen
 Thomas Murray ^S Seal

State of North Carolina
 And Hatteras County Court September Term 1864
 The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will &
 testament of Thomas Murray is propounded in Court for
 probate. And the due execution thereof is proven by the
 oaths of H. H. Murphy and John Bowen Subscribing
 witnesses thereto, and as such considered by the Court to be
 the last will and testament of said Thos Murray
 in every respect. At the same time John W. Ingram
 the executor Thomas' named appears in Court and
 was duly qualified. Let the same be recorded & filed
 Wm W. Swearing etc