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Clement William Clement and David Clement and my grandson Burton Clements to them and their posterity: my will and desire is that after the death of my wife Abby Hannah Clement that the personal property I have her be sold and equally divided amongst my last mentioned children. I do nominate and appoint my son Benjamin Clements and William Clement Abby Hannah Clements and my son David Clements to this my last will and testament and last of all I do former renounced disavowed and revoke all other wills here before by one more and do acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and this 15th day of February 1815.

William Clement [initials]

Signed sealed by action & dated in presence of us

Northampton March Court 1816. This will was exhibited at a former term for probate and a caveat being entered to the probate thereof by Henry Chamberlin and Franklin Vincent the ipsel of Davis and re no^o was ordered to be made up by the court, and at this term the following day to wit John Edwards Shriver Sonny Leonard Upas William Edwards William Underwood John Nichols Edwin Rickels David Rutland William Hoadley Thomas Delano & Sels Sofister and Noah Adams being sworn and examined to try the issue joined between the parties upon their oaths see the paper whereof exhibited is the last will and Testament of William Clement senior deceased; therefore it is considered by the court that the said will be recorded: whereupon William Clement junior one of the executors in said will named was duly qualified, time being reserved for the others to qualify accordingly —

Clerk, James C. Garrison Clerk

Abraham Nelson's Will. In the name of God amen I Abraham Nelson in the County of North Carolina being at the time very weak in body but of a sound mind and memory thanks be to God for it therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all flesh once to die as for all the worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow me either give in following manner and form. I give and bequeath unto my son William Nelson the land that he lives on is him and his heirs forever, also I give to my grand child William Nelson one negro boy by the name Isaac his forever, also I give to my son Jacob Nelson the tract of land where he lives on to him and his heirs forever and also one negro by the name of Solomon to him and his heirs, also I give to my grand child Abigail Allen one negro by the name of Bell, also I give to my son Hezekiah Nelson the tract of land that I now live on to him and his heirs forever and also one negro by the name of Patsy to him and his heirs forever, also I give to my son John Nelson one negro boy

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by the name of Anthony to him and his heirs forever, also I give to my son Abraham one negro by the name of Bowles, also I give to daughter Patsey Vaughan one negro by the name of Venus to her and her heirs forever, also I give to my daughter Lucy one negro by the name of Beck to her and her heirs forever, also I give to my grand child Nelsie Hayes one negro negro by the name of Teller to him forever, also I give to Barbara my grand child one feather bed, also I give to Hezekiah Nelson one negro by the name of Joe to take care of Barbara to him and his heirs forever, for all the rest of my property after my executors to be equally divided amongst my children I execute this to be my last will and testaments I set my hand and seal this 7th day of April 1816 to my will and desire that John Nelson and Hezekiah Nelson should settle my estate —

Abraham Nelson [initials] mark

Clerk Joseph Johnson Editor Rickz.

Northampton Jan Sepriors 1816 This last will and Testament of Abraham Nelson deed was exhibited and offered for probate and Joseph Underwood entered a caveat to the probate thereof whereupon the spouse of devisor et al cum was ordered by the Court and the following jury to wit James Wheeler James Mungo James Bonn John McPherson John Allenger John Summerville Harwood Dukes Wimberly Odum goat Lafeats Williamson H. Hardie Peter Chaddry and Moses Nowood being empannelled and sworn to try the issue upon their oaths do say it is the last will and Testament of Abraham Nelson deed: therefore it is ordered by the Court that the said Will be entered of record, whereupon John Nelson one of the executors in the said Will named came into Court and acknowledged the same according to law, Hezekiah Nelson the other executor refusing to qualify —

Clerk

James C. Garrison Clerk

John Hardings will. In the name of God amen I John Hardin of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the tenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say. First I send unto my daughter Judith Daniel during her natural life two negro women named Ellery and Cherry with all their future increase but after her death it is my will and desire that they be equally divided with their increase between the lawful heirs of her body sheer and shear alike to them their heirs and after her death I send unto Susan Harding widow of my son Crawford Harding the during life or widowhood four negroes to wit Robin Lewis Rachael and Cynthia with all their increase but after her death or marriage to her surviving children by my son Crawford Harding same and share

alike to them their heirs & assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Harding one negro man named Bill and one negro woman named Aggy and all his increase to him his heirs and assigns forever which negro he now has in possession. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Pebbles wife of Sipe Pebbles one negro woman named Nelly with all her increased which negro woman she now has in possession to her her heirs & assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Harding two negroes to wit Sally and Larry with all her future increase and one bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item I send unto my son Washington Harding two negroes to wit Ella and duck with all her future increase but after his death it is my will and desire that they be equally divided between the lawful heirs of her body share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever. Item I send unto my son Chester Harding and his wife Elizabeth Harding two negroes to wit Stephen and Alfred and two hundred acres of land to be allotted them where they now live but after their death it is my will and desire that the aforesaid land and negroes be equally divided between the lawful heirs of their body share and share alike to them their heirs & assigns forever. Item I send unto my daughter Sally Morrison wife of Joseph J. Morrison two negroes to wit Poco and Sam during her natural life but after her death to be equally divided between the lawful heirs of her body share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson Hartwell Pebbles son of Sipe Pebbles one negro named Isaac to him his heirs & assigns forever. Item I give & bequeath to my grandson Wayet Harding son of William Harding one negro girl named Sarah with all her future increase to him his heirs & assigns forever. Item I give
100 pounds in Virginia money to be raised from the sale of my estate to him his heirs & assigns forever, but in case he should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years or has a lawful issue then and in that case my will and desire is that the aforesaid hundred pounds be equally divided between my children William Harding Thomas Harding Lawrence Harding Peiley-Harding and Elizabeth Pebbles wife of Sipe Pebbles share and share alike to them their heirs & assigns forever. I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Ellis widow of Roland Ellis one hundred pounds Virginia money to be raised from the sale of any estate to her her heirs & assigns forever. Item It is my will and desire that all the residue of my whole both real and personal not already devised be sold by my executors the following manner to wit all the payable estate on credit of twelve months and my land at three annual and equal instalments and the money arising from such sales after paying all my just debt and legacies given by this will be equally divided between my children William Harding Thomas Harding Lawrence Harding Peiley Harding and Elizabeth Pebbles wife of Sipe Pebbles share and share alike to them their heirs & assigns forever. Lastly I constitute and ordain my worthy friend William Morry Sipe Pebbles and Crawford Harding executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof at the said John Harding have to this my last will & testament set

his hand and seal the day and year above written. John Harding Jr
signed sealed published and declared by the said John Harding Jr the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present the time of signing and sealing thereof Andrew Crew Benjamin Crew

Northampton June twenty 1810 This last will and testament of John Harding Jr was exhibited onto Court and proved by the affirmations of Andrew Crew and Benjamin Crew, whereupon William Moody and William Harding two of the executors in said will named were qualified, time being reserved for the other to qualify accordingly. Ordered that the will be recorded.

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James C. Harrison Clerk

James Lapsiter's will. I James Lapsiter of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina do make my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit First I send to my wife Sally Lapsiter during her natural life or widowhood the following negroes Cedar Rose Creasy Eliza and Jane also the sole use of all the land I possess lying in the fork of the road wherein my dwelling house stands together with the appurtenances therunto belonging also the sole use and profits of my apple orchard standing on the land I purchased of my brother Willie Lapsiter with a gang way or lane from the road to said orchard twenty feet wide. Secondly I give unto my son Willie Lapsiter one negro man named Arthur (which he carried with him to Tennessee) also all the property I have heretofore given him, to him his heirs and assigns forever. Thirdly I give unto my son Eras Lapsiter one negro boy [redacted] which he carries in Tennessee; also in my will I have heretofore given him to him his heirs and assigns forever. Fourthly I give and devise unto my daughter Mary Cutrell (upon condition her husband Willie Cutrell will receive five hundred dollars as in full payment of a bond which he now holds against me) one half of the land I purchased of Lawrence Smith beginning at the lower end of said land and including the houses wherein the said Willie Cutrell now lives to a dividing line to be run beginning at the run of Bear Swamp running a line to my line in the Doconon, also one negro woman named Agg which she now has in possession with her increase from the date thereof together with all the property she has heretofore had from me, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Fifthly I send unto my son Eras Lapsiter during his natural life the use of the land I purchased of my brother Willie (except the apple orchard and lane) also I send my son Eras during his life one negro boy named Jerry. At the death of my said son Eras if he should have any child a childern I give unto such childern the property I have left the said Eras, to him or them and their heirs and assigns forever, also the apple orchard and lane after the death or marriage of my wife. Sixthly I give & bequeath unto my son Willie Lapsiter one half of the land I purchased of Lawrence Smith the upper and lower including the land he has in cultivation to a division of