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Bryan Randolph and Benjamin Ward securities and was qualified  
qualt to day: Indeed that same be record.

Attest John M Harrison L.L.C.

Dempsey Edwards's Will. — In the name  
of god amant Ie Domrey Edwards of the County of Northampton  
State of North Carolina being weak in body or sound mind and mem-  
ory thanks be to God for the same, knowing that it is appointed for all  
mankind once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testa-  
ment; And as touching what worldly estate which I have here  
with I give devise and dispose of in the following manner. — Item  
I give and bequeath unto my son William Edwards one negro boy called  
Jacob the cow and calf with the increase of the said kind, the ~~her~~ kind to  
be reserved to the use of my wife and family also my small desk  
and all my lands on the South side of the Road to him and his heirs for-  
ever. Item. — I give unto my son John M Edwards the balance of my  
land and plantation that I have not given away reserving the same  
to the use and benefit of my wife Sally Edwards during her natural life  
then the said land to my aforesaid son John M Edwards also one peat  
or bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. The bed he is to  
have immediately. I give unto my daughter <sup>Sally Edwards</sup> one bed and furniture to  
her and her heirs forever. Item. — I give unto my three elder children  
Littlebury, Allen Dawney and Martha fifty Dollars each to them and their heirs forever. Item. I give unto my wife Sally Edwards three course  
closes, one bed and furniture one Table one chair ~~one~~ side Saddle one  
half dozen chairs and ~~one~~ beautiful and large desk, one floor wheel, loom one  
woolling wheel to her and her heirs forever. — Item. — The balance of my  
estate after paying my just debts at the discretion of my Executor that  
I may hereafter appoint. I lend the use thereof unto my wife Sally Ed-  
wards during her natural life or marriage or so long as she may be  
willing to help my children free from charge and then at either of the two  
years that may first occur to be equally divided between my three  
elder children. Littlebury, Allen Dawney and Martha Edwards  
to them and their heirs forever — And further I nominate and appoint  
my friend William Made my whole sole Executor to this my last  
will and Testament making void all other wills may be made by me  
prior to this time. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in  
the 10th day of November 1833. — Signed Sealed in the pres-  
ence of Henry J. Barkley and Meagah Edwards.

Dempsey Edwards his  
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Northampton County, six December last 1833 this last will and  
Testament of Dempsey Edwards late, was exhibited in open Court and proved  
in due form by the oaths of Henry J. Barkley and Meagah Edwards the  
subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that the same be certified and ex-  
ecuted. (Signed) John M Harrison L.L.C.

Jesse R Gross's Will. — In the name of god amant Ie Jesse  
R Gross of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being weak in  
body but of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to Almighty  
God for those blessings; but as it is appointed for all men to die I think  
proper to make publick constiteute and ordain this writing my last  
will and Testament in manner and form herin after written. I will  
commend my Soul into the hands of him that gives it and my  
worldly Estate as follows. Item the 1st. I give and bequeath unto my son  
Samuel <sup>L</sup> my gray horse Saddle and bridle Saddle and bridle ready  
in his possession. — Item 2d I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac  
Lorps my bay colt called Isaac's and bridle and Saddle also in his  
possession. Item 3d. — I wish my son Benjamin to have four years  
schooling out of my estate and board. — Item 4th I wish my four young  
est children (viz) Isaac, Jonathan, William and Agdelinny to be school-  
ed out of my estate at the discretion of my wife or Executor until my son Benjamin  
comes to lawful age at which time I expect to say more hereafter.  
Item 5th I hereby vest my executors with full power and authority to sell  
at public or private Sale as they may think most advisable such part of  
my negroes or other Estate as can be most conveniently spared out  
of my family at the discretion of my <sup>said</sup> executors for the purpose of paying  
my just debts. Schooling my children and other necessary expenses I  
also empower and authorize my executors to pay a deed out, convey a full  
and firm Title to that part of my land Estate belonging to the boy  
made purchased by Thomas Dean and myself of William B. Heath in agree-  
ment to article of agreement of a late date made and entered into between said  
Dean and myself for the disposition of a partnership of said purchase the  
proceeds of which when sold as directed I wish applied towards the payment  
of debts and to school and raise my children as before directed with any  
other Estate so devised. All the rest of my Estate real and personal I bind  
to remain on my plantation in possession of my wife and family until  
my son Cyprian becomes of lawful age and if in case my wife does  
die before my said son Cyprian comes to lawful age in that case I wish my son Samuel and I share with the advice of my  
friends to stay together on my plantation and keep my family together  
till

until the said time of my son Cyprian coming to the age of 21 years at which time I wish an equal division to take place between all my children except my son Cyprian shall and share alike. my son Cyprian I wish have fifteen hundred dollars in valuation of property left than rest of my children. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Mary Brooks and my friend John Vann Executrix to this my last will and Testament In witness this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1823.

Northampton County December last 1893.— This instrument will witness the testament of Joseph W. Coopfield, was exhibited in open court by Mary Lewis and John Vandy, the Executrix and Executor therein named and duly proved by the oaths of Elizabeth Maddrey and Anne Maddrey & ordered to be certified and recorded. John Vandy the Executor was duly qualified  
March Term 1894 Teste John W. Harrison C.C.

Lucy Parks's will. — In the name of God Amen  
Lucy Parks of the County of Southampton and State of North Carolina  
being in a weak state of health but of sound mind and memory do make  
and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following  
In witness I give and bequeath unto my grandson William H Person my land  
that I now live on containing one hundred and twenty <sup>one</sup> acres to him and  
his heirs and assigns forever. — After 2<sup>nd</sup> I lend unto my daughter Ruth  
Person all of the residue of my estate of whatever nature or kind soev-  
er until either of her children shall come of lawful age <sup>or marriage</sup>, then my  
will is that to division take place and set apart to each one <sup>their</sup> pro-  
portionable parts of my estate, that is the children she has by her hus-  
band now living Benjamin Person. — 3<sup>d</sup> and lastly — I do nominate  
and appoint my son in law Benjamin Person Executor to this my last  
will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of De-  
cember 1820. — Wilms Hardy Prichard & Sam'l Vasser.  
Lucy Parks — (Seal)

Northampton County, <sup>5<sup>th</sup> December, 1923. — That last will and testament of Lucy Parks deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law, by the oath of Harry Pritchard one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon Benjamin Person the Notary Public named was qualified agreeable to law, Ordend to be certified, and that the said will be recorded.</sup>

Sarah Hovey's will. — In the name of God amen I  
Sarah Hovey of Northampton County and State of North Carolina  
being of sound mind and in my perfect senses I beg of all good do this  
Twenty fourth —

Twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and twenty three make and publish this my last will and  
testament in manner following (viz) — First I give and bequeath  
my notes due from Mr Whitmille Portland to be equally divided between  
my son James Horne and my daughter Annie Griffith. The balance  
of my estate I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Horne by her pur-  
ley to be professed and enjoyed forever — Lastly I constitute and ap-  
point my Daughter Sarah Horne my sole executor to this my last will  
and testament I witness Whereof I the said Sarah Horne to have here-  
unto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed  
and Sealed in the presence of us Turner Horne & Whitmille Test.  
Sarah Horne Esq Seal

Northampton County Court mark 1803. - This last will  
and Testament of Sarah Ann Surr dec'd was witnessed in open Court  
and duly proved by the oath of Melville Rolland one of the subscri-  
bing witnesses thereto and adjudged to be authentic and recorded.

John W Harrison

Sydia Britt's noncupative will - October 31st  
1883 This day Bryant Summer and Martha Sykes  
came before me Noah Odam one of the Justices of the peace  
for the County of  
Southampton and State of North Carolina that Lidda Britt dec'd.  
did on the 30th day of the same month and date aforesaid say that she  
wanted and wished Sally Sykes to have all of her property consisting  
of every thing after her death and which of either. they say upon oath  
that she the said Lidda Britt left within less time than twenty  
four hours from the day and date of this instrument of writing so  
hereunto have here w<sup>t</sup> set our hands to the above statement to be  
fact L. Witness Noah Odam - Signia Bryant Summer

mark

Southampton County December 1823. — The instrument  
of writing purporting to be the nonconfidential will of Lydia Brite deceased  
exhibited in open Court and Morgan Sumner and Martha Sykes made  
oath to the facts therein stated it is therefore ordered that said will  
be certified and recorded. — First John H. Hinman Clerk.

The further probate of William D'Herst's Will.  
State of North Carolina } March Court 1828 —  
Rutherford County S  
This will was first proved by the Clerk of Court before the  
other subscribing witnesses, and is found to be entirely genuine  
— Teste John W. Harrison Clerk.