men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament
and first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who
gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like
manner at the discretion of my Executor and as for my worldly Estate
which the Lord hath blessed me with, I give and dispose of in the
following manner and form viz: Item I desire in the first place
that all my just debts be paid. Item. I give unto my daughter
Polly Whitlatch one negro woman Nancy to her and her Heirs for
ever, also one feather bed to her and her Heirs forever. Item. I give unto my daughter Jemima
Whitlatch one negro woman Chloe and her increase to her & her
Heirs forever. also one feather bed to she and her heirs forever.
also my loving Wife to she & her Heirs forever. Item I give
unto my daughter Polly Whitlatch one feather bed and furniture to she
and her Heirs forever, also my flax wheel to she and her Heirs forever.
I give unto my daughter Polly Whitlatch one feather bed and furniture to she and her heirs forever. Item I give unto my daughter
Jemima Whitlatch one feather bed & furniture to she and her heirs
forever, also one Walnut table to she and her Heirs forever. Item.
I give unto my son William Whitlatch one feather bed and furniture to
him and his Heirs forever. Item. I give unto my daughter Polly
Whitlatch one blue chest to she and her Heirs forever. Item I give
unto my son Jesse Whitlatch one feather bed and furniture whatever
I die, also six Windsor chairs to him and his heirs forever. Item I
give unto my daughter Elizabeth Smith one cow and half to she
and her heirs forever. Item I give unto my daughter Martha Barkley
one cow and half to she and her Heirs forever. Item. I give unto my
daughter Nancy Earley one cow and half to she and her Heirs forever.
I give unto my daughter Polly Whitlatch one cow & yearling to she and
her heirs forever. The balance of my property not named above
I leave to my just debts to be paid out of it and the balance
I give unto my son William Whitlatch whom I likewise appoint my
whole and sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 25th
day of December 1824 —

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
Thomas Joyner Senr
Jesse Bentley

Jesse Whitlatch (his mark)

Northampton County ss: June Court 1833 —
This last Will and Testament of Polly Whitlatch dec'd was offered
for probate, and proved by the oaths of Thomas Joyner Senr & Jesse
Bentley the subscribing witnesses thereto: and a caveat being entered to
the probate thereof by Cousin Smith and wife and others; the issue of devisavit vel non was directed to be made up by the Court: And the
following Jury (to wit) Robert Rolle, Silas Powell, Silas Lawrence, Joseph
Miller, James Evans, Thomas Harris, Nathaniel Parker, Joseph Bracy
Henry Leach, Hazel Faison, Peter Hayes & Elias Johnson being sworn
and impannelled to try the issue joined between the parties upon
their oaths do say, the paper writing offered contains the last Will
and Testament of ~~[illegible]~~ Polly Whitlatch dec'd. Therefore
it is considered by the Court that the same stand be Recorded: whereupon William Whitlatch the Executor therein named was qualified
as the law directs: Ordered to be certified and that said Will be Recorded —

Test James C. Harrison C.C.C.

Arthur Stevenson's will. In the name of God Amen
I Arthur Stevenson of Northampton County and State of North Carolina
being at this time of a disposing mind and Memory thanks be to God
for it therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing it
is appointed for all flesh once to die, do make this my last Will and
Testament in the following Manner and form. First I give the following negroes. (to wit) Mike, Ephraim, Nancy, Rose, Moses, Tilda, Delphia,
Betty, Cupser to my Children Namely, William, Sofe, Jenny, Martha
Ann, Betsey, Rebecca Stevenson to be equally divided amongst
them and their Heirs forever also the whole of my land that I have in possession I give to be equally divided between my three sons William
Sofe and Abraham Stevenson after my death to them and their heirs
forever — I give to my daughter Polly Bridgers all the property that
I gave her which she has in possession — I give to my son David
Stevenson all the property that I gave him which he has in possession
I give the balance of my property after paying all my just debts to
be equally divided between my Children Namely William, Sofe,
Jenny, Betsey, Rebecca, Abraham, Elizabeth, Polly and Rachel
Stevenson to them and their Heirs forever — I do hereby [illegible]
Colored wife Cherry Stevenson one third of my [illegible]

one Negro Woman named Cuff during her widowhood or until her marriage or death the said Negro Woman Cuff is to be equally divided Amongst Jenny, Abraham, Sofe, Betty, Rebecca & Pharaoh Stevenson to them and their heirs forever. — I do make and ordain my son David Stevenson and John Stevenson Exors. to this my last will and Testament given under my hand and seal this 9th day of January 1823. —

— Arthur Stevenson (Seal)

Witness
Jesse P. Johnson, Nathan Boddie —

Northampton County 8th March Court 1823 —

This last will and Testament of Arthur Stevenson was offered for probate, and a paper being entered to the probate thereof by Thos. Stevenson (the Executor) the same of witnesses all now being examined to the following Jurors, viz. Cuffee Pittard, Norman Branch, William Mustard, Joel Edwards, Henry S. Rogers, Robert Jones, Amos Parker, William Stevenson, Lewis Edmonds, Sofe Stevenson, William Pittard & Hugh Rogers, who being duly sworn to the same upon their oaths say the paper writing exhibited is not the last will and Testament of Arthur Stevenson dec'd. Judgment by the Court accordingly from which Judgment the Executors in said will named prayed an Appeal to the next Superior Court to be held for the aforesaid County of Northampton on the 4th Monday after the fourth Monday in March next which was granted on their entering into Bond and Security according to Law.

A Copy. Pste — James B. Harrison Clk

State of North Carolina }
Northampton County } At a Superior Court of Law and Equity held for the County aforesaid at the Court House therein on the 6th Monday after the fourth Monday in March A.D. 1823 — by the Honorable Francis L. Taylor one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity for the State aforesaid, came on to be tried the Appeal in the Caveat of Thos. Stevenson Executor vs. Arthur Stevenson, the Caveat to Arthur Stevenson's Will, and the same of Witnesses all being when the following Jury (viz.) John L. Hunt, William Murphy, Lodric M. Thomas, Joseph Parker, William Pittard, Joseph Brown, Thos. Hopkins, Thos. Lewis, Reuben Lassiter, Henry Wilson, Willis Lewis & Thos. Lewis

being duly sworn and examined to try the issue, whether the writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Arthur Stevenson, is the last will and testament of Arthur Stevenson, upon their oaths do say that the paper writing produced is the last will and Testament of Arthur Stevenson, whereupon it is ordered by the Court, that the said will together with the proceedings in this Court be certified to the next County Court that the same may be admitted to probate and record therein.

I William B. Lulbert Clerk of the Superior Court of Law & Equity in and for the County of Northampton do certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the minutes in my office.

(Seal) Given under my hand and seal this 5th June A.D. 1826.

Wm. B. Lulbert C.S.C.

North Carolina, County June Court 1830 — This last will & Testament of Arthur Stevenson together with the Exors. & Certificates annexed thereto, was exhibited in open Court and Ordered to be Recorded. Whereupon David Stevenson and John Stevenson the Executors in said will named, were qualified as the Law directs.

Test — James B. Harrison Clk

Ephraim Blanchard's will.

I Ephraim Blanchard of the County and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound Memory and perfect in my senses, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows (viz.) First — I give my son Ephraim Blanchard all my land on the West side of the road, to go through the field as the road now lies off, also one bed & furniture, one horse and half one cow and calf, to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my son Aaron Blanchard all my land on the East side of the road, also one bed & furniture, one horse and half one cow and calf. I give my house unto all my children for the use of the plantation, to him the Man and after Death to be sold. I give to my daughter Abigail Blanchard one bed and furniture, also one horse and half one cow and calf, one [illegible]