William Mann's Will

I William Mann of County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but of Considering the uncertainty of my Earthly Existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item 1st My Executor hereafter named shall provide for my Body a decent Burial suitable to the wishes of my Relations and Friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts Whomever and to whosoever owing out of the Money that may first come into his Hands as a part or parcel of my Estate —

Item 2nd I lone unto my beloved Wife Winney Mann ~~during~~ all my Estate after paying all my just debts, during her natural life —

Item 3d At the death of my beloved Wife Winney Mann I give unto my Grand daughter Narcessay Bridgers one Feather Bed and furniture, one Plane Chest, one Glass Table, one Spinning Wheel & Cards, one Sadlays Saddle, four Sitting Chairs, one Pr Flat Irons, one Cow & Calf, one Smale Pot & Hooks, to her & her heirs for ever —

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto Joseph Bridgers one Feather Bed & furniture, to him and his heirs for ever —

Item 5th At the death of my beloved Wife Winnie Mann it is my Will and desire for all my Estate not mentioned to equal divided between my Grand Children (Viz) Narcessay Bridgers, Harriet Bridgers, Wiley Bridgers, & Burgess Bridgers to them and their heirs for ever —

Item 6th and lastly I do nominate and appoint my friend Joseph Bridgers my whole and sole Exect to this my last Will and Testament — In Witness I have hereto set my hand and seal this 21st day of Sept 1844 —

William Mann (Seal)
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Northampton County Dec. Court 1844 — The foregoing Paper writing was exhibited in open Court as the last Will and Testament of William Mann dec. and proved in due form of Law by the Oath of Nicholson Powell one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Certified and recorded whereupon Joseph Bridgers the within named Exec. renounced his Executorship whereupon came into open Court and qualified and Jesse Ely the thereupon came into open Court and qualified as Admr with the will annexed, and gave for his securities Simeon Powell & Silas Edwards in Bond for the sum of Three hundred dollars —

Test Rd Vaughan Clk

Nathan Britton's Will —

In the name of God Amen — Knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die — I Nathan Britton of Northampton County NC. being of sound mind and Memory do make this Writing to contain my Last Will and Testament revoking all others made heretofore by me —

Item 1st I lone unto my beloved Wife Sally Britton all of my Estate after paying all my just debts consisting of my Lands and plantation that I now live on with eleven Negros namely, Jeffrey and Sarah, also all my provisions now on hand all my Stock of every kinds all my household and Kitchen furniture together with all my plantation utensils during her natural life or widowhood — My Will and desire is that my Wife Sally Britton shall have it in her power to make sale of any part of my Estate that she wishes to dispose of & raise a sufficient quantity of money to pay off all my just debts — Also it is my Will and desire that my Wife Sally Britton shall not settle any person on my Lands, as long as she lives as I deal with my Lands and Timbers destroyed by any other persons only by my own family &c —

Item 2d I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary J. Murrel the sum of Seventy five dollars it being her full Legacy of my Estate to be paid after the death or marriage of my Wife Sally Britton —

Item 3d I give and bequeath unto my Son Esqr W. Britton the sum of Seventy five dollars it being his full Legacy of my Estate to be paid after the death or Marriage of my Wife Sally Britton —

Item 4th It is my Will and desire that at the Marriage or decease of my Wife Sally Britton that all the property that I have lent her should be equally devided amongst my

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Children, namely Lucretia Wade, Talitha Stephenson, Sally Ann Britton, John W. Britton, Elizabeth J. Britton, Nathan S. Britton, Joseph O.K. Britton, Henry T. Britton, Emely S. Britton —

Item 5th — My Will and desire is also that of my Wife Feinds Enough in possession of any property that I have lent to her that is not profitable to her and her Childrens, she is at liberty to dispose of it in any way that may be most beneficial to her and her above mentioned Childrens — Also it is my Will and desire that my wife have the privilege of using any of the above lent property in any way that may seem most advantage to her and her Childrens above name so as not to prevent an equal division amongst the above mentioned heirs —

Item 6th — I do hereby Constitute make and ordain my friend Kinchen Pondle Exec.r to this my last Will and Testament —

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one —

Signed Sealed & declared by the said Nathan Britton as his last Will & Testament in presence of us &c ——— — — — —

Nathan Britton (Seal)

Witness
Amos Vick
Edmin Bridgers

Northampton County December Court 1841 — The foregoing paper Writing was exhibited in open Court as the Last Will and Testament of Nathan Britton dec.d and proved to be duly proven by the oath of Amos Vick and Edwin Bridgers the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified. Whereupon Kinchen Pondle the within named Executor came into open Court and qualified as the Law directs —

Test Tho. Hughes Clk

Esther Gunns Will

Know all men by these presents that I Esther Gunns of Northampton of Northampton and State of North Carolina do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows —

Item 1st I lend unto my Sister Leah Gunns during her life all of my Lands and after her death I give and bequeath it to William Gunns son of William M. Gunns & Angelina F. Gunns daughter of Humphry Gunns to be equally divided between them, and if either or both of them should die without lawful issue then in such Case it is my will that the Lands bequeathed to such dec.d shall revert back to my family —

Item 2nd It is my Will and desire that my Nefew William M. Gunns have the use of all my Stock of all descriptions and also of my household and kitchen furniture (except one Bed and furniture) to be held in trust for him by my Executor whom I shall hereafter name —

Item 3rd I lend to my Sister Leah Gunns one Bed and furniture her Choice during her life and after her death I give and bequeath unto William Gunns son of William M. Gunns the said Bed & furniture forever —

Item 4th Lastly I nominate and appoint Shadrick Grant my Executor to this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19th day of September 1846 —

All interlinings made before signing ——

Esther her Gunns (Seal)
mark

Witness
James Peele
Martha her Pinkett
mark

Northampton County December Court 1846 The foregoing paper Writing and exhibited in open Court as the last Will and Testament of Esther Gunns deceased and proved by the oath of James Peele and the oath of Martha Pinkett the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Certified and recorded whereupon Shadrick Grant the within named Exec.r came into open Court and qualified as the Law directs —

Test Tho. Hughes Clk