Buckner Williams' Will

In the name of God Amen, I Buckner Williams of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being in a low & debilitated state of health but of sound & disposing mind blessed be God, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament Viz

Item 1st I give bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Williams all my property now in my possession and not heretofore given away by Deed of gift Viz the following negroes, to wit, Hal, Fanny & Jack, Household & kitchen furniture Stock of every description Sow & pigs, Cattle & Hogs all my provisions on hand together with every article & description of property to her & her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 2nd I further give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary Williams all debts now due me, after paying my just debts,

Item 3d I nominate and appoint Daniel B Boykin Executor of this my last will and Testament Given under my hand & seal this 16th day January in year of Lord 1836.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of

R B Gary

his
Buckner + Williams (Seal)
mark

Northampton County June Court 1836.

This last will and Testament of Buckner Williams dec'd was exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of law by the oath of R B Gary the subscribing witness thereto, & ordered to be certified and recorded whereupon Daniel B Boykin the Exr therein named qualified as the law directs

Test Wm Bottom Clk

Norman Branch's Will

In the Name of God Amen, Norman Branch of the County of Northampton in the State of North Carolina being, in perfect sense & sound memory & understanding, thanks be to almighty God for the same & calling to mind the Certainty of death do make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form as follows viz Item I give unto my beloved Wife Christian Branch all my negroes, Orin, Jacob & Thorn, & Ming & Ben & William & little Ben & Winny & Sally & Easter & Milly & Moses & Mason & Ebbelina & Alley & Angy & all my land & my Stock of all sorts & house hold & Kitchen furniture after paying all my just debts & all my Crops of this my last will & Testament, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal 28th September 1830.

Norman Branch (Seal)

Northampton County December Court 1836

This paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Norman Branch dec'd was exhibited in open Court and Matt Colerd, Lewis V Knight & John R Drake being duly sworn deposeth & saith that they verily believe the said paper writing, every part thereof to be in the proper hand writing of the said Norman Branch dec'd and Samuel Colerd being duly sworn deposeth & saith that the said paper writing was found among the valuable papers & effects of the said Norman Branch dec'd. It is therefore ordered by the court that the said paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of the said Norman Branch dec'd be recorded & on motion administration is with the said will annexed granted unto Christian Branch & John J Branch who with John Colerd in the penalty of fifteen thousand dollars with Samuel Colerd & John J Branch sureties conditioned, as the law directs & the said Christian qualified as admx with the will annexed of the said Norman Branch dec'd according to law

Test Wm Bottom Clk

Temperance Grant's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Temperance Grant of Northampton County being with in Body but of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form following

First, my will & desire is that a certain Negro Girl that I land from my Mothers Estate by the name of Rosetta if she should live should be kept & supported with all her increase by my son John C Grant & James B Grant & Esther Grant & Wesley Grant or the surviving part of them until such time as said Negro & her increase can be divided in four shares. Item my desire is that one fourth part of said negroes already before named, should go to my son John's children one fourth to my son James children, one fourth to Esther & one fourth to Wesley & if either of my children should die before said division can take place that said negro & increase should go to their heirs if any or the surviving part of them, as the true intention is that they should be kept in the family

Lastly, I do hereby appoint my son James B Grant Exr to this my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this sixth day of July 1844 one hundred & thirty four.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of

J. B. Grant

Temperance his + mark Grant (Seal)

Northampton County December Court 1836.

This last will & Testament of Temperance Grant dec'd was exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of law by the oath of Thomas Grant the subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be certified & recorded

Test Wm Bottom Clk