William Mann's Will

I William Mann of County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but 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 Relation and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts whomsoever 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 lend unto my beloved wife Winney Mann ~~during~~ all my Estate after paying all my just debts, during her natural life —

Item 3rd At the death of my beloved Wife Winney Mann I give unto my young daughter Nancy Bridgers one feather Bed and furniture, one Plane Chest, one blue Table, one Spinning Wheel & Cards, one Leading Saddle, four Sitting Chairs, one pr. Flat Irons, one Cow & Calf, one Sorrel 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 young Children (viz) Nancy Bridgers, Harriet Bridgers, Willie 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 hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of Sept. 1844 — William his + mark 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 and Jesse Hayden thereupon came into open Court and qualified as Adm. with the will annexed, and gave for his security Simon Powell & Silas Edwards in Bond for the sum of Three hundred dollars —

Teste Rd. Gaston 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 N.C. 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 lend 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 Least, also two negroes namely, Jeffrey and Sarah, also all my provisions now on hand all my Stock of every kind 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 to 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 Timber destroyed by any other persons only by my own Family &c —

Item 2nd 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 3rd I give and bequeath unto my son Epr 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 left her should be equally divided amongst my

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