In the name of God Amen. I Aaron Cox of the State of North Carolina and Pitt County being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory. do make and ordain this my last will and testament. After paying all of my just. I lend unto my wife the plantation on which I now live. also all of my negroes. Stock of all kinds and all of my other property remaining to her during her natural life for her own and sole use. After her death it is my will and desire for my son Jesse A Cox to have the plantation on which he now lives (and for which I am to pay) to have and to hold him and his heirs forever. I also give to my son Wyland Cox the plantation on which I now live after his mothers death to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever.
The remainder of my property which is left to my wife during her life I wish to be equally divided between all of my female children with the exception. deduct from the share of Sophia Hardy whatever amount I have or may have to pay for her husband James Hardy and also deduct from Sarah Cox's share whatever amount I may have paid or may hereafter have to pay for her husband Jesse Cox. And the respective shares of Sophia Hardy of which Cox and of Abby Hardy (wife of Isaac Hardy) I lend unto them and to be managed for their use by my friend W J Blow (whom I hereby make and appoint trustee for that purpose) and at the death of my aforesaid daughter or either of them then I give it to their lawful heirs born of their bodies. And no part of which property is either of their husbands to have the control or management of. I do hereby appoint my wife Sarah Cox executrix to this my last will and testament. And if from a fair valuation of all my property after my wife's death the lands which I have given unto my two sons should not be equal to the shares of my daughters then for them to be made equal by so much of the personal property as will be required.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.
This the first day of November Anno Domini 1856
Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

Thomas Royall
W J Blow
Thomas Cox

Aaron his + mark Cox (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Aaron Cox decd was produced in open court and proven in due form of law by the oath of Thomas Cox and William J Blow two subscribing witnesses to the same. Whereupon the Court declares that said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Aaron Cox decd so made and executed as to pass both real and personal estate. And the same was ordered to be recorded and filed.
At the same time Sarah Cox the Executrix named in said will came into Court and declined to qualify as such whereupon (the said widow assenting) Thomas Cox was appointed admr with the will annexed on his giving bond in the sum of $25000. with B. G. Albritton & T. R. Cherry as sureties
bond given admr qualified G A Dancy Clerk

I Josiah D Albritton of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being in sound mind and memory but owing to the unsettling of my earthly existance do hereby make this paper writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say my Exector hereafter named shall prepare for my body a desent buriel suitable to the wishes of my friends and shall pay all funeral expences first out of the estate which may go into his hands together with ~~with~~ all of my just debt to be next paid. Item the first - I give and bequeath all of my estate real personal or mixt to my wife Peny Albritton to hold to herself and the lawful hares of her body born and I do hereby constitute and appoint my frend Samuel H Langley my Exector to all ients and purposes to execute this my last will and testamnt according to my wishes here set forth. Signed in the presents of two subscribing witness
Given the 20 1862

Josiah D. Albritton (Seal)

Jas S Paul
Randolph Moore

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Josiah D. Albritton decd was produced in open court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of James S Paul and Randolph Moore the two subscribing witnesses to the same. It was then ordered by the Court that said with be recorded and filed. And Saml H Langley the person named as executor gave bond in sum of $12,000 with David Langley and F. B. Satterthwaite as sureties. which was accepted by the Court and the said Saml H Langley duly qualified as executor to said will
G. A. Dancy Clerk

State of North Carolina } Know all men by these presents that
Pitt County } I Jesse Chapman possessing a sound disposing mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me made heretofore in manner and form following viz: Item 1st I give to my beloved wife Polly Chapman the following Negro Slaves: Simon and Elen. also my money and Notes and all my stock of every kind. Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep - after selling enough to pay my debts - all my house hold and kitchen furniture, after my death
Item 2nd I lend unto my beloved mother Eliza Okely my track of land that my Grand Father James Adams give to me, her lifetime and after her death I give the same land to my Brother Freeman Okely to him and his heirs forever
Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my sister Lovey Lathinghouse my track of land that I bought. adjoining Thomas Adams John Adams and others, after my death to her and her heirs forever.
Item 4th and lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Polly Chapman Sole Executor to this my last will and testament in testimony I have hereunto set my hand and seal
This 3rd day of Sept A D 1861
Sign in the presence of
Lewis H Smith
Jesse F Chapman

Jesse his mark Chapman (Seal)

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