premises it can be done without assigning to any share too great a proportion of young or aged negroes, and upon the said trust and limitations it is my wish and will that each plantation be furnished equally from what may on hand at my death of the same and not otherwise with reasonable and necessary household and kitchen furniture farming utensils, carts, wagons, horses, mules, oxen, sheep, hogs and cattle and corn and fodder; and I appoint my friends Henry Shepard, Louis D. Little, Benjamin R. Albritton, John H. Smith and William Whitehead or a majority of them to make the aforesaid division of negroes and other property, and my executors are directed to pay their expenses and compensation for their trouble and in case they fail to act to appoint other persons from among the citizens of Pitt County.

Item It is my wish and will that negroes Oliver Lewis and Crissy be permitted to have an lot eighty one without being hired out that they may attend and serve my two sons when not at school.

Item It is my wish & will that my executors sell at private or public sale my Steam Mill property, my houses and lots in the town of Greenville not devised, my Plank Road stock, my land bought of Farmer at Bell in North Carolina, and the farms Wade land, John Cordle land, Grace Cordle land, the Otter tract in Great Swamp, the Young farm tract and the Tinney Lewis tract all in Pitt County, my interest in the Tarboro Cook Stove Road. It is my will that my executors carry on my farms for two years after my death, and then that no division among the negroes and other property shall take place.

Item, It is my wish & will that the trustee to my children be and is hereby empowered to change the character of the property ~~belonging~~ belonging to my children by sale or exchange, and invest the proceeds in good North State, or other securities or other real and personal property whenever by any change in the condition, situation, residence, or other like circumstances of any of my children such a sale or exchange would be to their interest. And whenever any of said property given in trust, shall devolve ~~devolve~~ upon the issue of my said children it is my wish and will that their said trustee shall convey by deed upon the death of said child its share of property to his or her issue. Lot eighty one I intend for William and James Edgar jointly and not to Edgar alone as devised in item first. I appoint my son in law Hall Jenkins and my friend C. C. Perkins my executors.

Signed, published and declared
to be his last will and testament,
by the testator in our presence who
at his request and in his presence
do attest the same this day
of January one thousand eight hundred and
sixty

Geo. V. Clark

Geo. Jno. Dancy

Chas. Manning

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James H. Clark Deceased late of this County was offered for probate by C. Perkins mentioned as trustee in said writing, where Joseph Jno Dancy and Charles Manning the two subscribing witnesses thereto testified that they saw said James H. Clark sign said paper writing, that they the said witnesses signed their names thereto at the request, and in the presence of said testator, and that at the time he was of sound & disposing mind. Therefore the Court adjudged it to be duly proved as the last will & testament of said Clark & ordered it to be registered

G. V. Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen! I Albert Moye of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being in my usual health and of sound disposing mind and memory, knowing the certainty of death and desirous to make some disposition of my worldly estate do hereby make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament revoking all others by me heretofore made. In manner and form following viz

Item 1st I give unto my son William Joel Moye Negro woman Peggy, which with the other property I have given him and he is in possession of with his interest in the residuary clause in this instrument which is hereafter inserted will make him a fair portion of my estate.

Item 2nd I give unto my son Moses L. Moye Negro boy Jonas one mule and one cow and the other cattle now in his possession and one-half of my books which with the other property I have given him, by deed and the interest in will passes in the residuary clause hereinafter mentioned will, I think, make him a fair share of my estate.

Item 3rd I give and devise unto my son Albert A. Moye the remainder of my lands whereon I reside (the two portions having been devised to my sons Moses L. and Wm. Moye) containing by estimation three hundred and twenty acres more or less, one that gun called his, one horse bridle and saddle second choice of the horses or mules that I may have also the following Negroes, Ned, John, and Holton & the residue of my books not willed to Moses L. Moye.

Item 4th I give unto my daughter Ann Priscilla Long wife of William G. Long Negroes, Daniel, Linah and George, one horse or mule choice of those remaining at my death. I also lend to my said daughter Ann Priscilla Negro girl Harriet until my grand daughter Sarah Elizabeth Long child of the said Ann Priscilla and William G. Long shall arrive at twenty one years of age or marry in either event I give the said girl Harriet to the said Sarah Elizabeth my grand daughter.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Olga Frances Edwards wife of Henry Clay Edwards, Negroes Hamlet, Chey, Mary, Cherry and her child Allen, one Piano Forte one gold watch one cow and calf one bed stead & furniture (the watch cow & calf, bed & furniture and Negro woman Cherry & child already in her possession) I also give her an additional cow & calf.

Item 6th In the event of the decission of the right of the slaves Big Jane & her children, Girl Laurena and boy Henry left by the will of my sister Mirandisha V. Little to James H. Moye during life and then to his children and Moses L. and Albert A. Moye should be for the slaves to be

over

divided. Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Abram J. Moye son of James W. Moye decd. Negro boy March child of Ellen. but should the children be in favor of the said Abram J. Moye that he is entitled to all of the negroes above mentioned I declare this item void as my grandson will be amply provided for. and the said boy March shall return to my estate as a part to be disposed of in the residuary clause.

Item 7th I leave to my grandson James Alfred Lang son of Wm D. and William G. Lang the sum of Twe Hundred Dollars to help educate him to be paid out to his father or Guardian out of my money or notes that may be left to be put to interest and kept as a fund for this object.

Item 8th All the residue of my estate of what nature or kind soever not disposed of I have in the hands of my Executors hereinafter named to be disposed of in the most judicious manner and from the proceeds to pay off my just debts and defray my burial expenses (which I desire to be plain and neat) and the balance remaining I give and devise to all my children then surviving or to such of my grand children as may survive those that are dead - to each child living one share and to the grandchild or children as the case may be one share excepting my grandson Abram J. Moye is not to be considered as having any interest in this clause, he having been well provided for.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my sons, William J. Moye Moses J. Moye and Elbert A. Moye Executors to this my last Will & Testament & desiring that Elbert A. Moye have no agency in the business except it shall become necessary to carry out my wishes in the distribution of my estate. Written with my own hand and sealed this 27th day of April A.D. 1859

Alfred Moye {Seal}

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Alfred Moye decd was produced in Court. When Wm G. Lang testified that said paper writing was found after the death of the said Alfred Moye among his valuable papers and the said Wm G. Lang B. G. Albritton Wm Flanekins and L. P. Beardsley all testify that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Alfred Moye and that in their opinion every part and clause of the said paper was in the own proper hand writing of the said decd the Court thereupon declared that the said paper writing was the last will and testament of the said Alfred Moye so made and executed as to pass both real & personal estate and the same was ordered to be ~~registered~~ recorded & filed. at the same Wm J. Moye & Moses J. Moye two persons named as Executors in said will came into Court and duly qualified as such first having given bond in the sum of $65,000 with Elias J. Blount Willis R. Williams ~~and~~ Wm G. Lang as sureties which bond bond was given and accepted by the Court

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I John J. Parker of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existance do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. First. That my executor (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial (if it can be consistently be done) suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item - All that is coming to me as one of the heirs of Priula Moore to be equaly divided between my two children. one half to my daughter Banie Parker and the other half to my Son William Oscar Parker to share and share alike

Item - I also give to my Son William in addition to the above my tool chest and all of my Carpenter tools.

Item - I lone to my beloved wife the tract of land where I now live with all of Houshold and Kitchen furniture and stock of all kinds and provisions on hand of every name and nature during the terme of her widowhood or natural life and in ease of her marrying again or of her death then to be sold and equaly divided amongst all of my children to share and share alike.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Father James Parker my lawful executor to all intent and purposes. to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intents and meaning of the same. and every part and and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said John J. Parker do hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of July A.D. 1862

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John J. Parker to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witness thereto

L. P. Beardsley
James Parker

John J. Parker {Seal}

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John J. Parker decd was produced in open Court by James Parker the person named as executor therein and the same was proved in due form of law to be the last will and testament of the said John J. Parker decd by L. P. Beardsley and James Parker the two subscribing witnesses to the same. so made and executed as to pass both real and personal estate. It was then ordered by the Court that said will be recorded & filed. James Parker the executor named in said will in open Court renounced his right to qualify to the same. whereupon on motion Benjamine Belcher was appointed admr. with the will annexed upon the estate of the said John J. Parker who gave bond in the sum of $1000 with James Parker and Henry Joyner as his sureties. Bond given and admr. qualified according to law

G. A. Dancy Clerk