The last Will and Testament of Aron Joyner Decd

I Aron Joyner of the County of Pitt 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.

First That my executor hereinafter 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 out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise unto my beloved wife Elizabeth that part of my land lying and being as follows, Begining at the creek where the road crosses the creek near Amos Joyners (my brother) and running about a south course with the road to James W Mays line above the School House, thence with his line to Noah Joyners, thence with his line to Wesley Mangrum, thence with his line to Jape Britts — thence with his line to Thomas Joyners, thence with said Joyners line to the road, thence straight across the road to the Canal in the Ben Branch thence down said Canal to the creek, thence up the creek to the Bridge the begining, it being the land whereon I now live, to have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth for and during the term of her natural life. I also lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth for and during her natural life the following negro slaves, to wit, Sidney — Balam and Girl Amanda — negro Woman Edy and Girl Amy — I also lend her two Horses her choice one yoke of Steers, three Cows and Calves, her choice ten head of Sheep, all my Stock of hogs that may be on hand at my death, all my household and kitchen furniture, all my poultry a sufficiency of farming tools say two ploughs and gear, and one Cart. I also wish and it is my desire that she shall have provision of meat, Corn and fodder to last her and family untill she makes a crop.

Item 2d It is my will and I do hereby give and devise unto my eldest Son Jacob Joyner all the land that I have not heretofore deeded away to my Son Henry Joyner and that part of it as described in the foregoing item is to be subject to the life estate of my beloved wife Elizabeth to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my Son Jacob negro boy Mack & one horse valued at One Hundred Dollars to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever. I also give him one bed and furniture

Item 3rd In addition to the tract of land I have heretofore given to my to my Son Henry Joyner, I give and devise unto him one negro boy named Andrew, to him and to hold to him and his heirs and assigns forever

Item 4th I give and devise unto my four Daughters, Lydia, Nancy, Eleanor and Dicia all the balance of my property after my just debts are paid, including all that I have bequeathed to my beloved wife Elizabeth except the land which I devised to my Sons Jacob and Henry, to be equally divided among them, except that it is my desire that my Daughter Lydia should have negro Girl Amanda, extra and above the shares of my other Daughters for her services in the family, to have and to hold to them

the said Lydia, Nancy, Eleanor and Dicia their heirs and assigns forever

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Son in law Calvin Ruff and my Son Jacob Joyner executors to this my last will and testament

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament in the presence of us this 20 day of Decr 1854 — Aron Joyner (Seal)

H Sheppard
Shenod Liton

North Carolina, Pitt County — August Term 1858. of Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

This paper writing was offered for probate in open Court by Jacob Joyner named therein as executor to the last will and testament of Aron Joyner Decd and H Sheppard and Shenod Liton two subscribing witnesses thereto being sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God testified respectively that the said testator executed published and declared the said writing to be his last will and testament and that they everally subscribed the same as witnesses in his presence and at his request and that the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time aforesaid

Let it be recorded and filed among the records of Pitt County

H Sheppard Clerk

The last Will and Testament of Robert Forbes Decd

In the name of God Amen,

I Robert Forbes of the state of North Carolina & County of Pitt being of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed God, do this the second day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, do make & publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say.

First, I loan unto my beloved wife Grace all my lands containing three hundred and twenty six acres during her natural life.

Item I lend also to my beloved wife two negroes Betty & George during her natural life

Item I give unto my beloved wife all my feather beds except one with the household and kitchen furniture

Item I give unto my beloved wife all the Crop made on my home plantation with four fodder stacks made on the Foreman Plantation, also my farming tools

Item I lend to my beloved wife all my Stock of Cattle Sheep during her natural life, I give also unto my beloved wife four choice Sows and pigs.

Item I loane to my beloved wife also two of the choice hades of my Stock

I give to my wife also two thousand pounds of Pork also including the offerhel Corn at the Foreman plantation.

Item I give unto my, four youngest Sons, I say Alfred, Robert, Archibald and Silas all in an equal division all the real & personal property loaned to my wife at her decease.

Item I give unto my Daughter Lucinda one feather bed & furniture and one side Saddle.

Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Worthington one negro Girl named Aggy.

Item I give unto my Son Silas one young hade forty Bawls of Corn, three