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In the name of God, Amen I Caleb Nelson of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being weak in body, perfect in mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. First of all recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth from where it came and to be buried in a christian like manner. My desire is that my just debts should be paid out of the first moneys coming into the hands of my Executors.

Item I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Nelson one mare and horsecoll, all my stock hogs cattle sheep Bus and all the provision on hand that is to say the corn meat &c. & poultry all the potatoes and farming tools, and four Beds and furniture. I also leave unto my beloved wife all the house hold and kitchen furniture during her natural life and one cart and one Barouche and the plantation where I now live also during her natural life.

Item I give unto the heirs of the body of my son Josiah Nelson one seventh part of the negroes devised to my wife for her life time by her father John Laughinghouse and then to her children. That I purchased of my son Josiah Nelson it being his undivided interest in said Negroes also one horse and Buggy and other articles I purchased at his sale. My desire is that my son Josiah have the use of said negroes and horse and Buggy and other articles during his natural life but they are in no wise to be appropriated to his debts.

Item I give unto my daughter Susannah Spains Children one tract of land lying on the south side of Juniper Run containing one hundred and twenty five acres which I give my daughter Susannah Spain the privilege to live on as long as she lives and not to be taken for debts from her and her children in no wise.

Also one Bed at my wifes death.

Item I give my daughter Serena Harder three hundred and fifty dollars one Bed and furniture one Secretary.

Item I give unto my son James G. Nelson all of my Lands that I own on the north side of Juniper Run where I now live with all the improvements thereon at my wifes death Elizabeth Nelson to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever one Beamfat with glass doors.

Item I have eleven hundred dollars in money and notes that I sold two negroes for. Min and Harriet. This is to be equily divided amongst the heirs at my wifes death Elizabeth Nelson.

Item and if there be any other money or notes in hand at my death or any other property not otherwise disposed of at my death to be sold and equily divided amongst all of my children. Josiah Nelson. Emily Hemen Talith Smith. Susanna Spain. Serena Harder. James G. Nelson. I also give unto Henry Nelson Children the seventh part to be divided amongst them all.

Last of all I appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Nelson and my son James G. Nelson my Executors and Executor to this my last will and Testament in testimony whereof I here unto set my hand and seal.

this 6th day of February AD 1859
Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presents of us
Jest. Lewis J Edwards
Jest William W Tucker

Caleb Nelson

North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
(Pitt County) August Term AD 1862

This paper writing dated the 6 day of February 1859 purporting to be the last will and Testament of Caleb Nelson decd and attested by Lewis J Edwards and William W Tucker ~~purporting~~ subscribing witnesses is offered for probate by Elizabeth Nelson Executrix and the due Execution of said paper writing is proved by the said Wm W Tucker who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God testified that he attested said paper writing at the request of the said Caleb Nelson in his presence and that Lewis J Edwards did the same and that at the time of so doing the said testator declared the same to be his last will & testament and was of sound and disposing mind & memory. He further testified that Lewis J Edwards aforesaid is now deceased. On motion the foregoing paper writing upon this testimony is declared and considered to be the last will of said Caleb Nelson and is ordered to be recorded and filed. Elizabeth Nelson the executrix entering into bond in the sum of nine thousand dollars with Wm J Laughinghouse & J B Satterthwaite as Sureties and is qualified according to law
J A Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Robinson Jenkins of the State of N. Carolina & County of Pitt do make and ordain this to be my last will & Testament in manner & form as follows.

Item 1st I give unto my son James H Jenkins all of my land that I may have and hold by deed or otherwise at my death also one bottle case & bottles & decanters that belong to it (also one feather bedstead & furniture which he has in possession) to him and his heirs to have & to hold forever. Nevertheless if there should be a crop growing on the said land at my death I leave it in the hands of my representative to carry on said crop and to house & sell it as they may deem best and the proceeds arising from said to go to use of my estate.

Item 2nd I give unto my daughter Martilda Rollins my new walnut bureau to her and her heirs forever.

Item 3rd I leave all my perishable property to be sold and the proceeds of it to go first to the payment of my just debts together with all my money notes and accounts that I may have at my death and after paying all my just debts I leave the balance to be equally divided among my legal heirs as follows. To John H Jenkins ^{one} share To John Jenkins heirs one share To William Ebb Jenkins one share To Jas H Jenkins one share To Martilda Rollins one share and to Daniel R Hopkins one share to them and their heirs forever to have and to hold.

Item 4th I leave all my negroes to be equally divided among my legal heirs at my death as follows To John H Jenkins one share To John Jenkins heirs one share To William Ebb Jenkins one share To James H Jenkins one share To Martilda Rollins one share

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