then on file in the office and that said paper writing is a literal copy of said original will, codicils probate & qualification of the Executors, whereupon it is ordered and adjudged by the Court that said Copy be filed and recorded as evidence of the said original under and by virtue of an act of the General Assembly made and passed at the Session 1859 — entitled an "Act for the relief of such persons as may suffer from the destruction of the records of Pitt County occasioned by the burning of the Court House"

H Sheppard Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of Reuben Worthington

In the name of God Amen

I Reuben Worthington of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory blessed be God, do this the Twenty fifth day of November in the year of our lord One thousand eight Hundred and fifty four make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows that is to say

First I lend to my beloved wife Penelope Worthington during her life time or widowhood one mare and Cart and one buggy also all my stock of every kind and my feathers Bed Steads and furniture also all my Crop of Corn and fodder and potatoes either in house or on the field also all my meat that I am possessed of at my death,

I also give my Daughter Penelope Sphoney Moore one Dollar in Cash also the property that I lent to my beloved wife Penelope Worthington after her death or intermarriage,

I give to my other four Children to be equally divided amongst them namely Ivan Kenney Worthington — James Godfrey Worthington — Lemuel K Worthington and Margaret Ann Worthington And I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife and my Son Ivan Kenney Worthington Executors to this my last Will & Testament, In Witness of the Said Reuben Worthington have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal the day and year above written, Signed Sealed published and declared by the Said Reuben Worthington to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us whose present at the time of Signing & Sealing thereof

Reuben Worthington (Seal)

Attest Sylvester Cox
William Cox

Pitt County Court
Feby Term 1859

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament Reuben Worthington was produced in Court and duly proved by the oaths of William Cox and Sylvester Cox the subscribing witnesses thereto, it is ordered to be recorded Penelope Worthington named Executrix therein duly qualified as such

H Sheppard Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Causway

I Elizabeth Causway 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 — I give to my Son Philip B Causway all of my Stock of Cows hogs and Sheep and all of my household and Kitchen furniture, as for my land it is not paid for, Whereas if my Son above mentioned redeems the land with what I have paid it shall be his if not my Executor shall pay for it out of my Stock and the title to be taken in my Sons name above mentioned to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever,

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Sylvester Cox my lawful executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made, In Witness whereof, I the Said Elizabeth Causway do hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of February 1856

Elizabeth her + mark Causway (Seal)

Attest
Wm H Smith
Argent Smith

Pitt County Court
May Term 1859

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Causway is produced in Court and duly proved by the oath of William H Smith and Argent Smith the subscribing witnesses thereto, The Court declares said paper writing to be the last will and Testament of said Elizabeth Causway — and orders the same to be recorded

H Sheppard Clerk

The last Will & Testament of Benjamin Davis —

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Davis of the State of North Carolina & County of Pitt, being (thank God) of sound disposing mind & memory — and having a desire to make some distribution of my worldly estate, do make and declare this my last will & Testament in manner and form following viz:

Item 1st All of the real estate which I may die seized or possessed with (or any interest therein) I give to my three Sons Richard B Davis, Alfred Davis & Benj. Archibald Davis — to be equally divided between them share and share alike, also my handy Still to be in the same proportion,

Item 2nd All the rest of my estate that may be left at my death I leave to be equally divided after the payment of my just debts, between my Children Richard, Alfred, Archibald, Sally & Delphy Davis share & share alike — and I injoine it upon my three Sons Richard — Alfred & Archibald that they shall take care of and support my wife their Mother Delitha Davis during her natural life

Lastly I Constitute and appoint my Son Alfred Davis Executor to this my last will & Testament — In Witness whereof. I hereunto set my hand and seal