I Richard B Davis 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 ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form from following That is to say 1st That my Executor shall provide for my body a decent burial. Ordering that all my property land and negroes be sold and all my just debts paid. And I do Davis to have one half of the balance that is left. and the other be divided between Sister Amina Albritton and her children and John Walston a nephew of mine.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother B F Davis my lawful Executor to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said R B Davis do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1st day of September 1861

Signed sealed published and declared by the said R B Davis to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names

Richard B Davis Seal

Witness
Witness

State of North Carolina
Pitt County } November Term 1861

The within paper writing purporting to be a Will produced in Open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Wyman Moore & Benjamin Arrington the subscribing witnesses to be the last will and testament of Richard B Davis dec'd. At the same time Benjamin F Davis the person named as executor in said will came into Court and duly qualified as such when the Court order that said will and this certificate be recorded and filed

G. T. Dancy Clerk

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

I Mary E Cannon of the County & State aforesaid do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows

Item 1st I give to my relative Elizabeth Cherry my Gold watch.

Item 2d I give in trust to Colo Elias F Blount my Negro Girl Della for the sole use and benefit of my half sister Walter S Hancock as herein after provided

Item 3d I give the residue of my negroes about Eleven in number also my tract of Land adjoining the Lands of Jacob McCotter James Brock & others containing about 44½ acres together with the increase of said negroes from this time to Colo Elias F Blount in trust for the sole

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use and benefit of my half sister James A Hancock

Item 4th It is my desire that whenever the said Walter and James shall be free from their liabilities that my friend Colo Elias F Blount shall convey the share bequeathed to them or either of them as they severally may become free from their said liabilities and that if it becomes necessary to dispose of any of the share negroes I request that the same may be done by the said Blount provided the same be required by the said James or Walter in writing of the said Blount

Item 5th It is my wish that if either the said Walter or James should wish that they or either of them may sell the share bequeathed to whom sever they please and that the said Blount convey the same to their vendee according to their wishes and interests as above.

Lastly I appoint my worthy friend Doctor Elias F Blount my sole executor to this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
Effie Scott
Jacob McCotter

1858 Mary E. Cannon Seal

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } Nov Term 1861

Then was the within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary E. Cannon dec'd produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Effie Scott & Jacob McCotter the two subscribing witnesses to the same it was then ordered that said will and this certificate be recorded & filed. At the same time Elias F Blount the person named as executor in said will came into open Court and duly qualified as such according to law

G. T. Dancy Clerk

The last will and testament of Elizabeth Cherry

In the name of God Amen! I Elizabeth Cherry of the County of Pitt State of North Carolina being in good health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity to make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former will or wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried according to my estate under the direction of my executor hereinafter named. And as to such worldly estate with which it has pleased God to intrust me I dispose of the same as follows

Item first I give and bequeath to my son William T. Cherry Negro man Sam aged about thirty four years, to him his heirs and assigns.

Item second I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha J. Cherry one hundred dollars ($100)

Item third I give and bequeath all my household and kitchen furniture to my sons Wyman H. Cherry and William T. Cherry and my daughters Martha J. Cherry

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and Emily C. Clark

Item fourth. The residue of my estate both real and personal of every description shall go to and be equally divided between my sons William R. Cherry and Mason P. Cherry and my daughters Mary Ann Laughinghouse, Martha J. Cherry, Emily C. Clark and my son William R. Cherry as trustee as herein after described for my daughter Jackey Ann Ernul to share and share alike vesting absolutely in them their heirs and assigns, except the share in this item bequeathed to my son William R. Cherry as trustee for my daughter Jackey Ann Ernul which share shall rest in the said William R. Cherry upon special trust and confidence nevertheless that he shall hold the same as trustee only for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Jackey Ann Ernul for and during the term of her natural life free from and exclusive of the control or ownership of any husband of the said Jackey Ann Ernul paying over to her the whole or such part or only the income of such legacy at one time or from time to time as he the said trustee may judge necessary and proper and after the death of my daughter Jackey Ann Ernul the said property shall go to the children of the said Jackey Ann Ernul then living and in case she dies leaving no child or children then the said property shall revert and pass under the residuary clause of this will and the trusteeship of my son William R. Cherry shall cease and determine on the death of my daughter Jackey Ann Ernul and in the case of the death or refusal of my son William R. Cherry or neglect to act in the trust hereby created the same being made appear to the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Pitt County then the justices of the said court shall nominate and appoint some suitable person to act in his stead.

Item fifth. I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son William R. Cherry my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute and carry out the several provisions of this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. In witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Cherry have to this my last will written upon one sheet of white letter paper and upon three pages of the same set my hand and seal this the tenth day of May A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty-eight (May 10th 1858)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Elizabeth Cherry to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in the presence do subscribe our names as witnesses hereto

Elizabeth her ⊗ mark Cherry (Seal)

W. H. Johnston

W. H. B. Brown

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } Feby Term 1862

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Cherry dec'd is exhibited in probate in open court by William R. Cherry the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Elizabeth Cherry is proved by the oath and examination of W. H. B. Brown and of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it is further proved by the oath of George A. Haney that W. H. Johnston the only other subscribing witness thereto is dead. And it is further proved by the oath and examination

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of the said G. A. Haney that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said W. H. Johnston and that the name of the said W. H. Johnston subscribed as witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said W. H. Johnston. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Cherry and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed. And thereupon the said William R. Cherry executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by Law.

G. A. Haney Clerk

The last will and Testament of Louisa Randolph

In the name of God Amen. I Louisa Randolph of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory and having desire to dispose of my earthly estate whilst I have health and strength do make and declare this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all wills and clauses thereof by me at any time heretofore made.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my Sister Arsena Randolph One Hundred Dollars ($ 100)

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my brother Robert Randolph One Hundred Dollars ($ 100)

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to the lawful heirs of my deceased brother Matthew F. Randolph One Hundred Dollars ($ 100)

Item 4th I give and bequeath to the lawful heirs of my deceased brothe Jesse Randolph One Hundred Dollars ($ 100)

Item 5th All my negroes and their increase and all my beds and bedding shall go to and be equally divided between my brother John Randolph and my Sister Mary Randolph share and share alike and in case either my brother John Randolph or my Sister Mary Randolph dies leaving no lawful heirs of their body then and in that case the one surviving shall inherit the whole to his or her heirs and assigns (it being my will and desire that my negroes should not be scattered).

Item 6th After all my just debts and the foregoing legacies are paid of what remains of my money, notes and accounts I give and bequeath to my brother John Randolph one third part (1/3d)

Item 7th The residue of my Estate of whatever kind or description I give and bequeath to my Sister Mary Randolph

Item 8th It is my wish and request that my faithful negro woman Catharine may not in division be separated from her two youngest children

Item 9th I constitute and appoint my trusty friend Doctor Richard Williams Sole Executor to this my last will and testament written on one sheet of letter paper and on two pages of the same. Signed with my own hand and sealed with my seal this day of Anno Domini 1857 December 2th

Louisa Randolph (Seal)

Signed sealed & acknowledged to be the last will and Testament of Louisa Randolph who at her request and in her presence do subscribe our names as witnesses to the same

John Peebles
Caroline Peebles
Micajah Zeal

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