Item 1st I will and desire that the residue of my negroes not herein before disposed of be sold by my Executor at public auction on the premises on a credit of six months and the proceeds, when collected to be divided per stirpes among the children of Lydia Beasly, now Lydia Talkner. Absaly Johnston. Sarah Williams. Delphia Peoples. John Newton and his wife Lostitia. to be considered in the Class of John Newton that is to say. the said proceeds of the sale of the negroes are to be divided into five equal Shares one to the children of Lydia Talkner by her first husband Frearick Beasly one to the children of Absaly Johnston. one to the children of Sarah Williams one to the children of Delphia Peoples and the other fifth part to the children & wife of John Newton

Lastly: I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Walter Newton Executor to this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former will by me made this the 11th day of december 1858

Witness
Geo. W. Norton
B. J. Norton

John Newton

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of John Newton decd was produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Geo W Norton & Benj J Norton the two subscribing witnesses to the same to be the last will & testament of the said John Newton. so made and executed as to pass both real and personal Estate. and Walter Newton the person named as executor in said will gave bond in the sum of forty thousand dollars with G W Norton & Benj J Norton as sureties which bond was accepted by the Court and then the said Walter Newton duly qualified to said will in open Court and the same was ordered to be recorded & filed

Geo A Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I Esther J Blount of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt. being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of life and desirous of making a disposition of my worldly estate do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

Item 1st. I give unto my son Elias J Blount the tract of land ~~which~~ whereon he now resides which I purchased from my son Jacob C Blount. I also leave the residue of my lands to my said Son Elias J Blount provided he shall elect to take them at the valuation of three disinterested persons to be selected by himself and my other Executors; but should he refuse to do so upon these terms I leave the said lands to be sold and the proceed to descend and be divided as hereinafter directed. I further devise to my said Son Elias J Blount all of my house hold and kitchen furniture (except such portions as are herein after disposed of specifically) all of my stock of every kind (except one bay mare called Bet) all the tools of every description one set of Silver table Spoons and ten tea Spoons

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Mary E Blount wife of my Son William C Blount one rocking chair and one Marble top table

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha B Speight daughter of Edwin G Speight one dozen silver forks one pair of Silver Candlesticks one dozen Silver tea spoons one large trunk one set of dining ware (white) one set of China tea ware (figured) and my best bed and bed stead to be well furnished with clothing.

Item 4th I give and devise unto my grand Sons Allen & Elias Blount Sons of Allen Blount decd one book case, one bed, Stead & matraps and necessary furniture. and all the other furniture I have put in possession of their mother to be equally divided them and if either die before he arrives at lawful age his part to descend to the survivor. I also give and bequeath unto my grand Son Allen Blount one new trunk

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Esther Ann Blount daughter of Richard H Blount one good bed, Stead and furniture, one pair of Silver waiters, two Silver ladles, my new Bureau, ~~one Silver Castor~~. and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in money. I give to my grand daughter Josephine Blount one work Stand. to my grand daughter Savinia C Blount one pair of looking glasses.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Jemima Blount daughter of William C Blount one bureau, one dozen mahogany Chairs. two Silver waiters. one bed, Stead & necessary furniture and the sum of two hundred ~~and~~ fifty dollars in money

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my grand son Allen Blount son of Jacob C. Blount. the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid over to his father for his use and by him to be retained until the said Allen shall arrive to the age of twenty one years; at which time said sum principal and interest shall be paid over to him or his legal heirs.

Item 8th I give unto my Daughter in law Winifred Blount widow of Allen Blount decd one dozen Stool Chairs (without cushions) one clothes press and one Rocking Chair.

Item 9th I have in the hands of my Executors the sum of five hundred dollars for the special use of ~~executing~~ enclosing and keeping in good repair the family burying ground.

Item 10th All of my Real Clothing of every description not specifically given away in former bequeaths I leave to be divided between all my Children. Share and Share alike. Carpets window &c to be equally divided between my sons.

Item 11th If at the time of my death, there should be a crop growing on the land, my will and desire is that the crop shall descend unto my Son Elias J Blount and that he shall have the use of sufficient number of hands to tend and house the same - provided that he shall pay for the use of the hands such sum as hire for such time as they may have been employed. as may be agreed on by him and the other Executors

Item 12th All the residue of my Estate not before disposed of including my negroes and the lands specified in the first item (if my Son Elias J Blount should decide not to take it upon the conditions specified therein, and every other species whatsoever. I leave to be sold by my Executors and the proceeds from said sale with all the money - notes of hand or other debts due me; and should Elias J Blount elect to take the lands above, then the proceeds to be included in this clause. instead of proceeds of sale by Executors. in either case however

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after the legacies are satisfied before mentioned. all the balance of my estate arising from every source. I leave to be divided into six equal shares. and to descend as follows, Elias J Blount. one share. Richard H Blount. one share. Jacob. C. Blount. one share. William C Blount. one share. Elias & Allen Blount sons of Allen Blount dec.d one share to be left in the hands of my Executors and the principal and interest to be paid over to them equally whenever they shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years and should either of them die before arriving at such age the whole to go to the survivor; or in the case of the death of both before such time. their share to descend to all of my children then living and their heirs legally begotten of their bodies. The other share I give and bequeath to my grand son Seth Speight and my grand daughter Martha B Speight children of Lewis G Speight in the following proportions. Seth Speight to have the sum of five hundred dollars. and Martha B. Speight to have the remainder. their share to be left in the hands of my Executors and the principal and interest to be paid over to them in like proportions whenever the said Seth shall arrive to the age of twenty one years or to the said Martha B. when she shall have reached said age or have married and have child lawfully begotten of her body. but should either ~~of them~~ of them die before the contingency herein mentioned and expressed my will and desire is that their share as the case may be shall go to the survivor or in case both should die before that event. then their share shall descent to all of my children or their heirs legally begotten of their bodies

Lastly I constitute and appoint my sons Elias J. Blount, Richard H. Blount and William C. Blount executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of January 1859

Signed sealed published and declared
in the presence of

Esther J. Blount (Seal)

Seth Wines
W. C. Joyner

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1869

Then came the foregoing & within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Esther J. Blount exhibited for probate in open court by Elias J. Blount & Richard H. Blount two of the Executors named therein & it appearing that J. M. Wines one of subscribing witnesses thereto is a volunteer in the army & out of the State & that W. C. Joyner the other subscribing witness is dead. The hand writing of said Wines is proved by the oath & examination of Peter E. Wines & that of W. C. Joyner by the oath and examination of Moses Joyner & Moses D. Moye. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing is the last will & testament of said Esther J. Blount. Elias J. Blount & Richard J. Blount two of the executors named therein are duly qualified as executors giving bond in the sum of One hundred & forty thousand dollars, with Peter Cannon, Edward Patrick & Peter E. Wines as sureties. Let the said will & this probate be recorded

G. A. Dancy. Clerk

In the name of God. Amen! I. Joseph Teel of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. This the sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Polly Teel all of my property during her natural life or widowhood except the wastful property which I want sold and the proceeds thereof to go to the use and benefit of my beloved daughter Emily Elizar Teel. also at the death of my beloved wife Polly Teel I want all the remaining property sold for the benefit of my beloved daughter Emily Elizar Teel except one black bed stead, bed and furniture, one bureau, one looking glass half dozen blue plates one trunk which articles I want kept for the use of my daughter Emily Elizar Teel. My desire is that my beloved sister Harriette Williams will take my daughter Emily Elizar and keep her as long as she may live. If my daughter Emily Elizar should die before my sister Harriette Williams I want my sister Harriette to have one half of my estate and the other half equally divided among my lawful heirs. I do hereby nominate and appoint my dear friend Peter Wines Executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & date above written

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Joseph + Teel (Seal)
mark

Witness
Moses E. Teel
James W. + Teel
his
mark

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Joseph Teel dec.d is exhibited for probate in open court by Peter Wines the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by said Joseph Teel proved by the oath & examination of Moses Teel one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will & Testament of the said Joseph Teel and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed & thereupon the said Peter Wines Executor as aforesaid duly qualified by giving bond and taking the oath required by Law

G. A. Dancy. Clerk

In the name of God. Amen! I Joseph Braddy of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being in sound mind and memory to make this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following (to wit) I lend unto my beloved wife Lydia Braddy all of my property consisting of Land and all the rest of my estate after paying all my just debts during her natural life or widower except my double barrel shot gun which I give to my beloved son Benjamin F. Braddy to him and his heirs forever my desire is that at the death or marriage of my wife Lydia Braddy is for all my estate to be equally divided between my lawful heirs, to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Peter Wines my lawful executor to execute this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This May 7th 1862

his
Joseph + Braddy (Seal)
mark

Witness
William B. Wheming
Elkanah Teel

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