Last Will & Testament of Mary Knight Decd

I Mary Knight of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made

First, I desire that my body be decently interred, and to such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows.

2nd I desire that all my just debts and burial expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of any monies that shal come into the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate.

3rd I give and bequeath to Rebecah Brown daughter of Littlebury Brown the Sum of Twenty five Dollars, to her and her heirs forever.

4th I give and bequeath to Mary Brown daughter of Littlebury Brown the sum of Twenty five Dollars to her and her heirs forever.

5th I give and bequeath to Martha Brown daughter of Littlebury Brown the Sum of Twenty five Dollars to her and her heirs forever.

6th I give and bequeath Sydney Brown daughter of Littlebury Brown the Sum of Twenty five Dollars to her and her heirs forever.

7th I give and bequeath to Joseph Brown son of Littlebury Brown the Sum of Twenty five Dollars to him and his heirs forever.

8th I give and bequeath Gray Brown son of Littlebury Brown the the sum of Twenty five Dollars to him and his heirs forever.

9th I give and bequeath to my beloved brother Allen Cobb all the residue of my estate.

And I do hereby appoint my brother Allen Cobb Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I Mary Knight the testator have to this my last will set my hand seal this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four

Signed & Sealed in the presence of us
Howel his mark Thomas
Henry his mark Stancill

Mary her mark Knight (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Knight decd was produced in open Court by Allen Cobb the person named as executor therein, when Henry Stancill and Howel Thomas the two subscribing witnesses to the same were duly sworn and deposed that said paper writing was signed by the said Mary Knight in their presence and declared by her to be her will, that at the time she was of sound mind and memory, and that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of said testatrix and at her request. The Court then declared that said will had been proved, in due form of law and was ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time Allen Cobb came into Court and duly qualified as executor to said will. The Court declares the value of the estate to be six hundred Dollars

J. A. D. acting Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Godfrey Stancille Died

In the name of God amen. I, Godfrey Stancill of Pitt County in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this 25 day of January in the year of our Lord 1861 make and publish this my last will and testiment in manner following that is to say

1st Item. I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the dust from whence it came.

2 Item. I give my negro man Albert and Alvane and Tom and George and Joan and Jib and Susa and her child Polly Ann and Pina and Susa all the above negroes to my well beloved wife Elizabeth. Also I lend to my wife Elizabeth my home tract of land during her natural life Beginning in the mouth of the swamp then running up the Swamp to the big ditch thence up the ditch to the Road, thence with the road to the corner of the field, thence with the path to the ditch thence down the 3d ditch to the Creek, thence down the Creek to the beginning. Also I give to my wife all my household and kitchen furniture, a Mule & one horse and half of my Cattle and half my hogs and Sixty barrels of Corn one half my farming utensils, one Cart, one half my Notes and Claims after my just debts are paid, Also give to my wife one half of the fodder and Shucks, eight bushels of peas

Item. I give to Sally James the daughter of Creed James and reard daughter of Daniel Highsmith my negro woman Hannah.

Item. I give to Godfrey James my negro boy Wilson

Item. I give to James D Highsmith my negro boy Joseph

Item. I give to John Henry my negro to Robert L Highsmith.

Item. I lend my negro woman Jane to Mary Highsmith during her natural life then to descend to her Childrin that are born this date.

Item. I give to Dallas Cooper the sum of one Hundred Dollars.

Item. I give to Ardaner Cooper the sum of one Hundred Dollars.

Item. I give to Lisheys Cooper the Sum of one Hundred Dollars.

Item. I give to Elizabeth Cooper the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

Item. I give to Rowan Cooper the Sum of one Hundred Dollars.

Item. I give and bequeath to Benjamin Highsmith the tract of Land that I loaned to my wife

Item. I give the upper tract of Land to be equaly devided betwe Robert Highsmith's two Daughtes Elizabeth and Hannah.

Item. I give to Wiley Stansel my negro boy Jim.

signed Sealed in presents of us

I nominate and appoint Rober Highsmith and Wiley Stansel Executors to this my last will and testimnt

Attest.
Cornelius James
James L. Britton
Joel Ward

Godfrey Stancill (Seal)

Nov. Term 1866

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Godfrey Stancil decd is offered for probate in open Court by Robt Highsmith the executor therein named and is duly proved by the oath of Cornelius James

the subscribing surviving witness thereto the other subscribing witnesses James L. Britton and Joel Ward being deceased, the said witness being duly testifies that the said Testator executed and published said writing as his last Will and testament in his presence and in the presence of said James L. Britton and Joel Ward and that he and the said Britton and Ward attested the said paper in the presence of Testator and at his request and at the time the Testator was of sound disposing mind & memory and further that the said Britton and Ward was deceased. Therefore it is ordered that this paper be recorded & filed as the last Will of Joel Joy Stancil decd. At the same time Robert Heyhsmith came into Court and duly qualified as executor to said Will. The Court declared the value of the estate to be one thousand Dollars. — J. A. Dancy Clerk

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Last Will & Testament of Abram Joyner decd.

State of North Carolina
Pitt County }

In the name of God Amen, I Abram Joyner of the County and State aforesaid being of sound ~~mind~~ and disposing mind, but in feeble health, and knowing the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, that is to say

First, I wish all my just debts to be paid out of any money belonging to my estate, to be raised out of any property belonging to my estate at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named. Secondly after the payment of all just demands against my estate, I bequeath unto my beloved wife Allie Joyner during her natural life the residue of my estate of whatever description it may be, either personal or real estate for her better maintenance and to assist her in raising and educating my children and in doing so to use and dispose of at her discretion.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife Allie Joyner Executrix to this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of August 1866

Signed sealed in presence of
H. Sheppard
Jas. T. Williams

his
Abram X Joyner (Seal)
mark

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Abram Joyner decd. was presented in open Court by Allie Joyner the person named as executrix in said will and the same as proved in due form of law by the Oath of Henry Sheppard and James T. Williams, the two subscribing witnesses to the same and was ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time the said Allie Joyner in open Court duly qualified as executrix to said will. The Court declares the cash value of the estate to be $1000

J. A. Dancy Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Willie Nobles Decd.

May 21st 1861

In the name of God, Amen, I Willie Nobles of the County of Pitt and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. 1st I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be interred in a Christian like and decent manner.

Item the 1st, I give to my wife Clary E. Nobles all my crop and provisions that may be on hand at my death, all my stock of hogs and cattle, geese and poultry of every kind, two horses her choice, all my farming utensils, one Rockaway or Buggy and harness, two horse cartand gear and I also lend to my wife Clary E. all my house hold and kitchen furniture, all my land except the small piece adjoining Lucy Patrick containing thirteen & half acres which I leave to be sold, and should she marry she is then put to her thirds. I also lend to the said Clary E. the following negroes, namely, Sally, Judea, Jenney, Hanner, Henry and Ben during her widow hood, and should she marry I take from her Henry and Hanner.

Item the 2nd, I give to my daughter Elvirah A. Tyson negro Fannie and her increase, one feather bed and furniture, all of which she has in possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item 3d, I give to my daughter Christiana E. Farris one feather bed and furniture, I also lend to the said Christiana negro girl Sarah and her increase during her natural life, then at her death I give said Sarah and her increase to the surviving children of the said Christiana E. Farris, to them and their heirs forever, all of which she has in possession.

Item 4th, I give to my son Simon J. Nobles negro boy Sam, one horse, one feather bed and furniture, all of which he has in possession. I also give him seventy five dollars on the account of his lameness, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5th, I give to my daughter Almerah Chesnut negro girl Wicken and her increase, one feather bed and furniture, all of which she has in possession, to her and her heirs forever.

Item 6th, I give to my son James L. W. Nobles negro boy Jacob, one feather bed and furniture, and I have also given him two hundred and fifty eight dollars, towards paying for horse and land, all of which he has in possession, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 7th, I have given to my daughter Clementina P. Watford negro girl Betsey, one feather bed and furniture, all of which she has had in possession, to her and her heirs forever. I also at the death of my wife give S. J. Nobles three hundred dollars for the use of Clementina as she may need it for the use of herself and children, to be paid out at his option.

Item 8th, I give to my son Willie T. Nobles negro boy Jim, one horse, one feather bed and furniture to him & his heirs forever.

Item 9th, I give to my son Alexander C. Nobles negro boy Absolom, one horse, one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.—

Item 10th, I give to my daughter Mary A. Nobles negro girl Nelle and her increase, one feather bed and furniture, and fifty dollars cash to her and her heirs forever.—

Item 11th, I give to my daughter Julia T. Nobles negro girl Mima and her increase, one feather bed and furniture and fifty dollars cash, to her and her heirs forever.—

Item 12th, I give to my son Elias J. B. Nobles negro boy Amos, one horse, one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.—

Item 13th, I give to my daughter Clary E. B. Nobles negro girl Sarah Matilda and her increase, one feather bed and furniture and seventy five dollars cash, to her and her heirs forever.—

Item 14th, I give to my son Thomas A. Nobles negro boy Dason, one horse, one feather bed and furniture, one book case, and one hundred dollars to be equally devided between him and my son Elias J. B. Nobles, to him and his heirs forever.—