## Last Will & Testament of Henry Brantly deceased

In the name of God, Amen.

I Henry Brantly of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina having become a volenteer in the service of the State do make and declare this my last will and testament as follows to wit.

1 Item. I will that my executor to sell my lands collect my Note accts and if there should not be assets enough in his hans to pay my debts that he shall sell my land lying in Nansemum Ct va and pay all my debts expence of settling up my estate &c.

2 Item. If there should be funs enough to settle up my estate without selling my land I give it to my Brother John A Brantly his Heirs and assignes forever. If my land has to be sold & if there should be any assets left after settling my estate I give to my said Brother J. A. Brantly all procede or money that is left.

3 Item. I give and bequeath my trunk to my Cousin Harriet K. Rawls.

4 Item. I appoint my friend Jas. W. May my executor to this my last will and testament in testimony whereunto I subscribe my name & seal signed sealed & delivered 27th day of May 1861 in presence of.

Henry Brantly (Seal)

A. A. Bynum
P. E. Hines

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } February Term 1867

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Brantly decd was produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Dr. L. A. Bynum one of the subscribing witnesses to the same; the other subscribing witness Peter E. Hines being proved to be sick and unable to attend Court. The same was ordered to be filed as the last will and testament of the said Hy Brantly decd so proved as to pass both real and personal estate. At the same time James W. May the person named as executor in said will duly qualified as such.

I. A. Dancy Clerk

## Last Will & Testament of William Lewis deceased

In the name of God Amen.

I, William Lewis of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make publish and declare the following to be and contain my last will and Testament to wit.

First. After the payment of my just and lawful debts I give and bequeath the residue of my estate estate in the following manner. To Elizabeth Thomas daughter of Arthur Thomas decd One buggy & Harness, all my Stock of out hogs and One heifer and her increase from the date of this instruments and all my bees & bee hives, to her her Exrs & Adms.

And the residue of my estate I give & bequeath unto Young James Thomas Son of Berry Thomas of Pitt County his ~~Exors~~ Executors & Adms. Secondly, I hereby nomenate constitute and appoint my friend & relative Howell Thomas Executor of this my last will and testament,



In Witness I have hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this the day of November 1863

Wm his mark Lewis (Seal)

Witness Jno. Norflet
Berry Thomas

North Carolina
Pitt County } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. February Term 1867

This paper writing was offered for probate in open Court and the due execution thereof proven by the oath of John Norflet a subscribing witness thereto who being duly sworn testified that he subscribed said paper at the request and in the presence of said William Lewis the testator and that Berry Thomas the other subscribing witness is now dead and that said Thomas also attested the same in the presence and at the request of said Testator at the same time, and at the said time the said testator was of sound disposing mind & memory. Whereupon it is declared by the Court that said paper is the last will of said William Lewis; that it be recorded & filed.

I. A. Dancy Clerk

James L. Britton & others
vs
Gabriella Britton & others

Pitt County Court
November Term 1866

Jos. E. Dancy appd. Gd. ad litem for infant defts who accepts service. Petition taken pro confesso as to defendts.

This Petition coming on to be heard upon the petition and proofs it is declared by the Court that at Term 1843 of the County Court of this County a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Miles Britton deceased was duly proved by the oaths of Michael Manning and Benjamin Britton the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded and was duly recorded and at the same time Anne Britton duly qualified as executrix thereto; that in January 1858 the said will the probate and record thereof was destroyed by fire with the Court House of said County and that the said will is in the words and figures following; that is to say:

"In the name of God Amen. I Miles Britton of Pitt County being of sound
" and perfect mind and memory be pied be god do this the day of
" in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three make
" and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is
" to say. I lend my wife Anne Britton my tract of land during her life and
" then to be equally divided between Brothers Benjamin Britton and
" and brother Lemuel Brittons children. and after paying all my just debts.
" I give unto my wife all of my negroes and the balance of my property.
" I do hereby make constitute and appoint my dear wife Anne Britton
" Executrix and my good friend Ormond O'Berry Executor to this my last
" will and testament.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
" this the 23d day of August 1843 Miles Britton"

Witness Michael Manning
Benjamin Britton

And it is hereby adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testamint of the said Mills Britton and duly proved according to law and that Anne Britton was duly qualified as Executrix thereto and it is ordered that the said will with this decree be recorded