Wm Fulford Jos Warren Fred Davenport Theofilus Bass W. A. James
Jesse H. Carson Benj Plummer & Ashley. A. Barnhill finds all the foregoing
issues in the affirmative The court thereupon declares and pronounces the
said copy filed corrected as aforesaid to contain the last will and testament of
Benjamin Briley and that the same was duly proved at July term 1853
and that Samuel Jones was duly appointed and qualified as adm
with the will annexed of said testator and the court orders said copy
so corrected to be recorded with this decree

In the name of God Amen. I Jenny Carney 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—

First That my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial
suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends pay all my just debts honestly
and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part
parcel of my estate

Item I give to my son Marcus B. L. Cherry all my corn, fodder, bacon, and Pork on hand
Wheat Oats Hogs and grain brandy Still, Apple Molts and Cider Barrels farming utensils
of every description, two Bedsteads and cotton one horse fur Chaise one yoke Steers and
all my Stock and two grindstone and all my cane bottomed Chairs Glass and Crockery
ware all my Spoons Knives and Forks and rugs under carpets floor carpets one
feather Bed furniture and Sted his choice one little his choice and all my Stock of
Hogs of every description, and all my crop on hand if I have commenced ploughing
and all my negroes and horses, to continue all finished and housed before removed
one negro man "Isaac" one negro woman Washaby and her three children John, Alfred
and Rhina and increase from this day and two hundred and fifty dollars and
also all the other property that I therefore given him

Item I give to Emmanuel Whitehurst one feather Bed furniture and Sted and one Cow & Calf

Item I left in closing the crop after death if any and hand is my free will and desire
that all the residue of my property be sold and equally divided between my four
daughters to wit Patience Thigpen, Elizabeth Carr, Harriet Cherry & Sennett
Mooring, the portion of the money that falls to my daughter Sennett Mooring
I have in the hands of William Thigpen as trustee for her to use the same to her
advantage

Lastly I do hereby appoint and constitute my trusty son Marcus B. L. Cherry my
lawful executor to all intents and purposes 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 declaring utterly void all other will
and testament by me heretofore made at any time in witness whereof I the said
Jenny Carney do hereby set my hand and seal this the thirteenth day of January one
thousand eight hundred and fifty one assigned sealed and delivered in
presence of us

Jenny Carney (Seal)

Attest William H. R. Philips
William H. Whitehurst

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Session May term 1860
Pitt County } A paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Jenny Carney deceased was offered in
open Court by Marcus B. L. Cherry the executor therein named and the execution thereof
by said Jenny Carney was duly proved by the oaths of the subscribing witnesses William
H. R. Philips and William H. Whitehurst 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 Jenny Carney and
the same is ordered to be recorded and filed and thereupon the said Marcus B. L. Cherry
executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law

Test H. Shepard Clk

The Last Will and Testament of Stephen H. Johnston
In the name of God, Amen— I Stephen H. Johnston of Pitt County in the State
of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and
ordain this as my last will and Testament I give to my son Stephen Marion
Johnston when he arrives at the age of Twenty, one fourth my Land whereon I now reside
Fourteen negro Slaves to wit negro woman Celia, Ben, Henry, Lydia and her two
Children named Mary & Bob, Peggy, Cherry & her three Children named Abram
Cora & Adline, Rachey Henrietta & Peter and I also give to my son Stephen
Marion Johnston all the children that may be hereafter born of said negroes and
all the Children that any of said negroes shall have living at the time of my
death I also give to my son Stephen Marion Johnston all of my household and
Kitchen furniture all of my Stock consisting of Horses mules Hogs Cattle
& Also all of the provisions I have on hand at my death Also all my money
and Notes and all the ballance of my property of every discription except
the property now in the possession of the Widow of of my deceased Bro James Johnston
which I give to James Johnston Children my farm is to be carried on as it is at present by the
Executor and Guardian of my son and my desire is that my negroes be treated well clothed well fed
well particularly Celia & Ben for former services, I want nothing sold of my household & Kitchen
furniture nor any thing that will be needed on my farm my plantation to be kept in good repair
Houses & my Mill provided the Guardian of my son think it to be to his interest, Should my son
Stephen Marion Johnston die before he arrives at the age of Twenty one years, All the before
mentioned property shall descend Four fifths equally to my brother Lewis Johnston my
Sisters & Sister by Robert Johnston of Dyer County Tennessee Mary Summerell Lucia
Evans John D. Johnston Martha Stancell & Franklin Johnston all of Pitt Co North Carolina
& the the remaining one fifth equally to the children of my deceased Brothers Charles
& James Johnston I also desire Franklin Johnston to have Celia & Lucia Evans Ben
as a portion of their share of the above property in case the death of my son and the
none of my negroes to go to Robert Johnston but his share to be in other property,
Lastly I appoint Franklin Johnston my executor and the Guardian of my son and that he keep the
before mentioned property for the use & benefit of my son or a sufficiency thereof until he is Twenty
one years Old or as long as he shall live Should he die before that time and that he receive more
than Guardian generally do for his services I desire him well paid I also require him to put and
keep fence arround the graves of my own family June 21st 1860 S. H. Johnston (Seal)

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

There was the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will of Stephen H. Johnston dec'd
produced in open Court and the same was proved by Henry Shepard Jos for Carney and Germain
Bernard every word to have been in the hand writing of him the said Stephen H. Johnston and it being
also proved that said paper writing was found after the death of the said Stephen H. Johnston
locked up among his valuable papers and effects, the Court doth declare that the said paper writing
and every part thereof is the Last will and testament of Stephen H. Johnston dec'd so made and
executed as to pass both real and personal estate and the same was ordered to be recorded and
filed At the same time Frank Johnston the person named as executor in said will came
into open Court and duly qualified as such according to Law

H. Shepard Clerk