In the name of God Amen. I Aaron Cox of the State of North Carolina and Pitt County being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament. After paying all of my just. I lend unto my wife the plantation on which I now live. also all of my negroes. Stock of all kinds and all of my other property remaining to her during her natural life for her own and sole use. After her death it is my will and desire for my son Jesse A Cox to have the plantation on which he now lives (and for which I am to pay) to have and to hold him and his heirs forever. I also give to my son Wyford Cox the plantation on which I now live after his mothers death to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever.
The remainder of my property which is left to my wife during her life I wish to be equally divided between all of my female children with the exception deduct from the share of Sophia Hardy whatever amount I have or may have to pay for her husband James Hardy and also deduct from Sarah Cox's share whatever amount I may have paid, or may hereafter have to pay for her husband Jesse Cox. And the respective shares of Sophia Hardy of sound bed and of Ashly Hardy (wife of Isaac Hardy) I lend unto them and to be managed for their use by my friend W F Blow (whom I hereby make and appoint trustee for that purpose) and at the death of my aforesaid daughter or either of them then I give it to their lawful heirs born of their bodies. And no part of which property is either of their husbands to have the control or management of. I do hereby appoint my wife Sarah Cox executrix to this my last will and testament. And if from a fair valuation of all my property after my wife's death the lands which I have given unto my two sons should not be equal to the shares of my daughters then for them to be made equal by so much of the personal property as will be required.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.
This the first day of November Anno Domini 1856
Signed sealed delivered in presence of

Thomas Royall — Aaron his X mark Cox (Seal)
W F Blow
Thomas Cox

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Aaron Cox decd was produced in open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Thomas Cox and William F Blow two subscribing witnesses to the same. Whereupon the Court declares that said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Aaron Cox decd 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 Sarah Cox the Executrix named in said will came into Court and declined to qualify as such whereupon (the said widow assenting) Thomas Cox was appointed admr with the will annexed on his giving bond in the sum of $25000. with B. G. Albritton & T. R. Cherry as sureties
bond given admr qualified — G. A. Dancy Clerk

I Josiah D. Albritton of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being in sound mind and memory but owing to the uncertainty of my earthly existance do hereby make this paper writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say my Exetor hereafter named shall prepare for my body a desent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and shall pay all funeral expences first out of the estate which may go into his hands together with ~~with~~ all of my just debt to be next paid. Item the first I give and bequeath all of my estate real personal or mixt to my wife Peny Albritton to hold to herself and the lawful hares of her body born and I do hereby constitute and appoint my frend Samuel H Langley my Exetor to all ments and purposes to execute this my last will and testamnt according to my wishes here set forth. Signed in the presents of two subscribing witnes
June the 20 1862

Josiah D. Albritton (Seal)

Test
Jas L Paul
Randolph Moore

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Josiah D. Albritton decd was produced in open court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of James L. Paul and Randolph Moore the two subscribing witnesses to the same. It was then ordered by the Court that said writing be recorded and filed. And Saml H. Langley the person named as executor gave bond in sum of $12,000 with David Langley and F. B. Satterthwaite as sureties. which was accepted by the Court and the said Saml H Langley duly qualified as executor to said will
G. A. Dancy Clerk

State of North Carolina } Know all men by these presents that
Pitt county } I Jesse Chapman possessing a sound disposing mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me made heretofore in manner and form following viz: Item 1st I give to my loving wife Polly Chapman the following Negro Slaves Simon and Elen. also my money and Notes and all my stock of every kind. Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep - after selling enough to pay my debts. - all my house hold and kitchen furniture, after my death
Item 2nd I lend unto my beloved mother Eliza Okely my track of land that my Grand Father James Adams give to me her lifetime and after her death I give the same land to my Brother Freeman Okely to him and his heirs forever
Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my sister Lovey Sathinghouse my track of land that I bought adjoining Thomas Adams John Adams and others, after my death to her and her heirs forever.
Item 4th and lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Polly Chapman Sole Executor to this my last will and testament in testimony I have hereunto set my hand and seal
This 3rd day of Sept A D 1861
Sign in the presence of

Jesse his mark Chapman (Seal)

Lewis H Smith
Jesse F Chapman

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North Carolina } August Term 1862
Pitt County } of the County Court

Then was this paper writing produced in open court and proved in due form of law to be the last will and testament of Jesse Chapman decd by the oath of Lewis H Smith one of the subscribing witness and by John L Daniel who testified to the hand writing of Jesse H Chapman the other subscribing witness and that he was now in the State of Virginia. It was then ordered by the Court that said paper writing be filed and recorded as the last will and testament of Jesse Chapman decd. At the same time Polly Chapman the executrix named in said will came into Court and duly qualified as such

G. A. Dancy Clk

And thereupon the Court required the said Polly Chapman to enter into bond in the sum of five thousand dollars with Lewis H Smith and Jno L Daniel as her sureties which bond was given and accepted by the Court

In the name of God amen
I Arden Moore of Pitt County in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory. But considering the uncertainty of my earthly 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 relations and friends and pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
Item I leave all my property of every kind and denomination just as it now is during the life or widowhood of my wife, except such property as my wife and Executor may see proper to sell to pay my just debts. I leave my property in this way to support my wife and her family her life or widowhood. And at the death or marriage of my wife I give all my land above my big ditch to my Son John A Moore on conditions that if he the said John A Moore will give his last of land where he lives to my Son Joshua L Moore. and if he will not I do not give it to my Son John A Moore. this tract of land above my big ditch begins as follows. beginning in my big ditch at the lower of my little old plan where Reddick Carneys line crosses said ditch, thence running a line of marked trees into said Carneys field to a white oak. though down. thence runing up the center of the pasture Branch to its head to a dead pine and post oak. but both dead and down. thence runing the west edge of a small dream to a Black gum a corner in the whortleberry branch. thence up the center of said Branch to a pine a corner in said Branch. Thence leaving said branch on the north side and runing acrost a ridge to a sweet Gum a corner in the Gum branch thence down the center of the said Branch to a maple a corner in said branch. thence leaving said Gum branch on the north side and runing a small dream the dividing line between Barnhill and Arden Moore to ditch down a small dream called Binches creek. thence down said dream to the Gum Branch. thence down said branch to my big ditch thence down said ditch to the begining this tract I give to John A Moore if he complies with the conditions above written.
And all my land below my big ditch at the death or marriage of my wife I give to my Son Bethel S Moore his heirs and assigns forever. Begining in said big ditch thence runing up said ditch to its head. thence runing up the Gum branch to Henry Barnhills line in Binches creek. thence leaving the dream on the East side and runing a line of marked trees to a dead pine stump a corner thence runing East to a small dream. thence down said dream to the Great pond. thence through the great Pond to a Black gum a corner in the mouth of a small dream call the little Gout. thence runing said gout to a small dream the dividing between myself and James R Carney. thence with said dream and out on the South side to a Black oak Stump in my own line and James R Carneys. thence west into my own field to a Stake. thence a line of marked trees to the Begining in the big ditch where my line and Reddick Carneys line crosses said ditch. At the death or marriage of my wife I have my negro woman Minta to be sold by my Executor and the money arising from the sale of said negro to be equally divided between all my Children except Joshua L Moore John A Moore and Bethel S Moore. and two of these heirs lives out of the State. there share of the money shall be retained in the hands of my executor without interest till he can contrive it to them. And my negro girl Betty and increase if any I give to my Son Bethel S Moore his heirs and assigns forever. And my Riding Buggy and gear at my wifes death or marriage I give to my Son Bethel S Moore.
And all my property that remains at the death or marriage of my wife which I have not given away I leave to be be sold by my executor and the money equally divided between John A Moore, Joshua L Moore and Bethel S Moore. And I hereby make and ordain my Son Bethel S Moore Executor of this my last will and testament in witness my hand and seal this 21st day of May in the year of our Lord 1861

Arden Moore (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Arden Moore decd was produced in open court by Bethel S Moore the person named as executor in said will. when William L Mooring deposed that the said paper writing was found after the death of the said Arden Moore among his valuable papers and effects and he further testified that he was well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Arden Moore and that he believed the said paper writing and signature was all in the genuine hand of the said Arden Moore. Reddick Carney James L Moore and James L Moore all testified that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Arden Moore and that in their opinion every point and clause and signature of the said paper was in the hand writing of the said Arden Moore. the Court then declared that the said paper writing was the last will and testament of the said Arden Moore. so made and executed as to pass both real and personal

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