the two subscribing witnesses to the same. Whereupon the Court doth declare that said paper writing is the last will of the said John S Brown decd. So made and executed as to pass both real & personal estate and the same was ordered to be recorded & filed. At the same time Ben W Brown was appointed Admr. with the will annexed on said estate. he giving bond in the sum of $250.000 with Willi Brown. Henry W Brown and D H Cherry as sureties. Bond given and the said Ben. W. Brown duly qualified in open Court according to law

Attest G. A. Dancy Clerk

I Jesse Thomas of 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 decree 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 & friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate —

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife all of my Household and Kitchen Furniture except two beds which will leave her four beds. one young mare money and four Horse Sheep, four Cows & Calves her choice, & four sows & Pigs her choice, all my bees and all of my sheep of my two thousand pounds of Pork and seventy-five barrels corn after fattening the hogs and all my farming utensils and cart & buggy and all my lands during her lifetime provided she does not marry, if so, and my children are charged board or any thing of the kind I desire her to take her thirds of the land and the balance of my land to be equally divided among all of my children, that is to say, Widow Louisa Ann, Mary, Caroline, Margaret & Jeneffer, Bunnie and one included in the way to life not yet born. To my beloved wife I give one hundred pounds of best Carlton two barrels flour twenty five pounds of coffee twenty-five pounds sugar and five gallons brandy

Item If any notes or money on hand of any nature I give my wife two hundred dollars and the balance if any to be equally divided among my above named children —

Item My Stalling Horse Sir Henry I desire to be sold. Residue of hogs and cattle to be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided among my children —

I give to my beloved wife all of the Honey and molasses on hand and all of the Poultry of every name and kind, and one hundred pounds lard.

Item I do not want any sale until the government is permanently settled and a good currency. I desire all of my property to be sold on six months credit, and after the death of my wife I want every piece of my property whatever to be equally divided among my children, heretofore named — And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend William P. Bryan my lawful Executor — to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof. Hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testament by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Jesse Thomas do hereunto set my hand & seal. This the 30 day of June A.D. 1865 Eighteen hundred & sixty five — Signed sealed & published and declared by the said Jesse Thomas to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names witnesses thereto. Attest

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of paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jesse Thomas decd. was produced in open Court, by Wm. P. Bryan the Executor therein named and the same was proved in due form of law by the oaths of N. H. Hammond and J. C. James, the two subscribing witnesses to the same whereupon the Court ordered said will to be filed and recorded, — And Wm. P. Bryan the Executor gave bond in the sum of $6000 with Joel James and John Whitehurst as sureties and then duly qualified in open Court

G. A. Dancy, Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I Joshua Smith of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have time strength and capacity. do make & publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all wills or testaments heretofore at any time by me made. And first I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it. and my body to the earth from whence it sprang. And as to my worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased Almighty God to entrust me. I dispose of the same as follows

Item 1 It is my will and desire that all my just debts and the expences of my funeral be paid and discharged by my executor hereinafter named and appointed. out of my estate as soon as conveniently may be after my decease

Item 2 I lend to my dear and beloved wife Winefred Smith during and for the term of her natural life or widow hood all the cleared land belonging to the Jourden Hadsock one hundred acre tract lying in and on the Bryery Branch and deep hole Swamp. I also lend to my wife one horse and cart Two cows and Calves all the household and Kitchen furniture all my farming utentials One years provision for her and her white family one sow and pigs — to be held by her during the term of her natural life or widowhood. —

Item 3 I lend to my dear and belovd son Elias Smith during and for the term of his natural life one hundred acres of land lying on the East side of Claycroft Swamp known by the name of the one hundred acre tract — It is my will and wish for him to have the yearly rent or the privilege to live on said land if he wishes. I therefore appoint my son Joshua W Smith as testamentary trustee to rent out the said lands and let my son Elias have the yearly neet proceeds thereof

Item 4 I give and bequeath to my son Cullen Smith the sum of fifty cents.

Item 5 I give and bequeath to my daughter Penelope Sutton the sum of fifty cents.

Item 6 The rest and residue of my estate both real and personal after payment of the above named legacies of every description whatsoever including all that I have lone to my wife & son Elias after their death. I give and bequeath to my daughters Lovey Hadsock. Cleainty Taylor. Ritley Smith. Mary Stocks & Clemey Smith to have and to hold the same to them & their heirs forever.

Item 7 I give and bequeath to my son Joshua W Smith the sum of fifty cents.

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my son Joshua W Smith to be my executor of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

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