deceased was duly proved by the oath & examination of Joseph J Dancy one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Thereupon the said Caleb Cannon is duly qualified as Executor & enters into bond in the sum of fourteen thousand dollars with William Herrington & Wm Flanikan as sureties. Let the said will & this probate be recorded

G A Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I John S Brown of the County of Pitt State of North Carolina do make publish and declare my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows. To Wit;

Item 1st I give and devise to my daughter Winnifred E Wilson the proceeds of the sale of the Christopher Manning land sold to B M Brown to say the sum of Three Thousand Dollars in the notes of said Brown given for the said lands and also negro slaves Lucy and children Amos. Leonidas. Stevens. Mary. Martha. Joanna. Oliver and Lewis and Nelly and child George Ann Luther and their increase born after the date of this will absolutely and without limitation.

Item 2nd I give and devise to my daughter Susan E Brown absolutely the following property or estate to wit: The lands in Greene County I bought of Isaac E Edwards adjoining the lands of Joseph Dixon and Mary Dixon and others & negro slaves. Alfred. Allen. Jane Bet. Sam. Daniel. Stephen. Alfred child of Jane. Abel. Peg Anderson and Peg Trueller and their increase born after the date of this will. Also my Buggy and harness. one horse to be selected by her out of my stock on hand at my death. One bed bedstead and furniture to be selected by her. one Piano forte on hand. One Bureau and Trunk and Clothing contained in each. belonging to. and used by her. one Bonnet Box. one chest. one wardrobe. Twelve Willow Bottomed Chairs. One loom and gear. One Washstand. one Candle stand. one large folding leaf table. one set of China Ware. Three Dishes. One set of White Plates. one set of Cups and saucers. and one set of knives and forks.

I further devise to my daughter Susan all the Stock. Farming implements. Provisions and kitchen furniture now on the lands devised to her above.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my daughter Mary R Dixon absolutely the following property or estate to wit; One tract of Land I bought of Amos Joyner lying in the County of Greene adjoining the lands I devised to my daughter Susan. and also the lands of Joseph Dixon and others. and also the tract of land I bought of Wm Tatom in said County of ~~J~~ Greene adjoining the lands formerly owned by Bryant Cox and others. Also negro slaves Penny. Sarah. George. Sam. Moye. Caesar. Pompey. Ginny daughter of Africa. and Dick. Hat Primus Jr. Africa. Sam son of Penny. Harriet Moye and their increase born after and before the date of this will.

Item 4th I give and devise to my son in Law Joseph Dixon absolutely the following property or estate to wit. negro slave. Louisa. Shade. Alfred. Amanda. Simon. Margaret. Theodore. John and Della. and Adaline and Patsy and their increase after this date.

Item 5th I give and devise to my Grand daughter Fannie L Brown girl Martha. child of Mey and her increase born after the date of this will. absolutely.

Item 6th I give and devise to my Grand daughter Olivia Dixon Girl Ann child of Mey and her increase born after this date with this limitation to wit: If said Olivia dies leaving a child. children or issue of such then at her death I give said girl and increase to said child. children or the issue of such to share according to acts of Assembly; and if she dies without such issue then I give the said girl and increase to my then surviving children. and the surviving issue of those that are dead to be shared according to Acts of Assembly.

Item 7th I give and devise to my Grand daughter Adelaide Dixon girl Clancy and her increase after this date. and to my Grand son Clayton Dixon boy Darysow of Peg Anderson. with the same limitations to these bequest in every respect as is to the one to Olivia Dixon in the item next immediately preceding

Item 8th I give my household goods and furniture not heretofore herein bequeathed with any limitation or trust to my aforesaid children equally to share and share alike to wit. to my daughters Winnie Susan and Mary.

Item 9th I give and bequeath the balance of my negroes and their increase after the date of this will to be valued and equally divided between my children Winnie. Susan and Mary

Item 10th I give and devise all my farming utensils not heretofore herein bequeathed with any limitation or trust to be equally divided between my children Winnie Susan and Mary to share equally and alike.

Item 11th I give and devise five hundred Dollars to be used in erecting a monument to mark the place of interment of my Son Charles in Carteret County.

Item 12th I give and devise my Bank Stock in the Capital of the Bank of Washington to amount of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to be equally divided between my daughters. Winnifred Susan and Mary.

Item 13th The balance of my estate real and personal including my home plantation. and the tract of Land I bought of Charles Edwards lying in the County of Greene adjoining the tracts of Land I devised to my Daughters Susan and Mary. my Piney woods lands and Swift Creek Lands. Stock and whatsoever other things not heretofore herein bequeathed. I devise my administrator to sell and after the payment of my just debts and the charges and expenses of settling my estate I give any balance remaining of whatsoever nature or description to my children Winifred Susan and Mary and their issue to share according to Acts of Assembly.

Lastly: It is my desire that the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions will appoint my nephew Ben M Brown Sole administrator to my Estate

Published and declared by Jno S Brown the Testator to be his last Will & Testament who at his request and in his presence have attested the same This 14th May A.D. 1864

J. S. Brown

W. M. B. Brown
B. F. Wilson

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John S Brown decd, was produced in Open Court by Benj W Brown the person named as Admr. to the same. And the same was proved in due form of law to be the will of the said John S. Brown decd by Wm M. B. Brown and B F Wilson

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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 disp 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 Willie 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 a 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, houseserv 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 Nancy and four Horse Sheep, four Cows & Calves her choice, & four Sows & Pigs her choice, all my hogs and all of my sheep of any. two thousand pounds of Pork and seventy-five barrels corn after feeding 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, Widaann Louisa Mary Caroline Margaret Jeneltty Bunnie and one included in the way to Pipe not yet born. To my beloved wife I give one hundred pounds of pork twelve 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 value I give my wife two hundred dollars and the balance if any to be equally divided among my above named children —

Item My Stallion 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 species 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

Jesse his + mark Thomas (Seal)

Nelle Hamond } J. C. James. Jr. }

A 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 Nelle Hamond. 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 Haddock 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 house hold 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 beloved son Elias Smith during and for the term of his natural life one hundred acres of land lying on the East side of Claytroot 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 thairof

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 Haddock. Chainty Taylor. Kitty 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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