executors to this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have on this the 31st day of October 1861 signed my name and affixed my seal hereto

Signed sealed and published in our presence — C. Perkins (Seal)

W. W. Jarvis

James H. Langford

North Carolina Court of Pleas & Q. Sessions
Pitt County } January Term 1868

The within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of C. Perkins dec. produced in open Court, and the same was proved according to law by the oaths of W. W. Jarvis and James H. Langford the subscribing witnesses to the same. The Court thereupon declared that said paper writing had been duly and legally proven as the last will of said C. Perkins dec. to stand and execute as a paper writing and personal estate of said C. Perkins dec. and ordered the same to be recorded and filed. Of the same time John D. Rollins, one of the persons named as executor in said will came into Court and duly qualified as such executor according to law. — The Court directed the value of the estate to be in the sum of five thousand dollars —

G. A. Dancy Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Henry Moore Deceased

In the name of God: amen — I Henry Moore of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being of sound mind and memory and having a wish to make my last will and testament, and as touching those worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of as follows:

Item first I give unto my granddaughter Frances L. Moore one feather bed, bedstead and furniture at my death.

Item second I give unto my granddaughter Fanny L. Moore one hand of cattle

Item third I give unto my daughter Rilla Moore two feather beds, bedsteads and furniture at my death.

Item fourth. I give unto my daughter Rilla Moore the baldance of my Cattle not allready given away at my death.

Item fifth. I give unto my daughter Rilla Moore all of my house hold and kitchen furniture. This the 24 day of February 1868

Attest Clayton A. Taylor — Henry his mark Moore

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } May Term 1868

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Henry Moore dec'd, late of Pitt County, was produced in open Court and offered for probate by William H. Moore and proven in due form of law by the oath and examination of Clayton A. Taylor, the subscribing witness thereto, who testifies that the said Henry Moore executed the said paper writing in his presence and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and at the time of so doing he was of sound and disposing mind and memory. Thereupon the Court declared that the said paper writing had been duly proven as the last will and testament of the said Henry Moore decd. and ordered that it be recorded and filed

G. A. Dancy Clerk

Last Will & Testament of John McGowen Decd.

I, John McGowen 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, to wit:—

First — That my Executors, hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

Item 1st I give and devise to my beloved wife Catharine L. McGowen thirty five acres of land more or less, in the north east end of the tract or tracts of land whereon I now live; to be set apart by the following metes or bounds, to wit:— Beginning at a plum tree on the South side of the main Road leading from Greenville to Washington, running near South to a Spring ditch, with said ditch to a leading ditch, then near East with the leading ditch to the fence, then to the north east corner of the Leggett land, then North to Arden Hatton's line to the fork of the Road, then near West West up the Road to the beginning; so as to include my mansion House, all out houses, and other improvements except one plank barn house; to have and to hold to her the said Catharine L. McGowen for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real Estate. The excepted plank barn house I will and bequeath to my son George A. McGowen.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catharine L. McGowen, one bed, and furniture, one Sow and pigs, one Cow and Calf, eight bushels Wheat, twenty barrels Corn, one Stack of Fodder, all the Chairs, all the Crockery ware and Cooking utensils and Kitchen furniture; and one hundred and fifty dollars in Current Money. I also bequeath to my wife Catharine L. McGowen (500) five hundred pounds of Green Pork, and during her widow hood I bequeath to her one Press and two tables.

Item 3d I give and devise to my beloved Son George A. McGowen, the thirty five acres or tract of land devised to my beloved wife Catharine L. McGowen during her natural life in Item 1st to have and to hold after her demise unto him, his heirs and assigns.

Item 4th I give and devise to my son Lemuel McGowen the tract or parcel of land, known as the "Moore land", lying on the North side of Great Swamp, adjoining the lands of Henry Harrington, Stanly Moore and others, and containing Ninety acres, more or less, to have and to hold unto him, his heirs and assigns.

Item 5th I give and devise to my four Sons Wm McGowen, Lemuel McGowen, Arch. D. McGowen and George A. McGowen, the tract or parcel of land known as the Leggett land adjoining the lands of Geo. A. McGowen and Arden Hatton respectively on the West and on the East, and bounded on the North by the dower land mentioned in Item 1st, Containing (58) fifty eight acres more or less to have and to hold unto them respectively, their heirs and assigns.—

Item 6. I give and devise to my three Sons William McGowen, Lemuel McGowen and George A. McGowen, the tract or parcel of land known as the Rogers land adjoining the lands of Polly Rogers, Lemuel McGowen and others, and containing (96) Ninety Six acres more or less, to have and to hold unto them, their heirs and assigns.

Item 7th I give and bequeath all House hold and Kitchen furniture, not previously disposed in any preceding item, to my son George A. McGowen, to have and to hold unto him, his heirs and assigns.

Item 8th It is my will and desire that the remainder of my stock, not covered by or disposed of, by preceding items, consisting of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, and the remainder of provisions on hand at my demise as Corn, Fodder,

Rye. Wheat. Bacon. Pork. Lard &c. and also all farming Utensils, Waggons. Carts, Gear and Leather, and the Remainder of Cotton on hand at my demise. Shall be Sold at public Sale by my Executors in a reasonable time after my demise in manner and form according to Law for Cash.—

Item 9th It is my will and desire that the residue of my moneyed funds, after the provisions of the second clause of this my last Will & testament Commencing "First" are carried out. Shall be distributed equally to my four Sons William. Lemuel. Arch D. and George A McGowen respectively, to have and to hold unto them their heirs & assigns.

Item 10th It is my will and desire that my Executors shall as speedily as Compatible and proper with the forms and processes of Law, proceed to Collect all debts and claims due me by Note. Account or any other form. and after a full settlement of all debts against my Estate, pay the residue or remainder that may be left to my four Sons equally Share for Share. William. Lemuel. Arch D. and George A. McGowans. to have and to hold unto them their heirs and assigns.

Lastly: I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Son William McGowen and my trusty friend William A. Bernard my lawful Executors 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.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal this the twentieth day of January A.D. 1868

Signed. Sealed. published and declared by the said Jno. J. Gowen to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do Subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto

A. D. Cooper
Arden A Patton

John J. McGowen (Seal)
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A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of John McGowen decd. is exhibited for probate in Court by Wm McGowan one of the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John McGowen is proved by the oath and examination of Nashville Boyce one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. 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 John McGowan and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Wm McGowan one of the executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. Wm A. Bernard the other executor named by said John McGowan in his last will and testament, renounces his right to qualify as Co executor to same.— G. A. Dancy Clerk.

Last Will & Testament of Thomas M Wiggins Decd.

In the name of God. Amen. I Thomas M Wiggins of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina. being of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed unto man once to die do make and ordain the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, by me

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my Sister Mary E. Murphy one Dollar to her. her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 2. I give and bequeath unto my Sister Harriet W. Smith one Dollar to her. her heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Sister Susan C Rice one Dollar to her. her heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Frances Murphy one Bead Stid Bed and clothing thereto belonging that stands on the north side of the little room to her her heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my two Nephews Thomas G. Rice and Charles A Rice. for their mothers attention and care to me and my business. all my Notes. accounts and money on hand and one Bed. Bead Stid and clothing apiece that stands up stairs in the big room. and all my cloth and wearing clothes to them their heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my Neffew Thomas H. Edwards one Bedstid. Bead and clothing thereto belonging that stands up stairs in the little room on the south side and one new walnut folding leaf table. and the first set of stool chairs that I bought. and my new Looking glass and Beaver and Bofat and one Shot gun that used to belong to Father to him his heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 7th I leave all my lands except one acre square around the walnut tree where Uncle and Aunt were buried to be sold at publick sale to the highest bidder and all my Horses. Cows. hogs. Sheep. Goats. Mules. Carts. One Buggy and harness. Saddles and bridles. Farming utensils Blacksmith tools and Carpenters tools. House hold and kitchen furniture not before disposed of to be sold at publick sale to the highest bidder. All my Corn. fodder. wheat. peas and Grain of all kind and all my Servants and all property of all kinds and names not before disposed of Sold at publick sale and the money arising from the sale of the above named property collected and all my just debts paid and my Funeral expenses paid. then the ballance of the money equally devided in three Shares (viz) Mary E. Murphy Children one third of the money equally devided amongst them which will be one share) Susan C. Rice's Children one third of the money equally divided amongst them which will be the second share) and Harriet W. Smith's Son Thomas H. Edwards one third of all the money collected out of the above named property provided he. Thomas H Edwards lives to be twenty one years old and should he die under the age of twenty one years or without Children or a child begotten of his own body. then the above named money or third share shall go back to the Heirs of the first and second Shares and be equally divided between them and be theirs and their Heirs forever.

I hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend Myer Rice to be my executor to this my last will and testament. to execute this my last will according to the true intent and meaning of every part and clause thereof.

In witness whereof I the said Thomas M Wiggins have hereunto set my hand and seal this May the 6th day in the year of our Lord 1857.