after the legacies are satisfied before mentioned. all the balance of my estate arising from every source. I leave to be divided into six equal shares. and to descend as follows. Elias J Blount. one share. Richard H Blount. one share. Jacob. C. Blount. one share. William C Blount. one share. Elias & Allen Blount sons of Allen Blount dec^d. one share to be left in the hands of my Executors and the principal and interest to be paid over to them equally whenever they shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years and should either of them die before arriving at such age the whole to go to the survivors or in the case of the death of both before such time. their share to descend to all of my children then living and their heirs legally begotten of their bodies. The other share I give and bequeath to my grand son Seth Speight and my grand daughter Martha B Speight children of Ewin G Speight in the following proportions. Seth Speight to have the sum of five hundred dollars. and Martha B. Speight to have the remainder. their share to be left in the hands of my Executors and the principal and interest to be paid over to them in like proportions whenever the said Seth shall arrive to the age of twenty one years. or to the said Martha B. when she shall have reached said age or have married and have child lawfully begotten of her body. but should either ~~of them~~ of them die before the contingency herein mentioned and expressed my will and desire is that their share as the case may be shall go to the survivor or in case both should die before that event. then their share shall descent to all of my children or their heirs legally begotten of their bodies

Lastly I constitute and appoint my sons Elias J. Blount, Richard H. Blount and William C. Blount executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of January 1859

Signed sealed published and declared
in the presence of

Esther J. Blount (Seal)

Seth Hines
W. E. Joyner

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1869

Came in the foregoing & within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Esther J. Blount exhibited for probate in open court by Elias J. Blount & Richard H. Blount two of the executors named therein & it appearing that J. M. Hines one of subscribing witnesses thereto is a volunteer in the army & out of the state & that W. E. Joyner the other subscribing witness is dead. The hand writing of said Hines is proved by the oath & examination of Peter E. Hines & that of W. E. Joyner by the oath and examination of Moses Joyner & Moses D. Hope. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing is the last will & testament of said Esther J. Blount. Elias J. Blount & Richard J. Blount two of the executors named therein are duly qualified as executors giving bond in the sum of one hundred & forty thousand dollars. with Eli Cannon, Edward Patrick & Peter E. Hines as sureties. Let the said will & this probate be recorded

J. A. Dancy. Clerk

In the name of God. Amen! I. Joseph Teel of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. This the sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Polly Teel all of my property during her natural life or widowhood except the wasteful property which I want sold and the proceeds thereof to go to the use and benefit of my beloved daughter Emily Elizar Teel. also at the death of my beloved wife Polly Teel I want all the remaining property sold for the benefit of my beloved daughter Emily Elizar Teel except one black bed stead, bed and furniture, one bureau, one looking glass half dozen blue plates one tumbler which articles I want kept for the use of my daughter Emily Elizar Teel. My desire is that my beloved sister Harriette Williams will take my daughter Emily Elizar and keep her as long as she may live. If my daughter Emily Elizar should die before my sister Harriette Williams I want my sister Harriette to have one half of my estate and the other half equally divided among my lawful heirs. I do hereby nominate and appoint my dear friend Peter Haines Executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & date above written

Joseph his + mark Teel (Seal)

Witness
Moses E. Teel
James M. his + mark Teel

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Joseph Teel dec^d is exhibited for probate in open court by Peter Haines the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by said Joseph Teel proved by the oath & examination of Moses Teel 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 & testament of the said Joseph Teel and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed & thereupon the said Peter Haines executor as aforesaid duly qualified by giving bond and taking the oath required by law

J. A. Dancy. Clerk

In the name of God. Amen! I Joseph Braddy of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being in sound mind and memory to make this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following (to wit) I lend unto my beloved wife Lydia Braddy all of my property consisting of land and all the rest of my estate after paying all my just debts during her natural life or widower except my double barrel shot gun which I give to my beloved son Benjamin F. Braddy to him and his heirs forever. My desire is that at the death or marriage of my wife Lydia Braddy is for all my estate to be equally divided between my lawful heirs, to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Peter Haines my lawful executor to execute this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This May 7th 1869

Witness
William B. Wheeling
Elkanah Teel

Joseph his + mark Braddy (Seal)

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A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Joseph Braddy dec'd is exhibited for probate in open Court by Peter Rives the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Joseph Braddy is proved by the oath & examination of Elkanah Pool 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 & Testament of Joseph Braddy and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. Thereupon Peter Rives the executor therein name renounced the office in open Court and Lydia Braddy the widow of said Joseph Braddy was appointed Admrx with the will annexed and was duly qualified by giving bond & taking the oath as required by Law.

E. A. Dancy Clerk.

In the name of God Amen! I William B. Fleming of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (viz) I lend unto my beloved wife Caroline Fleming all my notes and cash on hand during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I want it divided between my own brothers & sisters & I do give to my dear mother all my interest in my fathers estate and at her death I want it divided between my own brothers and sisters and my half sister Elizabeth Fleming to them and their heirs forever In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of 1862

William B. Fleming (Seal)

Witness
Peter Rives
Alfonzo Pool
Rives Pool
Levi Pool
Benjamin his + mark Fleming

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of William B. Fleming dec'd is exhibited in open Court for probate and the due execution thereof proved by Peter Rives & Elkanah Pool two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is thereupon considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of the said William B. Fleming, it further appearing to the Court that there is no executor named in said Will upon motion Caroline Fleming widow of W. B. Fleming is appointed Admrx with the Will annexed & upon her entering into bond & taking the oath as required by Law said Will ordered to be recorded & the probate & filed.

E. A. Dancy Clerk

I James S. Fleming 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

Item I give and devise to my wife All of my Land, Negroes, Stock, and household and kitchen furniture farming utensils to have & hold during her widowhood and after which time I give and devise to her

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an equal share with my children

Item second I give to my wife my notes of the amount of one hundred and sixty dollars to collect and became responsible for the payment of all my debts and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Sarah C. Fleming 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 hereby declaring all other wills utterly void. In witness whereof the said James S. Fleming to hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th of May 1862

Signed and sealed in presence of
W. H. Delaney
W. J. Blow

James S. Fleming (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John S. Fleming dec'd is exhibited in open Court by Sarah C. Fleming the executrix therein named and the due execution thereof proved to the satisfaction of the Court by W. H. Delaney one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, thereupon the Court doth declare the said paper writing & every part thereof to be the Last Will & testament of the said John S. Fleming dec'd & sufficient to convey both real & personal estate and doth further order the same to be recorded & filed, upon the executrix entering into bond in the sum of Sixteen thousand dollars with John S. Fleming & Peter Fleming as sureties

E. A. Dancy Clerk

State of North Carolina
County of Pitt

In the name of God Amen! I Robert R. May of the County & State above named being of sound & disposing mind and memory & careful to make suitable distribution of all my worldly goods in the event of my death do ordain and establish, publish and declare the following to be my Last Will & Testament — to wit —

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved mother Eliza S. May, for and during her natural life all & singular my Land & Negroes, viz, my tract of Land situated on Little Contentnea Creek adjoining the May, Mr Mays & Emily E. May's Land containing one hundred & fifty six acres & my Negroes Virgil & Bede

Item All my property & estate of every kind & description whatsoever, except the life estate above named I give & bequeath to my beloved brothers & sisters Alfred May, Sarah Jane May, Louisa S. May & Emily E. May, to be equally divided between them. The Land and Negroes to be divided after the death of my Brother.

Robert R. May
July 4th 1863

Witness
J. A. Joyner
James S. Sugnell

Court Phase & Quarter Sessions
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A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of Robt R. May decd. was presented in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of James Joyner one of the subscribing

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