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 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 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 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 & friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with any 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 Harvey and ten Horse Sheep, four Cows & Calves her choice, & four Sows & Pigs her choice, all my Bees and all of my sheep of any. Two thousand pounds of Pork and twenty 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, Widaann Louisa Mary Adeline Margaret Jemiley Bunnie and one included on the way so life not get harm. To my beloved wife I give one hundred pounds of first cotton 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 estate 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 battle 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 hard

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)

Noah 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 Noah 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 fourden Haddock one hundred acre tract lying in and on the Bryerry 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 belovd son Elias Smith during and for the term of his natural life one hundred acres of land lying on the East side of Claytrout 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 rent 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 Haddock. Rainty 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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and seal and do hereby publish and declair this to be my last will and testament this 26th day of June 1865

Signed sealed published and declared to be the will of the said Joshua Smith in the presence of

Joshua Smith (Seal)

W. A. Dunning
Thomas Adams

North Carolina) Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County) August Term 1865

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joshua Smith decd. dated June 26th AD 1865 was offered for probate by Joshua W Smith the Executor therein named and the execution thereof duly proved by W. A. Dunning and Thomas Adams the subscribing witnesses thereto who being sworn upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God severally testify that they subscribed the said paper writing at the request of the said testator and in his presence as witnesses thereto and that the said testator acknowledged to them the execution of the same and published and declared it to be his last will and testament and at the time of so doing he was of sound and disposing mind and memory. Whereupon it is ordered that the said paper be recorded and filed as the last will and testament of the said testator with this order.

G. A. Dancy Clerk

In the name of God. I Tabitha Albritton being of sound mind but weak in body and mindful of the uncertainty of human life do hereby make & declare this to be my last will and Testament

Item 1st I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Lydia Short the sum of twenty dollars in money to be paid her after my decease. Also one feather bed & furniture

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Tabitha Harrington the sum of twenty dollars to be paid to her after my decease

3rd I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Elizabeth Moore the sum of twenty dollars to be paid her after my decease

Item 4th To my dearly beloved Grand daughter Henrietta Louisa Albritton I give & bequeath absolutely all my lands and tenements now occupied by my Son Benjamine Albritton reserving nevertheless to said Benjamine Albritton a life estate in the same and to his wife Catharine Albritton in case she survives him a dower or one third of the same

Item 5th The ballance ~~of my~~ property consisting of household & kitchen furniture, also money & notes remaining after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses and of the gifts and bequeaths above mentioned I give & bequeath absolutely to my dearly beloved Son Benjamine B Albritton.

This I certify to be my last will and Testament. Signed with my signe and sealed with my seal this eighth day

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of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven in the presence of these witnesses.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty Son Benjamine B Albritton 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 and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made

Tabitha her mark Albritton (Seal)

Stanly Moore
Rippon Ward

North Carolina) Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Pitt County) Nov Term AD 1865

This paper writing dated April 8th 1857 is offered for probate in open Court by Benj B Albritton the Exr therein named and duly proved by Stanly Moore and Rippon Ward the subscribing witnesses thereto who being sworn on the holy Evangelists testify each of them that the Testatrix Tabitha Albritton executed and published the same as her last will & testament in their presence and that they attested the said paper writing in the presence of Testatrix at her request and at the time she was of sound and disposing mind and memory. Thereupon it ordered that said paper be recorded and filed as the last will & testament of said Testatrix

G. A. Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I James Edmundson of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina do make and Publish this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

First. I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Catheren Edmundson all of my Land house hold and Kitchen furniture all of my corn and meat and all of my stock of ever kind and all the ballance of my property not name to her during her widowhood and after that to be equal divided between my three Children namely Nancy Verginea Edmundson and George W. Edmundson and John Edmundson. I nominate and appoint my friend Gray Anderson executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other Wills and Testaments made by me in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 9th day April AD 1865

Witness by

James his mark Edmundson (Seal)

Wallace Manning
Susan A. Andrews
Anna her mark Bailey

North Carolina) November Term 1865
Pitt County)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James Edmundson decd is exhibited in open Court by Wallace Manning for probate and the due execution thereof by the said James Edmundson is proved by the oaths and examination of Susan A Andrews and Wallace Manning two of the subscribing witnesses to the same. 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 James Edmundson decd & the same is ordered to be recorded & filed

G. A. Dancy Clerk