estate when Bithel S Moore gave bond in the sum of $15000 with Reddick Carney and James Moore as his sureties which was accepted by the Court and the said Bithel S Moore duly qualified in open court as executor to said will when the same was ordered to be recorded & filed

G. A. Dancy Clerk

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In the name of God Amen. I Joseph H Laughinghouse of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of a sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this 9th day of July In the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty five make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my son Wyatt T. Laughinghouse all the portion set apart by his Grand father Edward Laughinghouse will several tract or parcel of land lying in Beaufort County on which James B Dunn and John Bates now lives including the purchases made of Joseph Miller, Nathaniel Harding & Joseph J Hunter containing about 350 acres also 500 dollars in Cash and all the Books and the trunk which belongs to his uncle James E Laughinghouse and negro boyes named Andrew & George.

Item 2nd I give unto my beloved wife Mary Ann the sole management of my estate to pay off the debts and raise and educate the children and as they become of age to give them an equal portion with my Son Wyatt T Laughinghouse and at the death of my said wife the resadue to be equally divided among all of our children & I desire that there shall be an equal distribution without any publick sale

Joseph H Laughinghouse —

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1863

There was the foregoing & within paper writing without subscribing witnesses purporting to be the last will & testament of Joseph H Laughinghouse deceased exhibited in open court for probate & it is thereupon proved by the oath & examination of Packey Ann Ennell that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said Joseph H Laughinghouse after his death & it is further ~~proved~~ proved by the oath & examination of three competent & credible witnesses to wit Tenner B Satterthwaite William J Laughinghouse & James Galloway that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said Joseph H Laughinghouse having often seen him write & verily believe that the name of the said Joseph H. Laughinghouse subscribed to the said will & the said will & every part thereof are in the hand writing of the said Joseph H. Laughinghouse. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing is the last will & testament of the said Joseph H Laughinghouse & the same is ordered to be recorded & filed. On motion letters of Administration with the said will annexed are granted to



Tilman W. Cherry & Wyatt Laughinghouse on their entering into bond in the sum of One hundred & sixty thousand dollars with Thurchill Perkins, Wm B. Brown & William Whitehead as sureties. Bond given & admr. qualified

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I James E. Clark of Greenville North Carolina do make and declare my last will and testament in manner and form as follows to wit,

Item I give and devise to my trusty friend C.C. Perkins in trust equally for my two sons, William E. Clark and James E Clark my Stock plantation and lands lying in the County of Pitt on the river Tranters Creek and Grindell Creek; and my Smithwick Whitley tract of land on Grindell Creek, and Negro slaves Oliver & his wife Chaney and Oliver and Stanley their children and the increase of Chaney after the date of this will and Sam and Ben and old Kit & his wife Harriet and Stephen son of Old Kit and Adeline and her present child and the increase of Adeline born after the date of this will: and in trust for my son James E Clark, Moore Slave Bressy and the lot in Greenville where Bressy lives, known in the plat of said Town as lot No eighty one (81); Also in trust for William the sum of five hundred dollars and for James Edgar the sum of One thousand dollars for their education if the same should be unfinished at my death and to be applied to no other purpose. Item I give and devise to C.C. Perkins aforesaid in trust for my daughter Adelaide wife of L.H. Johnson for her natural life my Brush Island, Moaring and Smith tracts of land adjoining John S. Brown, Wm Whitehead and others and after her death to her issue and failing to have issue surviving her, then to my other children and their issue. Item I give and devise to C.C. Perkins aforesaid in trust for my daughter Olivia for her natural life all my Lands in Sumpter County Georgia and after her death to her issue and failing to have issue surviving her, then to my other children and their issue. Item I give and devise to C.C. Perkins aforesaid in trust for my daughters Victoria Jones, and Della wife of Wm A Jenkins equally for their natural lives all my lands in the County of Macon Georgia and after their death the share of each to each ones issue respectively and failing to have issue surviving them to my other children and their issue — Item, I give to my grandchild Helen Jones Negro girl Lea and her increase born after the date of this will — Item I give to my grandchild Mary Jenkins Negro girl Sydney and her increase born after the date of this will. — Item I give and bequeath to C.C. Perkins aforesaid in trust for my children William James Edgar, Adelaide Johnson, Olivia, Della Jenkins and Victoria Jones subject to the same limitations and conditions as the respective legacies to each of them aforesaid, all the balance of my Negro Slaves that are not sold for the payment of my debts equally to be divided among them. And in said division it is my wish and will that my children be permitted to select any favourite Negroes as part of their shares and that the Negroes be so allotted and divided if the same be practicable without doing injustice to any particular share or shares as to retain and include in each child's share the Negroes that may be living on the Plantation I have given to each of them, and that they be allotted in families

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