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 Lewis 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 the~~ 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

I do 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. B. Joyner

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
May Term 1869

Then came 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. B. 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. B. 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 Eaton Cannon, Edward Patrick & Peter E. Hines as sureties. Let the said will & this probate be recorded

L. 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 wearing 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 tank 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 Hines 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 R. 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 Hines 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 Hines executor as aforesaid duly qualified by giving bond and taking the oath required by law

L. 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 Hines 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

Joseph his mark Braddy (Seal)

Witness
William B. Fleming
Elkanah Teel

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