In the name of God Amen I Nancy Cannon being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory do this day make publish and declare this paper writing to be and to contain my last Will and Testament as as follows viz. That is to say. That after my death I wish my Executor hereafter named to provide a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations. and friends together with paying all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Secondly I will to my husbands niece Mary Tripp ten dollars to be payed to her by my Executor.

Third I will to my husbands sister Dentry Tripp my desk

Fourth I give to my Connexion Rober Witherington one Cow and calf and my Buggy.

fifth I give to Alley Cannon wife of Tomas Cannon my bloom.

sixth I give and bequeath all the balance of my property real and personal to my relation and friend John C. Cox consisting of my negroes namely Monish. Martha and Sally together with their future increase to John C. Cox and his heirs forever. Also horses Cattle hogs sheep and all other house and kitchen furniture. Also one fodder pea and all manner of Farming utensils

Seventh and Lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my worthy Relation and Friend John C. Cox to be my Executor to this my last will to carry out the intents of this my will as witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10th September 1857

Attest Nancy her + mark Cannon (Seal)

Benjn Hazelton

William A Bruinsly

North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } Nov Term 1868

This paper writing dated Sept 10th 1857 is offered for probate in open court by John C Cox the Ex therein named as the last will and testament of Nancy Cannon decd and is duly proved by the oaths of William A Bruinsly the Witness subscribing witness thereto the other subscribing witness Benj F Hazelton being deceased. The said witness being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists testifies that the said testatrix executed & published said writing as her last will & testament in his presence and the presence of the said Hazelton and that he and the said Hazelton attested the said paper in the presence of testatrix and at her request. and at the time the Testatrix was of sound disposing mind & memory; and further that said Hazelton is now deceased. Thereupon it is ordered that this paper be received and filed as the last will of Nancy Cannon deceased.

G A Dancy Clerk

Greenville August 8th 1841

Know all men that I William J. Blow do make and declare this to be my last will and testament. I wish my lands and Town lots sold: except the lot on which I live. And after the collection of my accounts and the settlement of the debts I owe: I wish the money used for my family's benefit. I leave my wife Guardian of our children: to manage them as best she can. And after the settlement of my estate to have control of all I leave. If she should marry again, the property to be equally devided between her and our Children. I want nothing that belongs to the dwelling sold unless it is my wife's wish. I leave my Brother in law Samuel Masters my Executor. Signed with my hand and seal the day and date above written

William J Blow (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Dr William J. Blow deceased is exhibited in open Court for probate and it appearing that there are no Subscribing witnesses to the same. It is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Richard A. Bynum that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said William J. Blow after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of G. A. Dancy. George A. Dancy & Geo. B. Cherry three credible and competent witnesses that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said William J. Blow having often seen him write, and they verily believe that the name of the said William J. Blow subscribed to the said will and the said will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said William J Blow. It is further proved by the oath of the three last named witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to them. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said William J Blow. and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time Dr Samuel Masters the Executor named in said will renounces his executorship. and thereupon on motion the Court order that Henry Sheppard be appointed administrator with the will annexed of the said William J. Blow decd on his entering into bond in the sum of thirty thousand dollars with Richd A Bynum & G. B. Beasley as sureties. bond filed. Admr qualified G. A. Dancy Clerk

Wilson County N.C. October 25th 1864

I hereby renounce the executorship to the Will of Dr Wm J Blow decd

Saml Masters Exr

I hereby relinquish my right of administration on the Estate of my dead husband Wm. J Blow and request the Court to appoint Henry Sheppard in my stead Nov 12 1864 Dorcas S Blow

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

I will that after paying my just debts if any that the remainder of my property be equally devided between my Mother and Brother and my Sister Mary M Brown. and my Sister to have his lifetime if she needs it and if not at her death to her Children to be managed by my Executors D. O. Spain and S. W. Spain whom I make my Executors. This April 23rd AD 1862

Geo H. Spain

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