The last will and Testament of James R Congleton Deceased

I James R Congleton of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of Sound mind and in perfect health Considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say that my Executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the money that shall first come into his hands as a part of my Estate.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife Lemferance Congleton the following property during her lifetime or widowhood for the purpose of raising and Educating my Children that is to say all my lands known as the Clemants tract, four negroes, Isaac, Gilbert, Rose, and Selah all my household and furniture all my Stock of hogs and sheep five head of her choice Cows one of my Stock of bees all my farming tools all my Corn & fodder Peas & Wheat, all my pork and bacon two choice hacks two carts my buggy and harness to have and to hold the same during her lifetime or widowhood the rest and residue of my perishable property I have to be sold the balance of my negroes to be hired out, after the death or marriage of my wife I leave all my Property to be Equally divided amongst all my Children.

I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Son Simon L Congleton my Lawful Executor to Execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, In testimony whereof I the said James R Congleton do hereunto set my hand and seal the 15 Day of August 1857.

James R Congleton (Seal)

North Carolina
Pitt County

County Court
May T. 1858

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James R Congleton deceased is offered for probate in William L Perkins, J. C. Kel John J Smith having been duly sworn severally say that they are acquainted with the handwriting of said James R Congleton having seen him write and that said will and every part thereof and the signature thereto is in the proper handwriting of said Congleton and that said handwriting is generally known by the acquaintances of said Congleton and Henry Gurganus also is duly sworn and he saith that the said paper writing was found after the death of said Congleton among his valuable papers and effects. The Court declares the said paper writing duly proved as the last will & testament of said James R Congleton, and orders it to be recorded, Simon L Congleton the Executor named in said will duly qualified as such

Attest H Sheppard Clerk

The last Will & testament of Nancy M Williams Deceased.

In the name of God Amen. I Nancy M Williams of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being old and feeble in Body, but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, Considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease, I do therefore make publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all former, Last Wills and Testaments, heretofore made by me, at the same time declaring this instrument to be my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following "viz"

Item 1st I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Fanny M Pitt Consort of James L Pitt the sum of One Dollar to be paid her by my Executor out of my Estate.

Item 2nd I Give and bequeath to my Daughter, Polly Ann Vines the sum of One Dollar to be paid to her by my Executor out my Estate.

Item 3rd I Give and bequeath to my Son William M Williams the sum of One Dollar to be paid to him by my Executor out of my Estate.

Item 4th I Give and bequeath to my two Daughters Penelope G Williams and Nancy Williams, to them their Heirs and assigns, all that tract or Parcel of Land which descended to me by inheritance from my Father Benjamin May Deceased, situated in the State and County aforesaid, on the waters of Middle Swamp adjoining the lands of James Sugree and others Containing three hundred and twenty three and a third acres more or less, to Share and Share alike in said Lands as tenants in Common, But if either of my said Daughters Penelope G and Nancy should die without issue then and in that Case it is my will that the Survivor of the two, have and hold, the whole of said tract of Land to her and her heirs forever, I also give to my said two Daughters Penelope and Nancy Williams, my Rockaway and Harness also my Buggy and Harness and the two horses that I have in use at my death as my Driving horses to said Rockaway.

Item 5th I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Penelope G Williams two Beds, Bedsteads and their furniture, One Bureau now called hers, my curtain Table, quartets and one table Glass also her choice of my other two Tables Six Silver Table Spoons, Six German Silver Spoons and my Butter Knife.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary O Gay (Consort of William M Gay) one bed Bedstead and furniture.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Williams the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by my Executor out of my Estate. also I give to my said Daughter Nancy three Beds, Bedsteads and furniture, One Table, my Walnut Bureau, two ottomans and two Parlor Stools, One Table Glass two Blue chests One Dozen Silver Tea Spoons and Salt Spoons.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph S Williams the sum of two hundred Dollars to be paid him by my Executor out of my Estate also two Beds, Bedsteads and furniture and all my Stock of hogs, sheep and Cattle, my Black Smith Tools and all my farming utensils, together with my Kitchen furniture Loom and Gear, the Kitchen furniture, Loom & Gear to be used by my two Daughters, Penelope and Nancy untill my said Son Joseph S Settles and goes to house Keeping

Item 9th It is my will that all the rest of my Bed Clothes not heretofore disposed of together with my Knives and forks Table Cloths and Towels and all my Crockery be Equally divided between my two

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Daughters Penelope and Nancy Williams also I will that my Floor Carpet be divided between my Said two Daughters, And all the rest and residue of my Household furniture not herein before given away, I Give and bequeath to my Son Joseph J Williams, Intending however that all the household Property Given to my Said Son Joseph I Shall be Kept and used by my two Daughters Penelope G & Nancy untill my Said Son Joseph I Shall return home, and Settle or go to housekeeping.

Item 10th It is my Will that all the rest and Residue of my Property and Estate of Every description whatever not heretofore disposed of in this my will be Sold by my Executor and divided in the following manner first, It is my will that my Daughter Nancy Williams Shall receive from my Executor two fifths of the nett amount and the balance after Paying my just Debts and the Expenses of my Executor lawfully incurred Shall be equally divided between my three Children (to wit) Penelope G Williams Mary C Gay and Joseph John Williams. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend Samuel J Berry Senr to be the Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 11th day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Said Nancy M Williams, to be her last Will and Testament in presence of us.

Nancy M Williams (Seal)

H L Tyre
Samuel J Deberry

Pitt County Court
May Term 1858 } Then was the within paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Nancy M Williams dec'd exhibited in open Court and proven by the oaths of Hill, L Tyre and Samuel J Deberry the Subscribing witnesses to the Same, in due form of Law when it was ordered by the Court that Said Will and this probate be recorded and filed, At the Same time Samuel De Berry the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as Such

Attest H Sheppard Clerk

The Last Will & Testament of James Braddy Decd

In the name of God Amen, I James Braddy of the County of Pitt & 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 & Testament in manner and form following that is to Say, First I leave to my beloved wife Lovey Braddy all of my land which I now hold, also three negroes, one by the name of Ben, one by the name of Starling & the other by the name of Lincy, two choice horses one Cart & Gear four Hoghs two Daggers & two fluters & two Sets of Hough Gear & Canyall & Harness & a full years allowance for herself and family one Cow & Calf, her choice four Sows & pigs & twelve Shoats & one Dutch oven & Sythe all of my Sheep all of the poultry & all of the household & Kitchen furniture & one Spade & Shovel, excepting five feather beds which I Shall give to my Children

Secondly, I give to my beloved Son Robert H H Braddy one feather bed & furniture also one trunk price three Dollars & fifty Cents.

I give unto my Son Stephen Braddy one feather Bed and furniture and one trunk price three Dollars & fifty Cents.

I give to my beloved Daughter Christiana E Braddy one feather Bed and furniture & one trunk price three Dollars & fifty Cents.

I give to my Daughter Clemmy I Braddy one bed and furniture and One trunk price three Dollars & fifty Cents.

I give to my Son Edmond K Braddy one feather Bed and furniture & one trunk price three Dollars & fifty Cents.

Item, My Will and desire that all the residue of my estate if any after taking out the devises & bequeaths above mentioned Shall be Sold and the debts owing to me Collected & if there Should be any Surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses and legacies, that Such Surplus Shall be equally divided among my Six Children in equal proportions Share & Share alike to them & each & every of them, Executors administrators & assigns absolutely forever,

Item, My Will & desire is that all the property which I have loaned to my beloved wife at her death Shall be Sold and the Money to be divided equally among my Six Children, to them & their heirs forever, And I do hereby Constitute & appoint my two Sons Robert H H Braddy & Stephen Braddy my lawful executors to all intents & purposes to execute this my last Will & Testament according to the true intent & meaning of the Same & every part and every Clause thereof hereby revoking & declaring utterly void all other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made, In Witness whereof I the Said James Braddy do hereunto Set my hand & Seal This July 28th Day A. D. 1845

James Braddy (Seal)

State of North Carolina }
Pitt County }

I Henry Sheppard Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a full true and perfect Copy of the Last Will & Testament of James Braddy Decd as taken from the record of our Said Court & which Said record has been kept by the keeping of the Court House

H Sheppard Clerk
By M G Cherry D Clerk

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