witnesses to the same. And it appearing that there was no executor appointed to said Will, On motion James W. May was appointed Adm.r with the Will annexed on the estate of the said Robert W. May upon his giving bond in the sum of $10,000 with Jas. Joyner and Richd. L. Rymum is sureties. Bond given and Adm.r duly qualified

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I John Barnhill of the 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 after the expenses of my burial and the payment of my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come to hand is a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 1st I lend to and bequeath to my said beloved wife Harriet Barnhill all my house holds kitchen furniture during her natural life or widowhood and after her death if any thing should be left of the above mentioned property I give the same to my son Theophilus Barnhill to him and his heirs forever

Item 2nd I also give to my wife Harriet Barnhill all the provisions that is on hand corn pork and bacon and lard and the contents of the smoke house also to cows and and calves the choice stock also three of the dry out calves her choice also one small mothers yearlin also one sow and pigs and six stits her choice I also give to my wife Harriet Barnhill all my shingles that is on hand also all the nails that is on hand also all my leather that I have on hand except the first choice and last choice also all my beds and pulling that is on hand also all the money and notes and accounts that is on hand. Also I give to my wife Harriet Barnhill boy issue for the year to be cop on the farm for her benefit during the present year. also I give to my wife Harriet Barnhill my dog and also what fodder I have on hand to her forever Amen

Item 4th I give to Theophilus Barn my Son all the remainder of my estate to him and his heirs forever. Amen.

In witness whereof I the said John Barnhill do hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day April in the year of our Lord 1864

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Barnhill to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

John his + mark Barnhill (Seal)

Samuel Brown
Clayton H. Taylor
Micajah Lee

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of John Barnhill decd was exhibited in open Court and the due execution of the same proved to the satisfaction of the Court by Micajah Lee & Clayton H. Taylor two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon the Court doth declare the said paper writing and every part thereof to be the last will & testament of the said John Barnhill decd & sufficient to convey both real & personal Estate and doth order the same to be recorded & filed in the office of the County Court Clerk

G. A. Dancy Clerk

In the name of God. Amen. I Rebecca Briley of the 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 and friends and pay all all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate. And as to the residue of my estate and property with which God has blessed me and which shall not be required for the payment of my debts funeral charges and expenses in and about the execution of this my will and the administration of my estate. I give devise and dispose thereof as follows: to wit:

Item 1st I lend to my son Abram W. B. Briley a certain tract of land lying near to and adjoining the lands of the Broadly heirs and the lands of B. W. Brown and others known as a part of the Brown lands which I purchased of David House to have and to use his natural lifetime and then to his child or children if any but if my said son Abram W. B. Briley should leave no child or children then I devise and bequeath said tract of land to my nearest relations

Item 2nd I lend to my son Abram W. B. Briley two beds and furniture thereto belonging to have and to use during his natural life and then to his child or children but if said son leaves no no child or children. then I devise said beds to my nearest relations.

Item 3rd I give to my son Abram W. B. Briley all my stock on hand at my death my farming implements and House hold and kitchen furniture except the two beds mentioned in the preceding item Absolutely.

Item 4th I lend to my only son Abram W. B. Briley my interest in one negro man named Jim Cotton to have and to use his natural life and then to his child or children if any but if my said son should leave no child or children then I devise my interest in said negro to my nearest relations.

Item 5th I give to my said son Abram W. B. Briley all the rest and residue of my estate real personal and mixed not mentioned in the preceding items absolutely. I do nominate and appoint David S. Fleming to be the sole executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Rebecca Briley do hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of July A. D. 1859

Signed in presence of
Ben H. Brown
Henry W. Brown

Rebecca her + mark Briley (Seal)

North Carolina, July Term 1865
Pitt County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Rebecca Briley decd is exhibited in open

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Court by Henry Brown and the due execution thereof duly proved by the oath and examination of B M Brown & Henry M Brown the two 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 & Testament of the said Rebecca Briley decd. and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I Abram Joyner of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and body, 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:
I give and bequeath to my beloved mother (Allie Joyner) all my property, consisting of negroes and whatever property may be found in my possession at my death, to be hers and at her absolute disposal during her natural life.
And I also bequeath and devise that after the death of my beloved mother that the property be equally divided between my Brother Robt. N Joyner and my Sister Mary E. Mayo to have and to hold the same to them and their heirs executors administrators and assigns to them and their use and behoof forever.
In witness whereof I the said Abram Joyner do hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 31st day of March AD 1863
signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Abram Joyner to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

John X Joyner

Joseph Hodges J. C. Nunn

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Abram Joyner decd. was produced in open Court by Alley Joyner the mother of said decd. and the same was proved in due form of law to be the will and testament of said decd. and the same was ordered to be recorded & filed. On motion Willis R Williams was appointed administrator with the will annexed on said estate on his giving bond in the sum of $20,000 with William M King Wm. May and Thos B Dupree as sureties. bond given and admr. duly qualified

G. A. Dancy Clerk

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

Known all men by these presents that I Joseph Moore of the State and County aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing memory yet knowing the uncertainty of my ~~life~~ do publish this as my last will and testament

1st I place my soul in the hands of my heavenly Father. my body I desire to be well and decently buried and all funeral expenses arising therefrom be first paid from my estate.

2nd After the payment of all my just and lawful debts. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Louisa Jane Moore during the term of her natural life or widowhood the remainder of my estate both real and personal. Provided she shall defray the expenses of twenty months schooling for each of my two sons viz Joseph Franklin & Marion Hadock Moore by the time they shall have arrived at the age of Eighteen years

3rd After the death or widowhood of my beloved wife Louisa Jane Moore it is my will and desire that my estate shall be equally divided among my children Emily A. Mary Jr. Joseph H and Marion Hadock Moore. Provided it shall appear that my two Sons have had the benefit of the twenty months schooling as provided above. If however it shall appear that they my two sons have not had said benefit then it is my will and desire that enough of my estate shall be set aside to them to make up the deficit for said schooling and used by or for them in obtaining an education.
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 26th day November AD 1863

attest John King
Henry Harris

Joseph Moore (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph Moore decd. was produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of John King one of the subscribing witnesses to the same. and the same was ordered to be recorded and filed. On motion Louisa Moore the widow of said testator came into Court and was appointed Admx. with the will annexed on the estate of the said Joseph Moore on her giving bond in the sum of $5000 with Wm M King and John King as her sureties. Bond given and administratrix qualified according to law

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I James A Tull of the 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 and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the 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 Elizabeth. All of my household and kitchen furniture. all of my hogs. Horses & Cattle that I may own at the time of my death to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever.
Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Elizabeth. All my negroes namely Celia & Child Nelson Emma and John to have and to hold absolutely forever on the following conditions that is. If my said beloved wife Elizabeth and myself does not have an heir to live then I bequeath them to her absolutely forever. But if we should have and heir then in that case the said negroes Celia & child Nelson Emma and John or their value shall be equally divided between my said wife Elizabeth and the said heir if there shall be any. theirs to have and to hold absolutely forever.-

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