The last Will and Testament of Aron Joyner Decd

I Aron Joyner 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 out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise unto my beloved wife Elizabeth that part of my land lying and being as follows, Begining at the Creek where the road crosses the Creek near Amos Joyners (my brother) and running about a south course with the road to James W. Mays line above the School House, thence with his line to Noah Joyners, thence with his line to Hesler Mangrum, thence with his line to Sepe Britts — thence with his line to Thomas Joyners, thence with said Joyners line to the road, thence straight across the road to the Canal in the Ben Branch thence down said Canal to the Creek, thence up the Creek to the Bridge the begining, it being the land whereon I now live, to have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth for and during the term of her natural life. I also lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth for and during her natural life the following negro slaves, to wit, Sidney — Balam and Girl Amanda — Negro woman Edy and Girl Amy — I also lend her two horses her choice one yoke of Steers, three cows and calves, her choice ten head of Sheep, all my stock of hogs that may be on hand at my death, all my household and kitchen furniture, all my poultry a sufficiency of farming tools say two ploughs and gear, and one cart. I also wish and it is my desire that she shall have provision of meat, corn and fodder to last her and family untill she makes a crop

Item 2d It is my will and I do hereby give and devise unto my eldest son Jacob Joyner all the land that I have not heretofore deeded away to my son Henry Joyner and that part of it as described in the foregoing Item is to be subject to the life estate of my beloved wife Elizabeth to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my son Jacob Negro boy Mack & one horse valued at One Hundred Dollars to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever. I also give him one bed and furniture

Item 3rd In addition to the tract of land I have heretofore given to my to my son Henry Joyner, I give and devise unto him one Negro boy named Andrew, to him and to hold to him and his heirs and assigns forever

Item 4 I give and devise unto my four Daughters, Lydia, Nancy, Eleanor and Dicia all the balance of my property after my just debts are paid, including all that I have bequeathed to my beloved wife Elizabeth except the land which I devised to my sons Jacob and Henry, to be equally divided among them, except that it is my desire that my Daughter Lydia should have negro Girl Amanda, extra and above the shares of my other Daughters for her services in the family, to have and to hold to them

the said Lydia, Nancy, Eleanor and Dicia their heirs and assigns forever

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son in law Calvin Ruff and my son Jacob Joyner executors to this my last will and testament

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament in the presence of us this 20 day of Decr 1854 — Aron Joyner (Seal)

H Sheppard
Shenod Lizon

North Carolina, Pitt County — August Term 1858. of Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

This paper writing was offered for probate in open Court by Jacob Joyner named therein as executor to the last will and testament of Aron Joyner Decd and H Sheppard and Shenod Lizon two subscribing witnesses thereto being sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God testified respectively that the said testator executed published and declared the said writing to be his last will and testament and that they severally subscribed the same as witnesses in his presence and at his request, and that the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time aforesaid. Let it be recorded and filed among the records of Pitt County

H Sheppard Clerk

The last Will and Testament of Robert Forbes Decd

In the name of God Amen,

I Robert Forbes of the state of North Carolina & County of Pitt being of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed God, do this the second day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, do make & publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say.

First, I loan unto my beloved wife Gracy all my lands containing three hundred and twenty six acres during her natural life,

Item I lend also to my beloved wife two Negroes Nelly & George during her natural life

Item I give unto my beloved wife all my feather beds except one with the household and kitchen furniture

Item I give unto my beloved wife all the crop made on my home plantation with four fodder stacks made on the Foreman Plantation, also my farming tools

Item I lend to my beloved wife all my Stock of Cattle Sheep during her natural life, I give also unto my beloved wife four choice sows and pigs,

Item I loan to my beloved wife also two of the choice horses of my stock

I give to my wife also two thousand pounds of Pork, also including the offerhal Corn at the Foreman plantation,

Item I give unto my, four youngest sons, I say Alfred, Robert, Archibald and Lilus all in an equal division all the real & personal property loaned to my wife at her decease,

Item I give unto my Daughter Lucinda one feather bed & furniture and one side saddle,

Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Worthington one Negro Girl named Aggy —

Item I give unto my son Alfred one young horse forty Bushels of Corn, three

Stacks of fodder three hundred pounds of pork-

Item, I give unto my Son Jas H Forbes one young horse forty bavels of Corn
three Stacks of fodder

Item, I give unto my Sons John & Jas H & Lincoln five negroes- Anna Kenny-
Sarah- Cato- William- to be divided equally among the three, also all my
Corn fodder at the Foreman plantation, not given in my Will and my Pork
Sold and advanced to paying my just debts, one horse also to be Sold,

Item, It is my Will & desire the Money over paying my just Debts to be equally
divided between my Daughter Elizabeth Weatherington & my five youngest
Sons Alfred- Robert- Archibald and Silas-

Item I give unto my two Sons Alfred & Robert my two riding Saddles

Item I give to my beloved wife thirteen Bushels of Lime Seeds, I do make and ordain
this my last Will & Testament, In Witness whereof I the said Robert Forbes
have Set my hand & Seal the day & date above written

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of
Theophilus Slaughter
Joel Forbes

Robert Forbes (Seal)

November Term 1858

Then was the foregoing paper writing purporting to be a copy of the last Will and Testament of Robert Forbes decd exhibited in open Court, and it appearing to the Court that the original will and the record of the same had been destroyed by the burning of the Court House and it further appearing by the oath of M J Cherry that said paper is a true Copy of the original Will as upon record before the burning of the same, It is therefore Ordered by the Court that said paper be entered & Recorded

Attest H Sheppard Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of James Adams Deceased

In the name of God Amen, I James Adams of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of Sound and perfect mind and memory do this 14 of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six make this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is first of all I recomend my Soul to God him gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the directions of my Exors.

Item I give to my Son John Adams a tract of Land that Calvin Smith deded and Sold to me,

Item I give to my Grand Son Sope Chapman a piece of Land I now live on begining at a Stake in Thomas Adams line, Running near Nath Cooke to a Stake I made for a Corner in Nathaniel Pettit line, thence with the good line made between Nathaniel Pettit and Abraham Adams to a Corner I deded and Sold to my Grand Son Sope Chapman,

Item I give to my Son James Adams One Dollar-

Item I lend a certain piece of Land to Eliza Adams my Son James Adams Wife during her natural life then to her lawful heirs,

Item I give to my Daughter Jane Atkinson one bed and bed Stead & furniture

Item I give to my Son in law Hardee Stokes One Dollar

Item I give to my Son in law Thomas Manes One Dollar and all the rest of my property that is not Willed away to be Sold and equally divided between my Daughters by my Executors

Lastly I nomenate Constitute and appoint my beloved Son John Adams and Grand Son Sope Chapman my Executors to this my last will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written

James his mark Adams

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Thomas Adams
Hardee S Smith

North Carolina } Court of Pl & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } November Term 1858

Then was the foregoing paper writing produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by Thomas Adams and Hardee S Smith the two Subscribing witnesses to be the last will and Testament of James Adams Sen decd, So executed as to pass both real and personal estate, It was thereupon Ordered to be recorded and filed,
At the Same time John Adams and Sope Chapman the two Executors named in said will came into open Court and duly qualified as Such according to law, Attest H Sheppard Clerk NC

The Last Will & Testament of Lewis B Pugh

I Lewis B Pugh of the ~~State~~ County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of Sound mind and knowing of the uncertainty of life do make and declare this my last Will and testament and dispose of my property in the following manner,
Viz. my Lands Negroes & every other Species of property to remain as it is and the proceeds of the farm to be divided between my beloved wife and Children provided the proceeds are Sufficient to Support my wife in the Style She now lives in or wishes to draw her part & lay off her dower then my Executors lay off one third of my Land including the house for her use during her life time and also a childes part of my negroes,
I give my property in the following manner, I give unto my Son Lewis B Pugh one fifth of my real personal and perishable property and Money that may be in the hands of my Executors herein mentioned after paying my just Debts and when my Son comes of age or so near so, My Executors see proper to pay over to him,
I leave to my Daughters Mary E Pugh- Rachael H Pugh- Margaret A Pugh- Sarah L Pugh each during their lives one fifth of my real personal & parishable property the Money that may be in the hands of my Executors and then to their heirs to have and to hold according to the above Specifications, I wish my Executors to Send my Children to be Educated at a good Episcopal School, I also wish my Executors to pay James L Murphey for a Gray mare Lewis Mumphord purchased of the Said Murphey
I do hereby appoint R H Bright- Wm A Pugh my Executors to Carry this my Last Will into effect &c

Lewis B Pugh (Seal)

Signed in the presence of
Calvin Cox
Theophilus Bland

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Lewis B Pugh decd is exhibited in open Court—