A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Joseph Braddy dec'd is exhibited for probate in open Court by Peter Rines the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Joseph Braddy is proved by the oath & examination of Elkanah Peel 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 Joseph Braddy and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. Thereupon Peter Rines the executor therein named qualified in the office in open Court and Lydia Braddy the widow of said Joseph Braddy was appointed Admrx with the will annexed and was duly qualified by giving bond & taking the oath as required by Law.

C. A. Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen! I William B. Fleming of the County & State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (viz) I bind and bequeath my beloved wife Cornelia Fleming all my notes and cash on hand during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage I want it divided between my own brothers & sisters & I do give to my dear mother all my interest in my Fathers estate and at her death I want it divided between my own brothers and sisters and my half sisters Hannah Fleming & Sherrod and their heirs forever In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of May 1862

William B. Fleming (Seal)

Witness
Peter Rines
Alexander Peel
Moses Peel
W. H. Dutton
Benjamin his x mark Fleming

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of William B. Fleming dec'd is exhibited in open Court for probate and the due execution thereof proved by Peter Rines & Elkanah Peel two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is thereupon considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of the said William B. Fleming, it further appearing to the Court that there is no executor named in said Will upon motion Benjamin Fleming Guardian of W. B. Fleming is appointed Admr with the Will annexed & upon his entering into bond & taking the oath as required by Law said Will ordered to be recorded & the probate & filed.

C. A. Dancy Clerk

I James L. Fleming 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

Item I give and devise to my wife all of my land, Negroes, Stock, and household and kitchen furniture farming utensils to have & hold during her widowhood and after which time I give and devise to her

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an equal share with my children

Item second I give to my wife my notes of the amount of one hundred and sixty dollars to collect and became responsible for the payment of all my debts and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Sarah C. Fleming my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same hereby declaring all other wills utterly void. In witness whereof I the said James L. Fleming do hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th of May 1862

Signed and sealed in presence of
W. H. Delaney
W. J. Blow

James L. Fleming (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James L. Fleming dec'd is exhibited in open Court by Sarah C. Fleming the executrix therein named and the due execution thereof proved to the satisfaction of the Court by W. H. Delaney one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Thereupon the court doth declare the said paper writing & every part thereof to be the Last Will & testament of the said Jas L. Fleming dec'd & sufficient to convey both real & personal estate and doth further order the same to be recorded & filed, upon the executrix entering into bond in the sum of Sixteen thousand dollars with John C. Fleming & Peter Fleming as sureties

C. A. Dancy Clerk

State of North Carolina
County of Pitt

In the name of God Amen! I Robert W. May of the County & State above named being of sound & disposing mind and memory & careful to make suitable distribution of all my worldly goods in the event of my death do ordain and establish, publish and declare the following to be my Last Will & Testament — To wit —

1 Item I give and bequeath to my beloved mother Eliza S. May for and during her natural life all & singular my land & negroes, viz, my tract of land situated on Little Contentnea creek adjoining the May, Jno May's & Emily E. May's. Said containing one hundred & fifty six acres & my negroes Virgil & Bede

2 Item All my property & estate of every kind & description whatsoever, except the life estate above named I give & bequeath to my beloved brothers & sisters, Alfred May, Sarah Jane May, Louisa S. May & Emily E. May, to be equally divided between them. The land and negroes to be divided after the death of my mother.

Robert W. May
July 4th 1863

Witness
J. C. Joyner
James L. Tugwell

Court House & Quantum dessains
Pitt county February Term 1865

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and testament of Robt W. May decd. was presented in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oaths of James Joyner one of the subscribing

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witnesses to the same. And it appearing that there was no executor appointed to said Will, On motion James Whitley was appointed Adm.r with the will annexed on the estate of the said Robert P. May upon his giving bond in the sum of $10,000 with Jas. Joyner and Richd. L. Seymour as 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 into hand is a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I lend to and bequeath to my said beloved wife Harriet Barnhill all my house hold & 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 the second 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 off yearling 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 fodder 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 Isac for the year to be kept 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 the 4 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

his John + Barnhill (Seal)
mark

Thorton
Samuel T 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 3d 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 1869

Signed in presence of
Ben W Brown
Henry W Brown

her Rebecca + Briley (Seal)
mark

North Carolina, July Term 1869
Pitt County

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

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