It shall be entitled at the time of my decease to be equally divided between my mother Rachel Stancill and my sister Mary D. Stancill (by men of their own choosing) to have and to hold the same to them and their executors Admrs assigns to their and their use and behoof forever. And I do nominate and appoint my uncle Willie Stancill to be the executor of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I the said Jesse R. Stancill have here subscribed my name and affixed my seal this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

Jesse R. Stancill (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered
by the said Jesse R. Stancill to be his last
will and testament in presence of us who at his request
and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses
thereto in the presence of each other
Richard E. Rines
H. G. Barker

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } Novr Term 1863

There is the within and foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse R. Stancill dec^d exhibited in open court for probate by Wiley Stancill the executor therein named and Richd E. Rines and H. G. Barker the subscribing witness thereto being duly sworn testified that they heard Jesse R. Stancill declare it to be and that he published it as his last will and testament in their presence that he was at the time thereof of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they signed the said paper as witnesses in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other. The said paper writing is thereupon admitted to probate and the same and every part thereof is considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and testament of the said Jesse R. Stancill dec^d sufficient to pass both real & personal estate. The same is ordered to be recorded & filed & the said Wiley Stancill Executor as aforesaid duly qualified by taking the oath required by law & giving bond in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars with Henry Stancill & Theop. Stancill as sureties.

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I William Lawrence Pollard of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows

Item 1 After the payment of all my just debts it is my wish that my wife Elizabeth Jane Pollard shall hold use possess and have undisputed control over all my property of every kind and description and the proceeds and profits ~~of every~~ arising therefrom so long as she remains unmarried and should she continue unmarried to hold and use the same during her lifetime. Now if by the marriage with this testator my said wife shall give birth to a lawful child or children then and in that case I give and bequeath all my property of every kind to such child or ~~children~~

the property to revert immediately on the remarriage or death of my said wife and in case there is no such lawful child or children I give and bequeath after the remarriage or death of my said wife Elizabeth Jane, all my property of every kind and description to my beloved brother James A. Pollard.

In testimony whereof I the said William Lawrence Pollard have to this my last Will and Testament hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of March 1862

Signed sealed and declared to be the last will and
Testament of William Lawrence Pollard in the presence of us
who at his request and in his presence and in the presence
of each other do subscribe ourselves as witnesses thereto
W. M. B. Brown
W. S. Bullock

William L. Pollard (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } November Term 1863

There was a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of William L. Pollard brought into Court by his Father Benjamin Pollard and offered for probate when the due execution thereof was proved in due form of Law by the oath of W. M. B. Brown one of the subscribing witnesses and the other witness W. S. Bullock being dead his hand writing was proved by the oath of said W. M. B. Brown. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said last Will & Testament be recorded

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I Robert Tugwell 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 to be 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 friends (if it can be consistantly done) according to the wishes of my friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to howsoever owing out of moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item I lone to my beloved wife Delpha the tract of land where I now live with all of the improvements thereto belonging during her widowhood or natural life and at her death or marrying again I then give it to my child Caroline Tugwell and to her heirs in fee simple forever

Item I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Delpha all of my household & kitchen furniture during her widowhood or natural life and at her death to go to my Daughter Caroline and to her heirs in fee simple forever

Item I lone to my beloved wife Delpha all the ballance of my estate consisting of money & notes during her term of natural life or widowhood and in case of her marrying again I give it to my daughter Caroline and her heirs forever

Item It is my will and desire that all of the residue of my estate (if any) shall be sold by my executor. If not sufficent to pay all of my just debts and expences. Shall collect out of my notes and pay them

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And lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Allen Bynum 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 and every part and clause thereof. hereby revoking all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said Robert Ingwell do hereunto set my hand and seal this 15. day of May AD 1862

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Robert Ingwell 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

Robert his X mark Ingwell (Seal)

Zet L. P. Beardsley
Allen Bynum

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Ingwell decd was proved in open Court by the oath of Z L. P. Beardsley and Allen Bynum the two subscribing witnesses to the same and it was thereupon ordered to be recorded and filed. when Allen Bynum the person named as executor in said will gave bond in the sum of $4000 with John Sikes & Elias J Blount as his sureties. bond given and executor duly qualified in open Court

G A Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I John May of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina being of sound & disposing mind and memory do ordain & establish the following as my last will & Testament.

Item. I give to my beloved brother Alfred May my Silver watch

Item. I give to my beloved sister Sarah Jane May my negro boy Abram.

Item. I give to my two sisters Sarah Jane May & Emely E May all and singular the residue of my property & estate of every kind & description whatever. after paying my just debts & burial Expenses.

I hereby publish & declare the above to be my last will & Testament

John May Jnr

witness
Sherrod Belcher
Jas Joyner

9th January 1862

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1863
Pitt County

This paper writing is produced in open Court and propounded for probate and Sherrod Belcher and James Joyner the subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn testify that they saw heard, John May declare it to be and that he published it as his last will and testament in their presence and acknowledged his signature thereto. that he was at the time of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other. the said paper writing is thereupon admitted to probate

and the same and every part thereof is adjudged by the Court to be and contain the last will and testament of John May decd. good and sufficient to pass both real and personal estate and it is ordered to be recorded with this certificate

G A Dancy Clerk

I Joseph J Bland 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 publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. that is to say.

First. That all my just debts may be paid to whom soever due out of the money and notes which I now have on hand.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my Nephews Octavous Edwards and Edward S Edwards one hundred dollars each to be paid in money or notes.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to the Children of my brother W A Bland Three 3 hundred dollars to be equally devided between them to be paid in money or notes.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to the children of my sister Martha wife of W S Braswell. Seventy five acres of land to be taken from the western end of the tract adjoining the lands of the minor heirs of Jonathan Kittrell. Also to sister Martha one young sorrel mare colt known as the Top mare

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my sister Catharine wife of Peter E Braswell and Children three hundred dollars to be paid in money or notes.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my sister Susan and Eley all the remainder of my home plantation not included in the 75 acres given to Sister Martha. Also I give to my sister Eley single woman my negro boy Killis and to my sister Susan negro woman Agg.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my brother Christopher C Bland seventy five acres of land being a part of the tract given me by my father and adjoining the place owned by brother and also the lands of Joab Herrington and all the residue of my property not otherwise disposed of including my horses and books with the hope that he will aply himself to the study of the latter.

In witness whereof I the said Joseph J Bland have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 6th day of October AD 1863

Joseph J Bland (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared to by the said Joseph J. Bland to be his last will and testament in the presences of us who at his request and in his presence subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of J J Bland was produced in open court and there being no subscribing witnesses to the same Barnes Bland testified that after the death of the said J J Bland he found said paper writing in the pocket book of the said decd and that was locked up in his trunk and Thos Cox and Moses Ringold and Caleb Cannon testified that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of the decd and that in their opinion the said paper writing and every

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