iron safe in drawer thereof among the bonds, notes and money of said deceased and other valuable papers & effects of deceased. W. K. Delaney an attesting witness was duly sworn and testified to the execution of said paper. Whereupon it is declared by the Court that said paper writing is the last will and testament of Willie Brown decd. and it is ordered to be recorded and filed. The said W. M. B. Brown the executor therein named is allowed to qualify

G. A. Dancy Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Smith deceased

In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Smith of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina. Being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existance do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say, first that my executor Ivan N. Witherington shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relation and friends and pay 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.

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my now only living child Susan Elisabeth Witherington all of my property that is contained in my house except one bed and furniture which exception is to my grand daughter Susan Elisabeth Harris. Also to her the said grand daughter one Cow & Calf.

Item 3d. Also to my daughter Susan Elisabeth Witherington all of my sheep and hogs and also one mule named Bob and all of my poultry Chickens & Turkeys.

Item 4th. All the balance of my estate to be sold by my executor Ivan N. Witherington and equally divided between my three legal hirs. All of which I declare to be my last will & testament wherunto I set my hand & seal. Signed in the presents of

Elizabeth her mark Smith (Seal)

the following witnesses
Barbary Nelson
D. F. Smith
C. J. Smith

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Ivan N. Witherington comes into Court and offers for probate this paper writing as the last will and testament of Elizabeth Smith decd. and the same is admitted to probate upon the testimony of Elizabeth Nelson, D. F. Smith and C. J. Smith the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn testified each of them that they attested said paper writing in the presence of said testatrix at her request and at the time of signing she was of sound disposing mind and memory. Thereupon the Court declares said paper writing to be the last will and testament of said Elizabeth Smith and orders that it be recorded and filed. And the said Ivan N. Witherington the Executor therein named is duly qualified as such in open Court

G. A. Dancy Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Sherrod Tyson

I, Sherrod Tison 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.

First, I give my Notes and money to my beloved wife and Childre to be divided equal among them all to share and share alike

Item. I loan all the ballance of my property to my beloved wife N. P. Tison during her natural life or widowhood to stay in common stock until my oldest child becomes of age then the oldes to draw out her share and as they become of age each one to draw their shares as they become of age. my wife N. P. Tison to share equal with my children in my personal property. If my wife N. P. Tison should marry again I want my personal property equally divided between my wife and all my children to share and share alike.

Item) if my wife should marry again I loan to her during her natural life the land on which I now live on the north side of the road leading from N. Sheppard to R. L. Tison containing about two hundred acres in lieu of dower.

Item) The balance of my land I want equal divided amongst all my children and the land I have loaned to my wife provided she should marry after her death I give to my children to be divided equal to share and share alike

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife N. P. Tison 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 and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

November 19th 1864

Sherrod Tison

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This paper writing was offered for probate by N. P. Tison the Executrix named therein as the last will and testament of Sherrod Tison decd. and was admitted to probate upon the testimony of Henry Sheppard, Mathew L. Carr and Robert E. Turnage three credible witnesses all known to the Court who being duly sworn testify each of them that they are acquainted with the hand writing of said testator and that they verily believe said paper writing and every part thereof and the signature thereto is in the hand writing of said Sherrod Tison and that said paper writing was found among his valuable papers and effects to wit, among his promissary Notes, bonds and other valuable papers. Whereupon it is declared that said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Sherrod Tison decd. and that it be recorded and filed. The said N. P. Tison is allowed to qualify and letters testamentary are directed to be issued to her

G. A. Dancy Clerk