In the name of God. Amen! I William M. Briggle 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, declare and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows (that is to say)

Item 1st I wish my executor hereinafter named to collect the debts due my estate and pay all of my just debts and provide interment for my body suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations and pay the expenses of the same out of the first money that may come into his hand belonging to my estate

Item 2nd I lend to Charles Rogers his heirs executors Admrs. and assigns the sum of two thousand dollars to be held by him in trust for the following purposes (viz) The said Charles Rogers his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall collect and receive the said sum of two thousand dollars from my executor hereinafter named and shall hold and keep the same at interest for the use and benefit of my brother Warren A. Briggle and shall pay the interest arising thereon to the said Warren A. Briggle annually during his natural life and upon the death of said Warren A. Briggle the said sum of two thousand dollars is to be paid to his children if he leaves any and if he does not leave any child at his death I give the said sum of two thousand dollars to my brothers and sisters herein after named all sharing alike in the same (viz) Martha A. Brown Elizabeth H. Carman Frances A. Rogers Jonathan R. Briggle Melinda A. Murphrey and Sarah A. Howard and their heirs absolutely forever.

Item the 3rd I give and bequeath all the remainder of my estate both real and personal unto my brothers Jonathan R. Briggle and sisters Martha A. Brown, Elizabeth H. Carman, Frances A. Rogers, Melinda A. Murphrey and Sarah A. Howard each sharing alike in the same, to them and their heirs absolutely forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Charles Rogers my executor to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same in witness whereof I the said William M. Briggle do hereunto set my hand and seal this 20 day of August A.D. 1861

William M. Briggle (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William M. Briggle 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.

Edwd. Carman
Jesse Hart

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William M. Briggle dec'd was produced in open court and the due execution thereof according to law by the said dec'd, was proved by the oaths of Edwd Carman and Jesse Hart the two subscribing witnesses to the same and it was ordered by the court that said paper writing be recorded and filed as the last will and testament of the said Wm M. Briggle dec'd And thereupon Charles Rogers the person named as executor in said will came into Court and renounced his right to qualify to the same in mason it was then ordered that Edward Carman Esq. be appointed Administrator with the will annexed to said estate upon his giving bond in the sum of $10,000 with Charles Rogers

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Chas. R. Howard and Jesse Hart as his sureties which bond was given and accepted by the court, and the Admr. duly qualified according to law

T. A. Dancy Clerk

I Sydney Daniel 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 pay all just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 1st I give and devise to my sister F. E. Daniel one negro woman Hanna and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item 2nd I give and devise to my Brother D. P. Daniel one negro Boy King Solomon to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my Brother Benjamin Daniel all the balance of my property both real personal and mixed to do as he thinks most proper with

Item 4th Should property so decrease in value as to make a part or part of my Bonds valueless and cause any portion of my property to be sold for my debts due my creditors my will is that any property all be kept together until my debts are worked out and paid from the proceeds of my farm.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Benjamin Daniel my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intents and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Sydney Daniel do hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of May A.D. 1861

Sydney Daniel (Seal)

North Carolina County Court
Pitt County November Term 1861

There was the foregoing paper writing produced in open Court when Church Perkins & Lewis G. Little and Jos. J. Dancy being duly sworn testified that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of the late Sidney Daniel that they believe the said paper writing and every part thereof is in the own proper hand writing of the said Sidney Daniel and the said Perkins and Little further testified that after the death of the said Sidney Daniel they saw the said paper writing taken from the iron safe of said dec'd from among his notes and other valuable papers

It was thereupon considered by the Court that said paper writing had been duly proved to be the last will and testament of said dec'd At the same time Benj Daniel the person named as executor in said will came into Court and duly qualified as such It was then ordered that said will and this certificate be recorded and filed

T. A. Dancy Clerk

I Richard B Davis 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 ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following

That is to say 1st that my executor shall provide for my body a decent burial. Item that all my property land and negroes to be sold and all my just debts paid And R B Davis to have one half of the balance that is left, and the other to be divided between sister Amanda Allen and her children and John Walston Nephew of mine

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother R B Davis my lawful Executor to execute and perform 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 undoing utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof I the said R B Davis do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1st day of September 1861

Signed sealed published and declared by the said R B Davis to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names

Richard B Davis Seal

Geo W Davis
Thos Davis
Wm Davis

State of North Carolina
Pitt County } November Term 1861

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard B Davis dec'd produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Thomas Davis & Wm Davis the two subscribing witnesses to be the last will and testament of the said R B Davis dec'd. At the same time Benjamin F Davis the person named as executor in said will came into Court and duly qualified as such when the Court order that said will and this certificate be recorded and filed

G H Dancy Clerk

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

I Mary C Cannon of the County & State aforesaid do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows

Item 1st I give to my relative Sarah Chase hitt my Gold watch.

Item 2nd I give in trust to Dr Elias J Blount my negro Girl Della for the sole use and benefit of my half brother Walter S Hamrahan as herein after provided

Item 3rd I give the residue of my negroes about Eleven in number also my tract of land adjoining the lands of Jacob McCotter James Brock & others containing about 44½ acres together with the increase of said negroes from this time to Dr Elias J Blount in trust for the sole

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use and benefit of my half brother James A Hamrahan

Item 4th It is my desire that whenever the said Walter and James shall be free from their liabilities that my friend Dr Elias J Blount shall convey the above bequeaths to them or either of them as they severally may become free from their said liabilities and that if it becomes necessary to dispose of any of the above negroes I request that the same may be done by the said Blount provided the same be required by the said James or Walter in writing of the said Blount

Item 5th It is my will that if either the said Walter or James should wish that the one or either of them may sell the above bequeaths to whom sever they please and that the said Blount convey the same to their heirs according to their wishes and interests as above.

Lastly I appoint my worthy friend Doctor Elias J Blount my sole executor to this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
Effa Shole
Jacob McCotter

1858 Mary C Cannon Seal

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } Nov Term 1861

When was the within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary C Cannon dec'd produced in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Effa Shole & Jacob McCotter the two subscribing witnesses to the same it was then ordered that said will and this certificate be recorded & filed At the same time Elias J Blount the person named as executor in said will came into open Court and duly qualified as such according to law

G H Dancy Clk

The last will and testament of Elizabeth Cherry

In the name of God amen! I Elizabeth Cherry of the County of Pitt State of North Carolina being in good health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs whilst I have strength and capacity to make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former will or wills by me at any time heretofore made Word first I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried according to my estate under the direction of my executor hereinafter named and as to such worldly estate with which it has pleased God to intrust me I dispose of the same as follows

Item first I give and bequeath to my son William T. Cherry Negro man Sam aged about thirty four years, to him his heirs and assigns.

Item second I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha J. Cherry one hundred dollars ($100)

Item third I give and bequeath all my household and kitchen furniture to my sons Wilman R Cherry and William T Cherry and my daughter Martha J. Cherry

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