State of North Carolina Pitt Co
13th April 1864

Know all men by these presents that I D.O. Spain being in sound mind do make this my last will and testament my I will that after my death that I shall have decent burial and after the expenses thereof are paid: all my just debts must also be settled. The remainder is to be shared equally among my Brothers Stanly S Spain and Sidney H Spain and my sister Mary A Brown with this provision. that Mary A Brown's share shall be in the hands of a Guardian that will give it to her as she needs it. If not needing shall be given to her children to have and hold forever.
Signed and acknowledged in presence of

D. O. Spain

Witness
N J Foreman
D. A. May. M.D.

County of Pitt }
August Term 1865. }
A paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of D O Spain dec'd was exhibited in open Court by Stanly Spain a brother of the said D.O. Spain for probate and the due execution thereof by the said D.O. Spain is proved by the oath & examination of N J Foreman and D A Mayo the two 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 the said D O Spain and the same is ordered to be recorded & filed

G A Dancy Clerk

The last will and testament of Macon W. Tucker:

In the name of God Amen. I Macon W Tucker of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and being desirous to arrange my affairs do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows

Item 1st I give and bequeath to the children of my sister Rebecca Moore and George son of my deceased brother John jointly together my tract of land, all my interest in my Fathers Estate and all my notes and accounts after payment of all just debts each and all of them to be equally interested in the said property share and share alike: and it is my wish if one of the said Children should die that the others should share the whole. And I hereby appoint my brother Benjamin F Tucker Guardian for all the said Children mentioned in this item to hold, manage and disburse the said property or its proceeds in such way as may by him deemed best for their interest and welfare.

Item 2. I nominate and appoint my said brother B F Tucker my sole executor to carry out the provisions of this my last will and Testament in its full intent and meaning. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and Testament written upon one half sheet of blue cap paper and upon one side of the same this day of May AD One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five

Signed, sealed published & declared to be the last will & Testament of Macon W. Tucker who at his request and in his presence & in the presence of each other, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Macon W Tucker (Seal)

William H Tucker
Wm A Edwards

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions }
August Term 1865. } A paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Macon W Tucker dec'd is exhibited for probate in open Court by B F Tucker the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Macon W Tucker is proved by the oath and examination of W H Tucker one of the subscribing witnesses to the same - It is also proved by the oath & examination of the said W.H. Tucker that Wm A Edwards the other of the subscribing witnesses is dead. It is further proved by the oath and examination of the said W H Tucker that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Wm A Edwards having often seen him write and that the name of the said Wm A Edwards subscribed to the said Will as witness thereto is in the hand writing of the said W H Tucker - It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and testament of the said Macon W Tucker. And the same is ordered to be recorded and filed

G. A. Dancy Clerk

I Theophilus Evans of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this to be my last will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First that my Exetor hereafter named shall provide for my body a desent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations & friends and pay all funeral expences together with my just debts, howsoever and to whom soever owing out of the money that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item first I give all of my estate both real and personal to my beloved wife Elisabeth Evans for the term of two years and then at the expiration of the said two years to be equally divided between her and such child or children as I may have living by her the said Elisabeth equally as the law would provide in case of no will but in the event I shold dey leving no lawful issue then in that event I give in fee simple all of my Estate now in hand or coming to me in any way whatsoever to my beloved wife Elisabeth Evans to her and to hold forever. and lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my wife Elisabeth Evans my lawful Exetor to all intents and purpose to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same & any a parte and Clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly voyd all other wills and testants by me heretofore made. In witness I the said Theophilus Evans do set my hand & seal in the presents of subscribing witness this the twenty forth (24) day of October (1864) one thousand eight hundred and sixty four

Test

Theophilus Evans (Seal)

Jas L Paul
Caleb Cannon

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Theophilus Evans dec'd was produced in open Court by his widow Elizabeth Evans and the same was proven in due form of law to be the last will and testament of the said Theophilus Evans and the same was ordered to be recorded & filed. At the same time Elizabeth Evans the Executrix therein named gave bond in the sum of $800 with Wm G Lanier & Wm Stocks as sureties and then duly qualified in open Court as Executrix to said will

G. A. Dancy Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I Nancy Cannon being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory do this day make, publish and declare this paper writing to be and to contain my last will and testament as as follows viz. That is to say. That after my death I wish my Executor hereafter named to provide a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends together with paying all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Secondly I will to my husbands niece Mary Tripp ten dollars to be payed to her by my Executor.

Third I will to my husbands sister Dentry Tripp my desk

Fourth I give to my Connexion Rober Wetherington one Cow and calf and my Buggy.

Fifth I give to Alley Cannon wife of Tomas Cannon my Room.

Sixth I give and bequeath all the balance of my property real and personal to my relation and friend John C. Cox consisting of my negroes namely Monah, Martha and Sally together with their future increase to John C. Cox and his heirs forever. Also horses Cattle hogs sheep and all other house and kitchen furniture. Also corn fodder peas and all manner of Farming utensils

Seventh and Lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my worthy Relation and friend John C. Cox to be my Executor to this my last will to carry out the intents of this my will as witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10 September 1852

Attest Nancy her + mark Cannon (Seal)

Benjo Hazelton

William A Dunning

North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } Nov Term 1868

This paper writing dated Sept 10th 1852 is offered for probate in open court by John C Cox the Ex therein named as the last will and testament of Nancy Cannon dec'd and is duly proved by the oath of William A Dunning the subscribing witness thereto, the other subscribing witness Benj F Hazelton being deceased. The said witness being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists testifies that the said testatrix executed & published said writing as her last will & testament in his presence and the presence of the said Hazelton and that he and the said Hazelton attested the said paper in the presence of testatrix and at her request, and at the time the Testatrix was of sound disposing mind & memory; and further that said Hazelton is now deceased. Thereupon it is ordered that this paper be recorded and filed as the last will of Nancy Cannon deceased.

G A Dancy Clerk

Greenville August 8th 1841

Know all men that I William J Blow do make and declare this to be my last will and testament. I wish my lands and Town lots sold; except the lot in which I live. And after the collection of my accounts and the settlement of the debts I owe; I wish the money used for my family's benefit. I leave my wife Guardian of our children, to manage them as best she can. And after the settlement of my estate to have control of all I leave. If she should marry again, the property to be equally divided between her and our Children. I want nothing that belongs to the dwelling sold unless it is my wife's wish. I leave my Brother in law Samuel Masters my Executor. Signed with my hand and seal the day and date above written

William J Blow (Seal)

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Dr William J. Blow deceased is exhibited in open Court for probate and it appearing that there are no subscribing witnesses to the same, it is thereupon proved by the oath and examination of Richard A. Bynum that the said will was found among the valuable papers of the said William J. Blow after his death; and it is further proved by the oath and examination of G. A. Dancy, George A. Dancy & Jno. B. Cherry three Credible and competent witnesses that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said William J. Blow having often seen him write, and they verily believe that the name of the said William J. Blow subscribed to the said will and the said will itself and every part thereof are in the handwriting of the said William J Blow. It is further proved by the oath of the three last named witnesses that the said handwriting is generally known to them. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said William J Blow, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time Dr Samuel Masters the Executor named in said will renounces his executorship, and thereupon on motion the Court orders that Henry Sheppard be appointed administrator with the will annexed of the said William J. Blow dec'd on his entering into bond in the sum of thirty thousand dollars with Richd A Bynum & G. A. Dancy as sureties bond filed. Admr qualified G. A. Dancy Clerk

Wilson County N.C. October 25th 1864

Dec'd Wm J. Blow dec'd

I hereby renounce the executorship to the Will of Saml Masters Senr.

I hereby relinquish my right of administration on the Estate of my dec'd husband Wm. J. Blow and request the Court to appoint Henry Sheppard in my stead Nov 12 1864 Dorcas S Blow

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

I will that after paying my just debts if any that the remainder of my property be equally devided between my Mother and Brothers and my Sister Mary M Brown. and my Sister to have her lifetime if she needs it and if not at her death to her Children to be managed by my Executors. D. D. Spain and S. G. Spain whom I make my Executors. This April 23rd AD 1862

Geo. H. Spain

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