Rye. Wheat. Bacon. Pork. Lard &c. and also all farming Utensils, Waggons. Carts, Gear and Leather, and the Remainder of Cotton on hand at my demise. Shall be Sold at public Sale by my Executors in a reasonable time after my demise in manner and form according to Law for Cash.—

Item 9th It is my will and desire that the residue of my moneyed funds, after the provisions of the second clause of this my last Will & testament Commencing "First" are carried out. Shall be distributed equally to my four Sons William. Lemuel. Arch D. and George A McGowen respectively, to have and to hold unto them their heirs & assigns.

Item 10th It is my will and desire that my Executors shall as speedily as Compatible and proper with the forms and processes of Law, proceed to Collect all debts and claims due me by Note. Account or any other form. and after a full settlement of all debts against my Estate, pay the residue or remainder that may be left to my four Sons equally Share for Share. William. Lemuel. Arch D. and George A. McGowans. to have and to hold unto them their heirs and assigns.

Lastly: I do hereby Constitute and appoint my Son William McGowen and my trusty friend William A. Bernard my lawful Executors 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.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal this the twentieth day of January A.D. 1868

Signed. Sealed. published and declared by the said Jno. J. Gowen 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

A. D. Cooper
Arden A Patton

John J. McGowen (Seal)
mark

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of John McGowen decd. is exhibited for probate in Court by Wm McGowan one of the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John McGowen is proved by the oath and examination of Nashville Boyce 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 and testament of the said John McGowan and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Wm McGowan one of the executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. Wm A. Bernard the other executor named by said John McGowan in his last will and testament, renounces his right to qualify as Co executor to same.— G. A. Dancy Clerk.

Last Will & Testament of Thomas M Wiggins Decd.

In the name of God. Amen. I Thomas M Wiggins of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina. being of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed unto man once to die do make and ordain the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, by me

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my Sister Mary E. Murphy one Dollar to her. her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 2. I give and bequeath unto my Sister Harriet W. Smith one Dollar to her. her heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Sister Susan C Rice one Dollar to her. her heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Frances Murphy one Bead Stid Bed and clothing thereto belonging that stands on the north side of the little room to her her heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my two Nephews Thomas G. Rice and Charles A Rice. for their mothers attention and care to me and my business. all my Notes. accounts and money on hand and one Bed. Bead Stid and clothing apiece that stands up stairs in the big room. and all my cloth and wearing clothes to them their heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my Neffew Thomas H. Edwards one Bedstid. Bead and clothing thereto belonging that stands up stairs in the little room on the south side and one new walnut folding leaf table. and the first set of stool chairs that I bought. and my new Looking glass and Beaver and Bofat and one Shot gun that used to belong to Father to him his heirs and assigns forever.—

Item 7th I leave all my lands except one acre square around the walnut tree where Uncle and Aunt were buried to be sold at publick sale to the highest bidder and all my Horses. Cows. hogs. Sheep. Goats. Mules. Carts. One Buggy and harness. Saddles and bridles. Farming utensils Blacksmith tools and Carpenters tools. House hold and kitchen furniture not before disposed of to be sold at publick sale to the highest bidder. All my Corn. fodder. wheat. peas and Grain of all kind and all my Servants and all property of all kinds and names not before disposed of Sold at publick sale and the money arising from the sale of the above named property collected and all my just debts paid and my Funeral expenses paid. then the ballance of the money equally devided in three Shares (viz) Mary E. Murphy Children one third of the money equally devided amongst them which will be one share) Susan C. Rice's Children one third of the money equally divided amongst them which will be the second share) and Harriet W. Smith's Son Thomas H. Edwards one third of all the money collected out of the above named property provided he. Thomas H Edwards lives to be twenty one years old and should he die under the age of twenty one years or without Children or a child begotten of his own body. then the above named money or third share shall go back to the Heirs of the first and second Shares and be equally divided between them and be theirs and their Heirs forever.

I hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend Myer Rice to be my executor to this my last will and testament. to execute this my last will according to the true intent and meaning of every part and clause thereof.

In witness whereof I the said Thomas M Wiggins have hereunto set my hand and seal this May the 6th day in the year of our Lord 1857.

Signed in presence of
John T. Freeman
Sarah her T Freeman
mark

Thomas M. Wiggins (Seal)

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } May Term 1868

There was a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas M Wiggins decd. produced in open Court by Meyer Rice the person named as executor therein and the same was proved in due form of law by the oath of Jno T. Freeman and Sarah Freeman the two subscribing witnesses to the same and the Court declared that said paper writing had been proved to be the last will and testament of the said Thomas M Wiggins decd. So made and executed as to pass both real and personal estate and the same was ordered to be recorded and filed. at the same time Meyer Rice Came into Court and duly qualified as executor to said Will. the Court declares the value of the estate to be $2000.

G. W. Dancy Clk.

The Last Will & Testament of Starling Averitt Decd

In the name of God. Amen. I Starling Averitt being of sound mind & memory do make and ordain my last will & testament in manner & form following, to wit:

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Blandford one feather bed and its furniture.

Item. I give devise & bequeath to my wife Penny all my property both real personal and mixed during the term of her natural life except what is herein otherwise disposed of.

Item. I give devise and bequeath to my Grand Son William H. Burnett sometimes called William H. Averitt after the death of my wife Penny all my property both real, personal & mixed, not otherwise disposed of.

Signed, delivered & published this 13th day of November 1855 in presence of us who at his request & in his presence have attested the same.

Starling his Averitt mark

Joseph L Ballard
James M Arthur

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

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Starling Averitt was produced in open Court for probate by Wm H. Burnett and duly proved by the oath of Joseph L Ballard a subscribing witness thereto; and thereupon it is declared by the Court to be the last will of the said Starling Averitt and ordered to be recorded and filed

G. W. Dancy Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Godfrey Stancill Decd.

I. Godfrey Stancill of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament: hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made

First. I direct that my body be decently intered and as to such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows:

2nd. I direct that all my debts and burial expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any monies that shall come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my son Allen Stancill one Negro man named Ebben which he has in possession to him and his heirs forever.

4th. I give and bequeath to my Son Henry Stancill the tract of land known as the Lewis tract adjoining the lands of Gaston & Hathaway and others and one Negro man named Jerry which he has in possession to him and his heirs forever.

5th. I give and bequeath to my son Jessey Stancill one Negro man named Willis, which he has in possession, to him and his heirs forever.

6th. I give and bequeath to my son Willie Stancill one Negro man named Elijah which he has in possession, and the sum of three hundred and Fifty Dollars Currant money to him and his heirs forever.

7th. I give and bequeath to my son Theopilus J. Stancill the tract of land whereon I now live, adjoining the lands of Richard Randolph, ~~Gaston & Hathaway~~ and others and one Negro man named Wilson, one horse and Cart, one bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

8th. I give and bequeath to James Godfrey Johnson the tract of land on Tar River and Conetoe Creek, adjoining the lands of Richard L. Rives, Jeptha Walston and others.

9th. I give and bequeath to Mary Elizabeth Stancill daughter of Nathan Stancill Four hundred Dollars Currant money to her and her heirs forever.

10th. The residue of my property not otherwise disposed of it is my will and desire that it should be equally divided between 10 Children namely, Louisa Laf. Henry Stancill, the heirs of Wm J. Stancill, Caswell Stancill, Jessey Stancill, Godfrey Stancill, Willie Stancill, Theopilus J. Stancill, Mary A Carney & Tresina Johnson or their legal representatives.

And I do hereby appoint, Henry Stancill & James Johnson Executors of this my last will and Testament, In witness whereof I Godfrey Stancill the testator, have to this my last will set my hand and seal this Sixteenth day of October in the year of our One thousand Eight and fifty, Signed & Sealed in presence of us

(Seal)

Jesse Stancill & others } Petn. to establish Will.
vs } May Term 1868
Willie J. Stancill }

In the above Case, it appearing to the Court that due publication has been made, and that all the parties are in Court by regular process, the cause was submitted to the following Jury of good and lawful men, to wit. Edward Chapman, Allen Warren, Augustus Forbes, Spain Weathington, John Elks, John Vinson, Paul Herrington, Samuel V. Tyson, Jerry Weathington, L. J. Bedford, B. F. Tucker & Zach. Allen, who being duly sworn and empannelled do say from the evidence submitted, that the paper writing marked "A" is in substance a true copy of the original will of the late Godfrey Stancill decd. that was duly proved and recorded in Pitt County in the year 1849.