It is now my will that if any of the above bequeathed negroes should die, or become unprofitable without going in possession of the heir or heirs, that they receive a reasonable valuation for said negro or negroes, or in lieu thereof a negro not named in this will as they choose, and if any of the above named heirs should die without issue, their legacies heretofore and hereafter named shall descend to all the surviving heirs, Clementina P. Watford excepted. It is also my will that the negroes not disposed of shall be hired out and after paying my debts and the above named legacies, the balance that is on hand be appropriated by the representative to the education of my children and support of the young negroes not disposed of. It is also my will that after the death of my wife Clary E. I give to my two youngest sons Elias J.B. and Thomas A. Nobles, all my land before loaned to their said mother, to be equally devided between them, and should either of them die under the age of twenty one years without issue it shall descend to the surviving brother, and after the death of my wife Clary E. I give to Elvirah A. Tyson, Simon J. Nobles, Almedah Chesnut, Willie F. Nobles, Alexander C. Nobles, Mary A. Nobles and Julia F. Nobles one hundred dollars each. I give to Clary E.B. Nobles one hundred & twenty five dollars & one small Mahogany table which several sums and legacies in in lieu of land given to Elias J.B. & Thomas A. Nobles, and if there should be a deficiency of funds each one share in proportion to their several legacies.

It is now my will and desire that an apportionment be ascertained amongst all my children, Clementina P. Watford excepted, and Christiana E. Davis equal share including the one hundred dollars given above to her brothers and sisters in lieu of land to be allotted to her in a negro, or negroes if it can be, which said property I lend to the said Christiana E. Davis during her life, then at her death I give said property to her surviving children to them and their heirs forever, and if it cannot be so appropriated, and has to be paid in money that my hereafter named Executors or their representatives place it in the hands of some discreet person for the benefit of her children, she receiving the interest thereof for her own benefit annually, then at her death it shall descend to her children equally, then an equal distribution be made among the other children namely, Elvirah, Simon, Almedah, James L.W. Willie F. Alexander, Mary, Julia, Clary E.B. Elias and Thomas. Lastly I nominate and appoint S.J. Nobles and Calvin Evans my sole Executors to this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other by me heretofore made, the day and year above written

Signed sealed and acknowledged, the words, or, will, they in the presence of } interlined before assigned

Willie Nobles (Seal)

Abner Evans

Blasco Evans

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

Pitt County } August T. 1861

Then was the foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Willie Nobles decd offered for probate, and the same duly proved by the oaths of Abner Evans and Blasco Evans the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn testified that they attested the said writing in the presence and at the request of the said testator, and that he subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared the same to be his last will and testament, and at the time of so doing was of sound and disposing mind and memory, whereupon it is adjudged that said paper is the last will of the said testator, and that as such it be recorded and filed in office.

and thereupon S.J. Nobles and Calvin Evans, the Executors took the oath of qualification as required by law, and it is ordered that letters testamentary issue to them

Last Will and Testament of Willie Brown deceased

In the name of God Amen,

July the 24th 1866

I, Willie Brown being of sound disposing mind do ordain & make this my last will & Testament, revoking all former wills I may have made.

Item first, after paying all just claims against my Estate, I give unto my sons William M.B. Brown and Wyatt M. Brown all the lower part of my land begining on the South Bank of Tar River where the cross fence joins to the bank of the River and Runing nearly a South course with the cross fence as it now runs to the Road leading to Greenville & Washington about sixty yards east of the mouth of the lane thence crossing the said Road continuing about a South course with the path as it now runs to the Tucker field Gate thence from where the Gate now is still about a South course through the field so as to pass through or the west edge of the Grave yard in the Tucker field to my back line it being also William Tuckers line thence running an Easterly course with mine & Tuckers line to the Smith Branch thence down the said Branch to some marked Gum thence thence runing a few degrees East of North through the old pine field to Hardees Run & down said Run to the River thence up the River to the begining containing Four hundred & fifteen acres be it the same more or less said Bounded Land I give to them jointly and they can divide the same to suit themselves but doing so Wm must be Remunerated for Buildings put on the land.

Item Second, I give to my Daughter Ann Thomas One hundred and Twenty acres of land where I now live embracing the improvement not deeded to Martha E Wilson, Runing parallel with her the said Martha E Wilsons line from the River to Hardees Run.

Item third, I give to my Daughter Susan M. Moore the Ballance of my land, it lying & being between the part given to Ann Thomas and William and Wyatt Containing One hundred & Twenty four acres more or less.

Item. the Ballance of my property consisting of whatever it may be either in Crop, Stock or money or any thing else I give to my sons William M.B. Brown Wyatt M. Brown, Ann Thomas & Martha E Wilson to share equally & alike in the same.

I leave my son William M.B. Brown my Executor to this my last will & Testament

Willie Brown

Test W.K. Delaney

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

Pitt County } February Term 1867

William M.B. Brown in open Court offers for probate this paper writing as the last will and testament of Willie Brown decd and it is admitted to probate upon the testimony of Henry W. Brown, M.G. Cherry and Jos P. Dancy three credible witnesses each of whom being duly sworn testify that they verily believe the said paper writing and every part thereof and the signature thereto to be in the hand writing of the said Willie Brown, Edward C. Yellowley a credible witness being duly sworn testified that he was present at the examination of the papers of said deceased and that said paper writing was deposited in an

iron safe in drawer thereof among the bonds, notes and money of said deceased and other valuable papers & effects of deceased. W. R. 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 how soever due 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 Elizabeth Witherington all of my property that is contained in my house except one bed and furniture which exception is to my grand daughter Susan Elizabeth Harris. Also to her the said grand daughter one Cow & Calf.

Item 3d. Also to my daughter Susan Elizabeth 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 heirs. All of which I declare to be my last will & testament wherunto I set my hand & seal. Signed in the presents of

Elizabeth her X mark Smith (Seal)

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

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } February Term 1867

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 Children 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. J. 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 share as they become of age. my wife N. J. Tison to share equal with my children in my personal property. If my wife N. J. 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 A. 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. J. 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

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Pitt County } February Term 1867

This paper writing was offered for probate by N. J. 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. J. Tison is allowed to qualify and letters testamentary are directed to be issued to her.

G. A. Dancy Clerk