

adjudged to be valid to pass the estate therein and ordered to be recorded
 A. Sheppard Clerk

And on motion Cindailla Noble is appointed Administratrix with the
 will annexed & she entered into bond in the Sum of \$2000, with
 Jas S Clark - Thomas Sheppard and Benjamin Eburn Sureties
 H. Sheppard Clerk

The Last Will & Testament of William Rofs Deceased

In the Name of God Amen: I William Rofs of the State of North Carolina and
 County of Pitt being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do
 this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Eight Hundred
 and Fifty Six make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following
 that is to say: First I bequeath to my well beloved Wife Rebecca Rofs during her natural
 life Two better Beds and their necessary furniture also all of my household and kitchen
 furniture also all of my meat and Land my corn and fodder Ten fat Hogs of her Shop
 Two Cows of her Choys Two Sows and Pigs Two Cows and Calves all of my snuff all of
 my farming utensils also One gun Boat, One Cart, all of my poultry also One Negro man
 by the name of Sam One Negro woman by the name Anaca during her life or widowhood
 Item I give unto my Son William A Rofs One Negro girl by the name of Mary and her
 increase after my death

Item I give unto my Son John L Rofs One Negro girl by the name of Tabitha and her increase
 after my death

Item I give unto my Son James R Rofs One Negro girl by the name Ginny and her increase after my death

Item I give unto my Son Samuel R Rofs One Negro girl by the name of Amy and her increase after death
 also One better Bed and its necessary furniture One Cow and calf Two Cows and Lamb
 Six Hacks of Seed also I leave in the hand of my Son Samuel R Rofs for the good maintenance
 and instruction of my daughter Sarah Rofs One better Bed and its necessary furniture
 one chest, One cow and calf, Two horses and Lambs also One Negro boy by the name of Willie
 his property that I have in the hands of my Son Samuel R Rofs is to be sold at her death and
 equally divided betwixt William A Rofs, John L Rofs, Jane Rofs, Samuel R Rofs,
 Hannah & Overton and Isabella Robuck

Item I give to my daughter Hannah & Overton One Negro girl by the name of Merinny and her
 increase after my death also a small strip of Land Beginning at a Poplar the said
 Hannah Overton's Corner running a State Line to the Kenn Line thence with said Line
 Line to the said Hannah & Overton's Line thence with the said Line to the Beginning Contain-
 ing Fifteen Acres more or less to have and to hold

Item I give unto my daughter Isabella Robuck One Negro girl Sally and her increase after my death

Also this property that I lend to my wife at her death is to be sold and of the money
 arising from that sale I give to my little grand daughter Lemmy as Levenny Rofs One
 hundred Dollars to be paid to her at the age of Twenty One year by my Executors if
 she is then living and if dead or at her death the money is to be divided equally betwixt
 William A Rofs John L Rofs and James R Rofs The residue of the money arising from
 that sale is to be equally divided betwixt William A Rofs, John L Rofs and James R
 Rofs the property left out of this Will is to be sold and After paying my just debts the
 residue to be equally divided betwixt William A Rofs John L Rofs James R Rofs Samuel
 Rofs Hannah & Overton and Isabella Robuck And I hereby make and ordain my
 William A Rofs and Samuel R Rofs Executors of this my Last Will and Testament
 witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Attest John Barnhill
 John T. Whitchard

William Rofs (Seal)

August Term 1859 Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Pitt County
 The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of William
 Rofs Deceased was exhibited in open Court and duly proved according to Law by the
 oath of John Barnhill & John T. Whitchard the two Subscribing witnesses to the same
 and ordered to be Recorded thereupon came forward William A Rofs one of the Executors
 therein named and was duly Qualified as such
 Attest A. Sheppard Clerk

The Last Will & Testament of Martha May

In the Name of God Amen: I Martha May of the State of North Carolina and County
 of Pitt being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do this eighteenth day of
 September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six make
 and declare this my Last Will and Testament in the manner following that is to say:

1st It is my will that all my just debts be paid

2nd I leave to my niece Susque Anne Beardsley wife of Lambert B Beardsley one
 Negro man by the name Nat and during her natural life at her death to belong
 to her children

3rd I leave to my niece Tabitha May wife of James T. May one Negro Girl by
 the name of Minny during her natural life at her death to belong to her children

4th I give and bequeath to Mary Ann Halsey daughter of John Halsey and
 second wife of one John Halsey and her husband

5th I give and bequeath to Susanna May my niece daughter of Benjamin May and
 Mary Ann his wife Five hundred Dollars to be appropriated to the use of educating
 I said Susanna May

6th I give and bequeath to my nephew William May son of Benjamin May and Mary
 Ann his wife one Negro boy by the name of Willie one by the name of Aaron and
 one chest

7th I give to my beloved sister Louisa May all of my Jewels and Table cloth

8th I give and bequeath to my beloved Brother Benjamin May one Negro man
 by the name of Sam One Suggy and Harrop

9th I give and bequeath to my sister Mary Ann May wife of Benjamin May
 Fifty Dollars in Cash and all of my clothes that is to say my wearing apparel
 of every description to be converted to the use of her children

10th I give & bequeath to my niece Martha May daughter of Benjamin May and
 Mary Ann his wife all the residue of my estate after taking out the debts and
 Legacies above mentioned that is to say One Mahogany Table all my Beds and
 furniture all of my money and notes all of my crockery ware in short all of my
 house hold property of every name and nature not otherwise disposed of all of my kitchen
 furniture consisting of Two Stoves one Pot one Spider my will and desire is that the
 Martha May have all the residue of my estate of every name and nature not otherwise
 disposed of

Lastly I hereby make and ordain my beloved Brother Benjamin May my Executors of this my
 last will & Testament at the same time making all other will by me made void and
 above written

Signed sealed published and delivered by the
 said Martha May the testator to be her last will
 and Testament in the presence of us who were
 present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Witness Gideon Ward
 Geo W Parker

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