

Jeremiah Walters

- In The Name of God Amen

I Jeremiah Walters of the State of North Carolina and County of Robeson being advanced in life and calling to mind the uncertainty of my earthly existence - I am Manifestly drawing to my - Walter send - do make and Ordain and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following To Wit
 My Soul I Remitt to God who give It me and my body to the earth to be Buried in a decent Christian like manner according to the discretion of heren after mentioned and the funeral expences as well as my just debts to be paid by my Executors out of any money that first comes to hand - I shandz belonging to my Estate -

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann Walters all my lands Situate - lying and being in said County of Robeson on both sides of old field Swamp including the Plantation whereon I now Reside and all of my Improved Land containing five Hundred and thirty six acres in all also I give and bequeath unto my loving wife all of my negroes Slaves together with their increase during of their natural life To Wit Bristol - Handy - Bauston and Negro woman Lear and her increase - Barbara and her increase and negro Girl Julia and her increase & negro boy Peter - negro Girl Fronny & increase also all my Household and Kitchen furniture together with all my Horses Cattle Hogs and sheep - and - Stock of all kind and all my Plantation Tools - and barnages of every sort waggons - carts and Ploughs. and also all the gear belonging to each also all of the provisions on hand - born Bacon &c at the Time of my death to be to the only use and benefit of my beloved wife during of her natural life and after her death to be to the proper use and benefit of son Jeremiah Walters his Heirs and assigns forever but if my son Walters Jeremiah dies before his Mothers death It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Ann Walters then have one half of my said Estate and dispose of the same according to her own will and pleasure - and the other half of my said Estate to be Equally Divided among all my - Children share and share alike and if any of my negroes becomes unruly and will not obey their Masters It is my will that she sell such disobedient negroes and make use of the proceeds of the Sale of said - Negroes that is the money arriving from such sale in any way that she think best -

Item It is my will and desire that my beloved Children that is to say my son Leonard Moke Walters Frastram Walters and my daughters Martha Ann Bethea - Jane McKee and Margaret Jane Weatherly - and my sons Loranza Sam Walters - and my three Grand Children that is to say Elizabeth - Augustus - and William Walters

They being the children of my son William ~~Walters~~ that all of said children by my first wife including of my grand children each have one dollar each of my estate I over and above what I have already given them and the said sum of one dollar to be paid to each of them by my Executors after the death of beloved wife Mary Ann Walters - and thereby constitute ordain and appoint my trusty friends Allen Walters and Alvin Lewis Executors of this my last Will and Testament - and I do hereby revoke all other wills or former wills by me ~~made~~ heretofore made and do publish this and this only to be and contain my last will and Testament - in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 9th day of March A.D. 1853 signed sealed published and declared by the Testator - Jeremiah Walters to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who were present at the time of signing the same

Jeremiah Walters (Seal)

Joseph Thompson

Edw Howell

Robeson County

August Term 1853 Court of Pleas
4th Quarter Sessions -

Then was this paper writing offered probate and the due execution thereof being proven by the oaths of Joseph Thompson and Shadrach Howell the attesting witness to the same it is declared by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and Testament of Jeremiah Walters deceased - ordered that letters Testamentary issue to Allen Walters and Alvin Lewis the Executors named therein. Executors sworn. letters Testamentary issued to Executors

Edw Howell Clk

Daniel Love

State of North Carolina
Robeson County.

In the name of God Amen the 23^d day of March 1833. I Daniel Love of the State and County aforesaid, being in a sound state of mind & memory but calling to mind the frailty of this life & that it is appointed us to all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and testament that is to say, I give and bequeath & dispose of it in the manner & proportion here following

First, I give and bequeath to my son John A Love two negro boys
Peter & William

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret J. Love and to him who her body two negro girls Nancy & Winy

Also I give & bequeath to my son August R Love two negro boys Will & Sam

Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza J Love my two negro girls
Nancy & William and my boy Peter

Also I give and bequeath to my son Thomas J Love my two negro
boys Jack & James

Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary C Love my two negro
girls Lillian & Margaret

Also It is my will that the remainder of my negroes Sarah
Lara Enock, & Cliff be so disposed of as to settle all my debts

Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza J Love a large pine
& Poplar bedstead, &c. furniture & a Mahogany side board

Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary C Love, a red painted
bedstead & its furniture

Also It is my will that the other remaining bedsteads & furniture
be equally divided between my sons, John A Love and
August R Love

Also It is my will that the remaining household furniture be
equally divided between my children John A, August R, Eliza
J, Thomas J & Mary C Love

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza J Love Scotch Com-
monlaw on the Bible

Also I give & bequeath to my son August R Love the Commonlaw called
The Cottage Bible

Also It is my will that all my other books be divided amongst
my children

Also I give & bequeath to my son John Alexander & August Robert all my
Horse, Mules, Waggon, Cart & Carriage and the harness, all my
blacksmith tools, Chaug, Saw, Chisel, Auger, & all my farming
implements, to be held in common, as long as they live together
and afterwards to be equally divided between them

Also I give and bequeath to my son Thomas J & daughter Mary Caroline
all my interest in their Grand Father Wm. McCochins Estate
to be equally divided between them

Also It is my will that my Stock of Horses & Cattle be equally divided
between John A Love, August Robert, & Eliza J Love

Also I give & bequeath to my son John Alexander & August Robert, the land
on which I reside to be divided between us, follows viz by a line begin-
ning at a Pine on the Cross lane near the South end of said land & run-
ning East so as to leave my dwelling house & kitchen on the North side
of said Lane &c. & the division lying on the North side of said line

I give & bequeath to my son John Alexander Love and the division
 Thompson the South side of said line I give and bequeath to my
 son, Angus Robert Love and the same lying on the east side
 of Torrey Swamp, it is my will that it be equally divided
 between them

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret J. Lindsey
 my tract of Land, commonly known as the Hagerbaugh
 (and to the heirs & assigns) the the said Margaret J. Lind-
 sey paying over to my son Angus Robert Love the sum
 of two hundred dollars

It is my will that my son John Alexander & Angus
 Robert Love have on the North west side of the Hagerbaugh
 tract of land the privilege of the woods for fencing, boat,
 and Shingles

It is my will that my children John Alex. Angus Robert,
 Eliza J. Thomas, & Mary P. Love as long as they live to
 enjoy have the use and enjoyment of the House in which
 I reside

I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret J. Love my set
 of Silver Tea Spoons

It is my will that my Executors provide for my child-
 ren a good English Education

I give and bequeath to my children John A. Angus
 R. & Eliza J. Love all the Cotton & share on hand
 to be equally divided

I do hereby ratify & confirm this & no other to be
 my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day
 and year above written

L. Love (Seal)

Test, Hector McNeill
 Thomas Graham &

P.S. I do hereby appoint my worthy friend
 Alexander Graham, & my son John A. Love the
 Executors of my last Will & Testament L. Love,
 Test Hector McNeill
 Thomas Graham

State of North Carolina County of Hatteras and Quarter Sessions
 Roberson County. Angus Robert Love 1854.

Given under the within paper writing signed for probate as the
 last Will & Testament of James Love dec'd; Whereupon it is
 duly proven in open court by the Oaths of Thomas Graham
 a Subscribing Witness, there to be the last Will & Testament
 of James Love dec'd, Whereupon it is ordered by
 the court, that the same be recorded in the Book of Wills,
 & Admorsments, and have record. Graham & John A. Love
 the Executors therein named duly qualified as such

Edw. Howell Clerk

5th Daniel M. Rae.

I, Daniel M. Rae of the County
of Robeson & State of North Carolina
being of sound mind & memory do hereby

testify the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make
my last will and testament First that my executors
shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the
wishes of relations of friends and pay all funeral expenses
together with my just debts out of the monies that may
first come into their hands, and shall expend of my estate
burials to my beloved wife Catharine thus provided are
I wish to be set out by notes and bonds on the death
under the last will of my late wife, so as to include my
dwelling house all out houses and other improvements I have
and shall acquire here or there remains my widow but no
longer and that my daughter Sarah Margaret Christian
(alive and dead) be provided to remain with her until
married and receive support from the produce of said land
as long as they remain unmarried And I bequeath
that upon the death of my wife Catharine the said lands
and I bequeathed her during the term of her existence
that my daughter Mary perceptor during until their
marriage but no longer but that the same shall be taken in
possession by my son Malcom Hugh. to have & to hold as
his own property to be disposed of as he please I also bequeath
to my son Malcom Hugh One hundred & fifty acres of land
lying between the above named land and the land owned
by my son Peter P. MacRae to remain the same in possession
at my death I bequeath my son Peter P. MacRae One hundred
and forty acres of land joining the said land of William
H. Murrell & John M. Rae the same to be equally divided
between them the said Peter P. MacRae & John M. Rae
I further bequeath that my son Peter P. MacRae pay my
daughter Mary & Margaret each fifty dollars when they
marry or the death of the said land which I be
queathed him I also bequeath that my son Peter pay my
daughter Sarah & Christian fifty dollars each when they
marry or the death of the said land which I be
queathed him I also bequeath that my son Malcom Hugh
pay my daughter Sarah & Peter fifty dollars each when
they marry or the death of the said land which I bequeathed him
I also bequeath that all my
furniture including table, chairs, stoves, carriage boxes
bed and kitchen furniture be kept on the plantation for
the use of my wife Catharine remain in the place
I also bequeath to my wife Catharine all the negroes now
belonging to me viz. Rebecca, Kate, Sandy, Debora, Jimmy, Venus,
Killer & Caroline to have and to hold until her death
and then that the said negroes and their increase together
with all the other property and its increase (that I have bequeathed
to my wife Catharine) be equally divided among between
my children viz. Peter, John, Malcom Hugh, Mary, Sarah, Margaret
Christian, Catharine & Flora and also my daughter Maria
my grand daughter

My Will and desire is that the debts owing to be collected
and if there should not be money sufficient to pay my just
debts that the Black horse and cow many cattle Hogs and
Sheep, be sold as will satisfy the same and the remainder of
all the stock to be kept on the place during the life of my
wife Catharine died lately I do hereby constitute and
appoint my trusty friends, Daniel McKee Catharine
McKee and John P. McKee my lawful executors to
all intents and purposes to execute their my last will
and testament, according to the true intent and mean-
ing of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby
revoking and declaring null and void all other wills and
testaments to me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I the said Daniel McKee
do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 13th day
of June A.D. 1847

Daniel McKee

Robert McNamee
Jacobson McKee
Volcan McKee

Signed sealed and published
& declared by the said Daniel

McKee to be his last will & testament in the
presence of us who at his request and in his pres-
ence subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

In the last will and testament of Daniel McKee
deceased was duly presented, returned & filed of the Court
of McNamee and Duane Sessions for the County of Bolivar, in the
State of North Carolina by the Clerk of Robert L. McNamee Esq.
and Jacobson McKee subscribers before them & he
testify that the said Daniel McKee deceased, testator & as
testament and disposing mind and memory of the time of execu-
tion thereof was well and that they subscribed the same as
witnesses, at his request and in his presence whereupon the
within will was admitted to probate, whereupon Catharine
McKee and John P. McKee Executors & Executor herei-
named and appointed appeared in open Court and qualified
as Executors and Executor by taking the usual oath and
oath by Law

John Howell Clerk

Alector Currie

Alector Currie of the County of Robeson
and State of North Carolina Being of a Sound ~~and~~ disposing mind
& memory, but of feeble Health and considering the uncertainty
of my earthly Existence do make and declare this my last
Will & Testament in the following manner form & manner
1st I commend my soul to God my Heavenly Keeping Father who
gave it.

2^{ndly} I order that my Executrix & Executor herein after named
shall provide for my Body a decent burial according to the
wishes of my Relations & Friends and pay all Funeral Expences
together with my just debts whatsoever they may be & to whom
owed owing - out of the monies that may first come into their
hands as part or parcel of my Estate.

3^{rdly} I ordain & direct that my plantation be sold at public
sale on a credit for one year for one half of the money &
for the other half a credit of two years this latter part to bear
interest from the date - and another place purchased for
my family by my Executrix & Executor on which my beloved
wife Sally & my dear children Donald Martin & Elorah may live
enjoying equal privileges but to be the entire property of my
son Donald Martin after the death of his mother with the
Exception that his sister my daughter Elorah shall have the
privilege to live on it & enjoy equal privileges with him
as long as she is single but if she marry then her privilege
& interest here cease.

4^{thly} I order that all my negroes remain together for the benefit
and support of my family: if they do well if not to be sold
or any one of them and others - purchased & put in their place
to be equally divided among my children and beloved wife
when my children become of age - or when my daughter
marries if she marry before she becomes of age - with this
Exception that my son Donald Martin shall have one more
negroe more than the others whose age shall be above ten
years & also should my wife marry again before the children
are of age then the negroes will be divided so that she will
obtain her part of them: then & her dower in the land & the
remaining ones to be my children's & used for them and divided
as above directed.

5^{thly} I order & direct my stock of all kinds to be sold my ~~farm~~
farming utensils buggy cart and all other things
which I possess to be also sold except my Household and
Kitchen furniture which shall be equally the property of my
wife & children and also the other articles which may
be purchased for their use shall be equally theirs
my Books shall be equally divided between my wife &
children my Watch shall be my son Donald Martin's
my Rifle shall also be his.

6th I wish & will that my son if he will receive
it obtain a good classical Education in a
academy and my daughter also a good
Education - such as is customary among females

It is my will that my Beloved & Children with the above exceptions and Implications share Equally in all I possess
 7. My Beloved I nominate & constitute my beloved wife Sally Currie & Brother-in-law James McQueen Executors & Executor to this my last will & Testament whereof I set my hand & seal this 28.th of June A.D. 1852

Signed Sealed Published, and
 declared to be his last will &
 Testament in presence of
 his witnesses
 George D. Brown
 Hector McLean

Hector Currie (Seal)

Codicil to my will

I desire that my part of it be changed which gives my Son Donald Martin one negro more than my beloved wife Sally and dear Daughter Florah so changed that their right & interest shall be equal in all my negroes It is my will that there shall be no other change in my last will & Testament which has already been executed & Intestimony whereof I set my hand & seal July 7. 1852

Hector McLean
 Duncan Gilchrist

Hector Currie (Seal)

Robeson County & Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1853
 The within paper writings with the script thereto attached are brought into Court and propounded for probate by Sarah Currie the Executrix and James McQueen the Executor there named and duly proved as the last will and Testament and Testament of Hector Currie deceased and the Codicil to the same by the oath of the Reverend Hector McLean who makes oath that he subscribed the same in the presence of the Testator and in presence of the other witness to the said will and to the Codicil respectively who subscribed the said will and Codicil in presence of the said Testator and of him the said Rev. Hector McLean and that the said Hector Currie was at the time of making the said will and Codicil of sound mind and memory and declared this writing to be and contain his last will and Testament and the Codicil thereto and requested the witnesses thereto to subscribe the same as such requested whereupon it is considered by the Court that the said will and Codicil are duly executed to pass both real and personal property and it is ordered that the same be Recorded whereupon the Executrix and Executor are duly qualified as such according to law in Open Court

John Horrell Clk

Noah Mercer

State of North Carolina }
Robeson County }

In the name of God Amen
I Noah Mercer Sr of the county of Robeson and
State of North Carolina Being of sound and perfect
mind and memory Blessed be God do this 20th day of
July in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight
Hundred and fifty one Make and publish This
My last will and Testament in a manner and form
that is to say

First I give and bequeath to my beloved son
Rowland Mercer one Hundred acres of Land where-
on I now live also one other Tract of Land contain-
ing One Hundred acres beginning at a poplar on
the side of poplar branch known as The Hil-
loun Land also one other Tract of Land con-
taining 75 acres beginning at two pines in
Rowland Merces live known as the Redford Land
also five cows and calves

Ind I give and bequeath to my beloved
grand son Noah Mercer (eldest) son of Meredith
Mercer one Hundred acres of Land beginning
at a pine now Rowland Merces corner lying
in and above brother bay also two Hundred
acres on both sides of the Sassafras branch
beginning at a pine about six chains end of
the branch known as the Willis Land also
also all the lands of the town of Samuel
Willis that now belongs to me also five
head of cattle namely three three year old
heifers & two one year old heifers

3rd Item I give to my daughter Susan Ham-
mons the sum of one dollar

4th Item I give to my daughter Ellice Carter
the sum of one dollar

5th I give to my son Meredith Mercer one
dollar

6th My will and desire is that all the residue
of my Estate (if any) after taking out the
debts and legacies above mentioned I will shall be
sold and the debts owing to me collected and
if there should be any surplus over and
above the payment of debts expenses and lega-
cies that such surplus be divided between
my son Rowland Mercer & my grand son Noah
Mercer (ie) to my son Rowland Mercer two
thirds of said surplus To my grand son Noah
Mercer son of Meredith Mercer one third of
said surplus And I hereby make and
ordain my beloved son ~~Rowland~~ ^{Rowland} Mercer and my
grand son Noah Mercer Executors to this my
last and Testament In witness where of

I the said Noah Mercer do here to this my Last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and the year above written

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Noah Mercer the Testator as his Last will and Testament in presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Noah Mercer and Seal

James A. Rogers

James Mercer

State of North Carolina } Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County } February Term 1855

Then was the Execution of the foregoing will duly proven in open Court by James A. Rogers and James Mercer subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Registered

Edw Howell Clk

Barbara Cade

In the name of God Amen

I Barbara Cade of the State of North Carolina and County of Robeson being of sound and perfect mind and memory do this the Seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty four Publish and declare this my last will and testament in form and manner following viz

1st I Give and bequeath unto Mary Evelina and Nancy Wilkinson Six Hundred Dollars to be equally divided between the three

2nd It is my will and desire that the balance of my estate be equally divided among all my lawful Heirs

And 3rd I hereby appoint my worthy friend Jacob Alford Executor to this my last will and Testament In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written Signed Sealed and published

in the Presence of

Wiley Alford

Barbara Cade Seal

John Purcell

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County } November Term 1854

Jacob Alford brings into Court the within paper writing and offers the same for probate as the last will and testament of Barbara Cade deceased And the same is proved by the oath of Wiley Alford one of the subscribing witnesses to the said will who swears that the Testatrix Barbara Cade executed the said writing in his presence and in the presence of John Purcell the other subscribing and declared the same to be her last will and testament in the presence of both the said subscribing witnesses who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other attested the same as subscribing witnesses and that the said Barbara Cade was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said will is duly proved and is sufficient to pass real and personal property It is ordered that this will be recorded the oath of an Executor is administered to Jacob Alford the Executor named in the said will and it is ordered that letters testamentary issue to him

Edw Howell Clk

613 Smith Duncan

State of North Carolina
Robeson County

In the name of God Amen I Duncan Smith
of the County (an State aforesaid being of perfect
(an sound mind (an memory do make this my
last will (an testament in form (an way follo-
wing viz I desire that my beloved wife Margaret
Smith (an my affectionate daughters Effy Mary
Margaret Catharine (an Nancy Smith have (an possess
in Common all my lands Houses household (an kitchen
furniture farming utensils together with my stock
of Horses cattle Shap (an hogs (an every thing of which
I shall die possessed during the natural life time
of my beloved wife the afore said Margaret Smith
(an after her death to be equally divided between my
daughters above mentioned viz Effy Mary Margaret
Catharine (an Nancy Smith, to whom I give (an bequeath
the same Reserving one half acre of land including
the grave yard for a burying ground Unto my son
John Smith I give (an bequeath one dollar in addition
to what he has already received To my daughter
Jane Lytle I give (an bequeath ten dollars in addition
to what she has received This I confirm (an no other
Signed (an sealed in the presence of
May the 27. 1843

M D Murphy
John Carle
Duncan McMill

Duncan his Smith Seal
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State of North Carolina Court of Pleas
Robeson County 7 (an Quarter Sessions
August Term 1853

Then was the foregoing last will (an
testament of Duncan Smith deceased proven in
open Court by the oath of Duncan McMill a
Subscribing witness thereto (an ordered to be recorded

Edw Howell clk

Wm Sean Pull

State of North Carolina

Robeson County

Sept 11th 1846

I Wm Sean of the State of North Carolina above said being in a perfect state of mind and memory do make this my last will (an Testament in the form and manner following to wit

After paying my lawful debts and defraying my funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my loving wife Nancy her dower on the plantation and also all my stock of cattle sheep (an dogs (an hogs (an hives also my old mare house hold (an kitchen furniture farming utensils (an carts also all my Negre Slaves also all my Crop of Corn Cotton peas (an potatoes during her widowhood then after that to be equally divided between all my heirs

I also will (an bequeath to my two Sons Archibald (an Daniel W. W Sean all my lands to be equally divided between them (an they the said Archibald (an Daniel W. W Sean paying to my son Nathaniel W Sean fifty dollars each

I also will and bequeath to my son Archibald W Sean my Barrel mare (an halt (an to my son Daniel W. W Sean my Young mare (an to my son Nathaniel W Sean my Horse

I also will (an bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann W Sean that she be maintained on the place during her single life

I constitute (an appoint my son Daniel W. W Sean (an my wife Nancy W Sean Executor (an Executrix to this my last will (an Testament signed seal and declared to be my last will (an testament the day (an date above written in presence of

Malcom McEachern
Ann W Seemie

Wm Sean
mark

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas (an Quarter
Robeson County } Session Aug Term 1843

On motion the last will (an Testament of Wm Sean and was admitted to Probate on the oath of Malcom McEachern one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

John Howell clk

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In the name of God Amen
I Willis Barnes of the State of North Carolina and
County of Robeson being in a low State of health but
in perfect memory and of sound and disposing mind but
calling the mind the mortality of my body and knowing that
it is appointed that all men must die do make this my last
will and Testament I first recommend my Soul to
Almighty God who gave it my body I resign to the Earth to be
Buried in a decent Burial at the discretion of my friends and as
touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God
to bless me within this life I gave and dispose of in the following manner
1st I gave and bequeath to my Son Oliver Barnes one
Negro boy by the name of Owen
2nd I have and bequeath to my Son Henry Barnes one
Negro boy by the name of Emory
3rd I have and bequeath to my Son Bethel Barnes one
Negro boy by the name of Wright
4th I have and bequeath to my Son Hincben Barnes
One Negro boy by the name of Charles
5th I have and bequeath to my Son James P Barnes
one dollar in addition to what has heretofore been
advanced to him
6th It is my will and desire that my negro boy Peter
be sold to the highest bidder at public Sale and that
my daughter Ansaline Prewatt receive Three hundred
Dollars of the money arising from said Sale
7th It is also my will and desire that my daughter
Nepsey C Prewatt receive Three Hundred Dollars
arising from the Sale of said Negro Boy Peter
8th I have and bequeath to my daughter Columbia
Barnes one Negro boy John after my wife's death
9th I have and bequeath to my wife Clarasa Barnes
all my Lands that I possess except one lot in the
Town of Lumberton also one Negro woman Clary
one boy John and all the money arising from the
Sale of my negro boy Peter except what has been
heretofore given also all my stock of all kinds
Provisions Plantation and farming tools of all kinds
house hold and Kitchen furniture of all kinds to be for
her use and benefit and to the use and support of
all my children left with her her natural life and
after her death all my Lands given to her and one
Negro woman Clary with all other property given
to her or left by her of any kind except a negro boy
John to be equally divided among my four sons viz
Oliver Henry Bethel and Hincben
10th It is my will and desire that all my Right and
Interest in a lot in the Town of Lumberton be sold
and all my just debts paid out of the money arising
from such Sale and if there be any portion over
paying my debts it to be to the use and benefit of my
wife and children left with her
And I do hereby declare this to be my last

Will and Testament Revoking disallowing and
disannulling all former wills and Testaments by me
made Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be
my last Will and Testament In Testimony where of I do
here unto set my hand and this twenty first day of May
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
fifty five In presence of

Bright Williams }
Arthur Hedgcock }

Willis Barnes (Seal)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County } August Term 1855

When was this paper writing offered for probate and
the due execution thereof being proven by the oath of
Bright Williams a subscribing witness to the same it is
admitted to probate as the last will and Testament of
Willis Barnes deceased. No Executor being appointed
Administration with the will annexed is granted
to Clarissa Barnes on her giving bond in the sum
of six thousand dollars with James P Barnes Jordan
Brenatt and Allen Watters as sureties Administration
sworn and qualified in open Court

Edw Howell Clerk

65 Love Angus

State of North Carolina Robeson County
In the name of God Amen

I Angus Love of the State and County above written being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please when it shall please my God to call me hence have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease and after maturity considering the circumstances and condition of all those among whom as my heirs at law or the objects of my gratitude or affection in my judgement my estate shall be distributed I do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making null and void all former last wills and Testaments and writings in the nature of last wills and Testaments by me heretofore made And my will is first that after my decease my body shall be decently buried without ostentation or unnecessary expense and that my funeral charges and just debts shall be paid by my executor hereinafter named and as to the residue of my estate and property with which God has blessed me and shall not be required for the payment of my debts funeral charges and the expenses incident about the execution of this my last will in the administration of my estate I give devise and dispose thereof as follows I give devise and bequeath all my estate both real and personal that I may be in possession of at the time of my decease to my beloved wife Flora Love to have and to hold with all the rents and profits arising therefrom for the term of her natural life After the death of my beloved wife Flora Love I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Grand Son Angus W. Arthur my boy William and all of my land with all the appurtenances thereunto appertaining to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever on condition that said Angus W. Arthur shall pay or cause to be paid to me during my lifetime or to my executor herein after named within six months after my decease the sum of three hundred dollars and should not the said Angus W. Arthur pay the said sum of money three hundred dollars according to the provisions above written then my executor to sell so much of the land as will make said sum of money and he is hereby authorized to convey in fee simple the same to the purchaser and said Angus W. Arthur and his heirs to have what is left I give devise and bequeath after the death of my wife Flora my negro boy Angus to my daughter Mary Patterson and her heirs who is now in Alabama After the death of my wife Flora Love I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Jane W. Arthur my negro boy Hector and to her heirs After the death of my wife I give bequeath and devise to Flora Blue and her heirs who is the daughter of John and Catharine Blue my negro girl Flora I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife absolutely my boy Sam to her and her heirs forever

It is my desire that the colored Girl Isabelle whom I have raised be permitted to stay upon this place during my wifes lifetime in case she happens well I give devise in bequest to my wife Flora my Girl Betty absolutely (an if she has any more Children these to be sold (an the money divided equally among the legacies mentioned in his will) but no sale until after the death of my wife Flora I nominate appoint (an constitute my friend James Davis the sole executor of this my last will (an Testament (an for the Administration of my estate he shall receive one hundred (an Fifty Dollars (an renounce his claim to any other Commission whatever This sum to be paid by the Testator during his lifetime or if the legacies do not pay within six months after the decease of said Testator that is in case the Testator himself shall not during his lifetime settle the same, then the said Executor is hereby authorized to sell enough property to satisfy the same that is said (an I hereby declare (an publish to be my last will (an Testament Signed (an Sealed in the presence of 3 in the year 1855 Apr 17th
Archibald W. Hill
James Davis

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter
Bahama County Session August Term 1855
An motion & paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Angus Lord was offered for probate by James Davis the executor therein named and the due execution thereof being proved by the oath of Archibald W. Hill (an Lauchlin W. Hill Subscribing witnesses thereto the same is admitted to probate (an ordered to be recorded and it is further ordered that the said executor therein named having now duly qualified receive letters testamentary from this Court
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Smith James

In the name of God. I James Smith of the State of North Carolina and County of Robeson being of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God. Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is for all men once to die do with this declare my last will and testament in manner as follows

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Esther the Planting house I now live in if so much of the land around the house as she may need for her own use and my Negro Woman Chloe to dispose of in any manner she may think proper

Second I give and bequeath to my son John Smith a Negro man named Charles and One hundred Dollars in Money

Third I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Watts a Negro woman named Rachel and her three children and nothing more

Fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Cara Rebecca a Negro Woman named Susan and her two children and nothing more

Fifth I give and bequeath to my son William Smith a Negro man named Simon

Sixth I give and bequeath to my son Alfred Smith a Negro man named George

Seventh I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellen Watts a Negro Woman named Estaline and her children

Eighth I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Smith a Negro Woman named Mary and her children and no more

Ninth I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna Howell a Negro Woman named Eliza and her increase

Tenth I give and bequeath to my daughter Fennia Watts a Negro Woman named Fanny and her two children and her increase and no more

Eleventh I give and bequeath to my son Stephen Smith a Negro Woman named Abby and her three children and her increase all and singular the lands that I am possessed of except what I have heretofore bequeathed to my wife

Twelfth It is my desire that my Negro Woman Rachel with my flock of Cattle Hogs and Sheep Horses hold and Kitchen furniture and farming utensils be sold after my death and the proceeds be equally divided between six of my children as follows John Smith William Smith Alfred Smith Ellen Watts Anna Howell and Stephen Smith

Thirteenth I constitute make and assign my three sons John Smith William Smith and Stephen Smith my sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament

And I do hereby revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments with legacies bequests and executors by me in anywise before named made and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ~~Twenty~~ second day of September in the year of our Lord

One thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Signed sealed published

pronounced and declared
by the said James Smith as his

James Smith (S)

last will and testament in the presence
of us who in his presence and in the presence
of each other have hereunto subscribed our
names

Benj. Freeman
John W Branch

A B the interlining of the word of in the 18th line on the second page
and the inserting the name of Howell in the 28th line of the same page was
done before the signing and sealing of this Will

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Robeson County at November Term 1855

That I remember this paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of James Smith was this day exhibited
for probate in open Court by John Smith William Smith and Stephen
Smith the executors therein named and the due execution of the same is
proved by the Oaths of Benjamin Freeman and John W Branch 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 J^r Smith and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed
And whereupon the said John Smith William Smith and Stephen
Smith Executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking
the Oath required by law

Jth Howell Clerk

State of North Carolina
Robeson County

November Term Court of Pleas and
Quarter Session then was the foregoing will duly proven in open
Court by Benjamin Freeman and John W Branch the subscribing
witnesses and Ordered to be Recorded

Jth Howell Clerk

Camp Culbreth

In the name of God Amen I Camp
Culbreth of the State of North Carolina in
Court of Robeson being of sound Mind Mind and Memory (I do hereby certify
that) on the tenth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand
Eight hundred and fifty five made and published this my last Will and
Testament in manner following to wit
1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Culbreth two
hundred acres of Land whereon I now live two Negro Slaves all the stock
of Cattle Hogs & Sheep all my household and Kitchen furniture all
my Carriage and gear and tools of every description except my
Blacksmith tools all my personal stock of Corn fodder and Rice now
on hand three Negro Women and their increase (to wit) Minnie Martha
and Vephie the above property I give to my wife Mary during her natural
life and after her death I wish my son Thomas to have Minnie and Martha
and their increase from this time. After the death of my wife I wish my
Daughter Mary Culbreth to have all the property of every description both
real and personal except that which I have given to my son Thomas Culbreth
to her and her bodily heirs forever
To my son Thomas Culbreth I give my Blacksmith tools and that gun
and two Negroes & my and Emily and their increase to him and his heirs forever

To my son, Nathan Calbreath I give Six hundred Acres of Land more or less Beginning on the Bear Swamp about two hundred and fifty paces below my House with the direction of Mr. Townsend's old ditch and runs up said ditch to a short fence in or near the foot of the first Branch cut by the Bogus field to William Townsend back line and after the first mentioned four hundred acres is laid out and allotted to my wife. May the balance will may be left of my lands I wish my son, Nathan Calbreath to have being being bequeathed by Charles Townsend and others after my death as ever as my son, Nathan Calbreath prepares a place for them I wish him to have two Negroes to live with and come to him and his heirs forever.

To my son James Calbreath I give two Negroes Carter and Jerry and the death of my wife I give him another boy by the name of Cain to him and his heirs forever.

To my daughter Mary Calbreath I give one Bay mare about four years old if she answers her purpose.

I hereby make and assign my friends John Moore and my Son Thomas Calbreath Executors to my last Will and Testament.

I hereby declare that I am of sound mind and memory and am not under any legal disability and I am of legal age and I am not married.

I give, make, publish and declare

by these words that I do hereby make

and I hereby make and declare

that I do hereby make

James I give

Calbreath

State of North Carolina, County of Guilford, Quarter 10, 1816

The foregoing paper writing is offered for probate as the last will and testament of Calbreath deceased and the due execution and publication of the same as in said will is bequeathed of Calbreath is proved by the Oaths of James Durrall and James Davis the subscribing Witnesses to the same is ordered by the Court that the said will be admitted.

And John Moore one of the executors named in the said will comes into Court and renounces his office of executor and therefore the said of said executor is administered to Thomas Calbreath the other executor. Whereupon it is ordered that letters testamentary issue to him.

W. H. Howell Clerk.

10th. I give and ~~bequeath~~ devise to my son James, McLean all my lands lying and being on the southern side of a line running as follows (to wit) Beginning at a ~~tree~~ about fifty yards south of a small Cypress Pond and also about one hundred yds East of another small Cypress Pond which state is the last corner of a tract

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of fifty acres, granted to Oliver M. Lean, November 26th 1798, one corner
with the West 22 chains and thirty seven links to a pine (now a cypress tree)
the beginning corner of said fifty acres tract which pine or cypress is also the begin-
ning corner of a tract of forty acres, granted to John M. Lean, December 19th
1798, thence with the first line of said tract of forty acres, South by West twelve
chains and thirty links to a pine in the first line of a tract of one hundred and
fifty acres granted to Abisha Vassett, March 11th 1788, thence South 68 1/2
parallel with the Southern and Northern lines of the said tract of one hundred and
fifty acres about thirty chains to the Eastern line of a tract of five hundred
acres granted to John M. Lean, November 1st 1794, to said Eastern line, and
then run into the aforesaid tract of one hundred and fifty acres, thence with
the said Eastern line South 20 West twelve chains and thirty five links to the South
Eastern corner of the aforesaid 200 hundred acres, thence with the Northern line
of the said tract of 200 acres North 70 West about some chains to a point in
said line, then South 70 West to the third corner of a grant to John Campbell
and then the same course and with Campbell's third line of his one hundred
acres running to Campbell's fourth corner, then the course to the nearest point of
Oliver M. Lean's, with the exception of a tract of land on Olives Neck Swamp
claimed by Daniel M. Lean and myself lying at and around the new bridge
on said Swamp during his Natural life, remainder to James M. Lean
M. Lean, son of said James M. Lean) and his heirs, but should said James
M. Lean die before at the age of twenty one years, then in that event to
said M. Lean and his heirs, another son of said James M. Lean con-
ditioned however in regard to this devise of land in this clause, that the wife
of the said James M. Lean should have the same said James M. Lean an
interest in said land equal to a dower interest during her widowhood.

11th I give and devise to my son Daniel M. Lean and his heirs all the
land I own lying North of the line mentioned in the above 10th clause the said
line I wish to be dividing line between my said sons Daniel M. and James
also my interest in a tract of land on Olives Neck Swamp lying at and
around the new bridge purchased by myself and my son Daniel M. Lean
William M. Lean and others; the wife of the said Daniel M. Lean should she survive
him to have a dower interest in said lands during her widowhood and
in the event of my son Daniel M. Lean dying before me then the said lands
devise in this clause to his sons John Decker & M. Wadsworth Alexander
M. Lean and their heirs subject to the above condition.

12th It is my wish and desire that my executor hereafter named shall set out of the
Money or value due me at my death, the crop on hand & stock of all kinds pay off or discharge
all my debts, pay my funeral expenses and meet from those sums all my pecuniary
corresponding with my estate; and the residue of said personal estate and in fact all my estate
whether real or personal, not otherwise disposed of to be being to my son Daniel M. Lean

13th It is my express wish and desire that should any controversy or difficulty arise in or
about the construction of this my said will in regard to any of the bequests or devises herein made
that the said difficulty or controversy in the case may be settled without any suit in
the courts of law or Equity but by an arbitration said arbitration to consist of five persons
said arbitrators to be appointed as follows, my sons or the survivors of them or survivors of
them to select two of them, my sons in law to select two others of them, and these four arbitrators
shall appoint a fifth who with these arbitrators shall constitute the arbitrators who after due
deliberation in person or by their attorneys if lawfully accepted shall at some & suitable time and place
proceed to decide on any and all points of controversy that shall arise up for their considera-
tion and the award and determination of said arbitrators given by a majority of voices or votes
on any point or points shall be taken in part of this will as fully as if the matter of
award or determination were contained in this will and lawfully executed by me as a
part of this my last will and testament.

I hereby appoint and constitute my son Daniel W. McLean Executor to this my last will and testament to execute and carry out the same according to the intents and purposes therein contained.

The testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this the twentieth day of November and year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Witness by us the undersigned as
therefor in the presence of the testator
and at his request

John W. McLean
Malcom W. McLean
John W. McLean

John W. McLean (Seal)

Whereas John W. McLean of the State of North Carolina and County of Wake, did make my last Will in writing bearing date November 20th 1854; and whereas being in the last of some of some of the negro slaves therein bequeathed and to others I have it as my wish to make certain alterations therein; I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said Will direct the same to be annexed thereto and taken as a part thereof.

1. I bequeath the legacy given in the 9th section of my said Will to my grand daughter Mary Anne McLean; and instead thereof I give and bequeath to her Peggy girl Martha the daughter of the woman Julia, born in addition to my share which she may receive of the legacy given to her father for distribution among his children.

2. I give and bequeath the girl Val sometimes called Sarah (mentioned in Dec. 7 of the body of my Will) to my son in law Alexander McLean in place of the woman Julia now dead to be disposed of at his discretion among his present children. The woman Cy embraced in the legacy to said McLean is the one which he obtained in exchange made with my consent for a girl put by me in possession of his late wife soon after marriage.

3. I revoke the bequest of the girl Lucia in Dec. 2 of my Will aforesaid to my daughter Sarah McLean; and I hereby give and bequeath the said girl Lucia to my executor in trust for the use of my daughter Mary McLean in place of those who have died out of the lot bequeathed for her being put in Dec. 3 of my Will aforesaid. This bequest to be subject to the same restrictions limitations and entailments with the bequest made for the benefit of my said daughter Mary and her children in the aforesaid Dec. 3 of my said Will.

And it is further my Will that none of the Negro Slaves bequeathed for the benefit of my said daughter Mary either in my Will or in this Codicil or any increase of such Slaves shall at any time be taken out of the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina unless the event shall first happen which shall make the legacy absolute in the children or descendants of said Mary McLean. 4. I revoke the bequest of the negro woman Judy and Peggy made in Dec. 7 of my Will aforesaid to my son Daniel W. McLean; and I hereby bequeath the said woman Judy to my son in law Alexander McLean instead of the man Joe now dead to be disposed of at his discretion among his children. I also bequeath to the said John W. McLean for the same purpose all the future increase of the woman Julia then embraced in the bequest to him in Dec. 6 of my Will aforesaid.

5. I give and bequeath to my son in law John W. McLean my slave Peggy in place of the girl now dead to be disposed of among his children at his discretion. In the bequest made to my said son in law John W. McLean in Dec. 5 of my Will aforesaid the name Witty occurs twice by mistake. The slave now

79.) intended to be bequeathed to him for his children in either the will aforesaid or this will or in part. . . . Upon the increase of the said Mary now dead part in possession of her late wife soon after marriage to the said Peter bequeathed in writing of my will to my son Daniel R. M. H. as the son of the donor in full possession of my said son Daniel.

7. It is my will that my son-in-law Edward M. Collins shall hold and dispose of it his children among an children by his present wife the slave woman put in a paper of his wife soon after marriage together with the slaves bequeathed to him for the same purposes in all as of my last aforesaid.

8 I bequeath to my dear & dear friend Mr. Lewis one wagon and two mules in addition to the bequest bequeathed to him in one of my wills aforesaid.

the Bishop ~~of~~ of all which I have said before. When I have to this school
at my seat and year, the fifteenth of January and the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred is? fifty six.

John. W. Lea. Pres.

Witnessed by ~~us~~ the undersigned

is the subject in the form of
the Statute and is the subject
Daniel Smith

William M. Mac

G. M. W. L.

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, August
Hoke County, E. Term 1886
The foregoing paper writing is offered for probate as the last will and
testament and Codicil of John. McLean deceased, and the execution of the
said will is proved by the oath of J. Watson, McLean who swears that the
said will was executed in his presence by the said John. McLean in his
presence and in the presence of J. McRae, McLean and two of the subscribing
Witnesses that said J. McLean is dead and that his attestation is in his
own proper hand writing and that the said John. McLean requested said
Witnesses to be the said J. McLean to attorn said will and that said witness
were present and disposing mind at the time and the execution of the
said Codicil is proved. The oath of Daniel Smith and McClellan Mc-
Rae the subscribing Witnesses thereto and the said paper writing is declared
to be the last will and Codicil of the said John. McLean suffi-
cient to pass real and personal property - and ordered to be recorded
and the oath of one Green is administered to Daniel McLean
the executor named in said will and it is ordered that to then testa-
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Cornelius Barfield

In the name of God. I, Cornelius Barfield of the State of North Carolina and County of Robeson calling to mind the uncertainty of my earthly existence and being advanced in life I am manifestly sinking near my latter end of being possessed of sound mind and memory blessed be God for his Mercies do make and publish this my last will and Testament in the following manner to wit

First my soul I commit to God who give it me and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after mentioned

Item Second It is my will and desire that all my just debts if any be paid by my Executors including my funeral expenses and all my money's belonging to my estate as soon as may be convenient

Item the 3^d I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mrs Barfield all my lands of which I am seized and possessed containing about 1000 acres, both the same more or less situate lying and being in the said County of Robeson in and on the North East side of a bridge dam including of my dwelling and other improvements whereon I now live with my wife and also that my sons Ebenezer and Leade Barfield shall each possess and enjoy all that portion of land on which they now reside including every necessary privilege belonging to the same to be hereafter more fully discriminated I also give unto bequeath unto my beloved wife Mrs all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep and Stock of every kind Birds and game, Kitchen furniture and plantation tools & provisions on hand during of her natural life time or widowhood to raise my youngest children on and my Grand Children that now live with me and also that my daughter Lucinda is at liberty to remain with her mother as long as she think proper and remains single and live and be supported as one of the family and after the death or marriage of my beloved wife Mrs it is my will and desire that my lands be divided between my two sons Ebenezer and Leade Barfield to wit that all my said lands be divided between them to begin at the head of Thick Branch and running a direct line to Samuel Johnsons line near to my land about thirty yards a North West of said Johnsons line corner adjoining of my line and the lower part of my land up to the beginning corner to head of Thick Branch as aforesaid including the dwelling house and out house and other improvements whereon my son Ebenezer Barfield now resides retaining him hundred acres more or less to be the only use and benefit of son Ebenezer Barfield his heirs and assigns forever but if it should so happen that my son Ebenezer should die without any lawful heirs of his body it is my will and desire that his wife Flora shall enjoy and possess said lands during of her natural lifetime or widowhood and then to return to my lawful heirs then living to be equally divided between them share and share alike and that my son Leade shall possess and enjoy all of that portion of land whereon he now resides with all privileges and advantages necessary to improve the same during of the natural lifetime or widowhood of my beloved wife Mrs and after the death or marriage of my beloved wife it is my will and desire that my said son Leade shall possess all & enjoy all said land including the land whereon I now live with its improvements it being the balance of my said land & also my working tools

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75.) change of my wife are to be to her use during of her lifetime or until she should be disposed of as follows - To my daughter Lucinda I give and bequeath my Negro boy by the name of Wampan to be to her daughter Elizabeth and such other lawful heirs of her body.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth, my next wife of body, my next wife and bequeath my Negro girl by the name of Dr. Cilla to be to her use to the heirs of her body.

Item 5th I give and bequeath into my daughter, Minerva a Negro girl by the name of Wajah to be to her proper use and benefit and to the lawful heirs of her body provided however that if either of my said daughters should die without issue that then and in that case that their share or shares shall be returned to my surviving heirs to be equally divided share and share alike in it in further my will that said Negroes shall not be so late to pay the debts of the husband of either of my said daughters.

Item 6th to my beloved daughter Melinda I give and bequeath four hundred dollars to be paid to her by my executors as soon as convenient after the death or marriage of my beloved wife.

Item 7th to my Granddaughter Miss Manerva I give and bequeath three hundred dollars to be paid to her or her Guardian after the death or marriage of my beloved wife and if the said, Miss Manerva should die without issue then and in that case her said share to be returned to my Estate & to be divided among my said heirs.

Item 8th to my Granddaughter whose name is not known to me it being the daughter of my daughter Rarichy now deceased and formerly the wife of John Phillips the sum of One Hundred dollars to be paid to her or to her Guardian as soon as convenient after the death or marriage of my beloved wife.

Item 9th The said amount devised by this my will as above mentioned is in addition to what I have heretofore advanced to each.

Item 10th It is further my will and desire that all my property that be in hand at the death or marriage of my beloved wife that is not devised by this my will to be sold agreeable to law or be otherwise decided agreeable to law between my four children Joseph, Lode, Lucinda & Manerva Barfield share and share alike.

I hereby do and do appoint my beloved wife Miss Executrix and my beloved sons Joseph & Lode Barfield Executors to this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke all wills and former wills and Testaments by me made and declaring this and this only to be and contain my last will and Testament.

In testimony of which I have signed my name and affixed my seal the 28th day of July 1853 in

presence of us who were present at the sealing and signing the same

Edith Howell
Bright Williams

Cornelius Barfield (dead)

State of North Carolina Court of Wills and Testaments
Robeson County 3 May Term 1855

The foregoing ~~proposed~~ paper writing is offered for probate as the last will and testament of Cornelius Barfield deceased and the execution thereof is proved in open Court by the Oaths of Whadrack Howell and Bright Williams the subscribing witnesses thereto and it is ordered to be recorded - Whereupon Alice Barfield the Executrix and Elziff Barfield and Lode Barfield the executors are duly qualified in open Court by

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Alexander MacLean

A. MacLean of the County of
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of a sound and disposing mind and memory do this the 23rd day of June Anno
Domini 1836 make the publish and declare this to be my last will and testament
in manner and form as follows viz I do hereby bequeath my beloved Cousin Margaret
Bethune wife of Doctor Angus Bethune of fine and bequeath my
Negro boy, Angus to her and her heirs forever

I do hereby bequeath my brother Hector, Angus & Allan I give and bequeath the
following Negroes to be owned by them jointly share and share alike, viz
Billy, William, Susan & her two children Lena & Andrew

My will and desire is that the remainder of my personal property of
every description including books and accounts be equally divided
between my three brothers above named except that I give unto my friend
Robert C Gray the following books my Williams on Executors and Admin-
istration & my copy of Webster's books - And my friend and relation, Will-
iam W. Lee give the following works viz my copy of Shakespeare
also my town reports - And to Robert C French Esq I give my copy
of Smith's Leading Cases

My will and desire is that Dr. Angus Bethune brother Hector W. Lee
brother Allan W. Lee & brother Angus & W. Lee pay all my debts in an
equal proportion

I do now nominate and appoint my brother Hector W. Lee and my
friend Robert C Gray Executors to this my last will and testament
Signed and sealed the day and date above written

In presence of
David Bethune
Gusman J. Gilchrist

Alexander W. Lee (Seal)

North Carolina County of Meigs and Quarter Sessions August
Robeson County 3rd Term 1836
Hector W. Lee and Robert C Gray bring into Court the foregoing
paper writing and propounded the same for probate as the last will
and testament of Alexander MacLean deceased and the due execution
of the same is proved by the oath of David Bethune one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto - and it is ordered by the Court that the said will be recorded
- And Hector W. Lee and Robert C Gray the executors appointed
in the said will are duly qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed
by law in open Court Whereupon it is ordered that letters testam-
entary issue to them

Wm Howell Clerk

77) Duncan Graham

I Duncan Graham of the County of Wake and State of North Carolina being of sound

and disposing mind and Memory do this 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty six make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in Writing as follows to wit

Item I give unto my beloved wife Betsey Graham I give and devise all my lands of which I may die seized and the highest share or situated to be her during the term of her natural life or widowhood and after her death the same to be disposed of as herein after directed

Item I give unto my beloved wife Betsey Graham I give and bequeath the entire crop of every kind and description which may be on hand at the time of my death also all my household and kitchen furniture except such as may be hereinafter bequeathed Also all my stock of Horses except one, some horse called Jim all my stock of Hens, Sheep, Cattle, farming utensils, Carts also my family Carriage to be entirely her own and at her disposal absolutely

Item I give unto my beloved wife Betsey Graham I give and bequeath unto my beloved son William Graham I give and bequeath my two Negroes Sam and John to be owned in common by them during the life of my said wife Betsey and at her death I give to said Sam and John together with any increase the said share may have to my said son William Graham and his heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved son Archibald Graham I give and bequeath my two Negroes Nance and Comfort together with any increase the said Comfort may have to him and his heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved son Robert Graham I give and bequeath my two Negroes Daniel and Caesar to him and his heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved son Hugh Graham I give and bequeath my Negro boy Will in addition to certain Negroes I have already given him by deed of Gift I also give him my parcel Horse named Jim and one saddle also one gun together with one pair of Cart wheels to him and his heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved daughter Isabel Graham I give and bequeath my two Negroes Julia Ann and Rachel together with their future increase to her and her heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved daughter Mary Graham I give and bequeath my two Negroes girls Calah and Jane together with all their future increase to her and her heirs forever

Item I give unto my Executor herein after named as Trustee to hold for the use benefit and behoof of my beloved daughter Vally who has intermarried with Daniel C. Graham my two Negro Girls named Sarah and Kate my will and desire is that my said Vally during her life may have the use and benefit of said Negroes and that after her death the said Sarah and Kate and the increase of each of them be divided equally share and share alike among the children of my said daughter Vally that she may have surviving her

Item I give and bequeath unto my son in law Daniel W. Graham five dollars

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Isabel one side saddle one bed and furniture and one wheel

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mary one bed and its furniture and one wheel

Item I give unto my beloved children Duncan James, Thos. Ann & Margaret Elizabeth a lath Graham I give and bequeath the following Negroes viz Betty and her three children Scott Judy and John to be held in common during their minority my will and desire is that said Negroes and their increase be under the control and management of my wife Betsey Graham until my daughter Elizabeth arrives at the age of twenty one year & the division to take place between said children viz Duncan James Thos. Ann & Margaret Elizabeth until the said Margaret

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share and share alike
Then I give and devise unto my beloved son Hugh Graham after the death
of my wife Betsey Graham One hundred and fifty acres of my land devised to her
for life to be laid off at the upper part of my land that portion of it that adjoins
Thomas McMillen's land to my said son Hugh Graham and his heirs forever
Then I give and devise unto my beloved son William Graham after the death
of my wife Betsey Graham all the balance of my land & houses situate except
the One hundred and fifty acres already devised to my son Hugh Graham
My will and desire is that my beloved wife Betsey Graham shall own and
possess all my land during her life or widowhood and that after her death One
hundred and fifty acres belong to Hugh Graham & his heirs to be located at the
upper part of my land and that all the balance of my land shall be owned by and
be the property of my beloved son William Graham and his heirs forever
Then my will and desire is that the plantation on which I now reside
shall be the homestead of my children until they marry if they see proper to
remain especially for my daughter in case my wife Betsey Graham
marries again she shall possess all right title and interest in and to all my
property both real and personal and the same shall then be equally divided
among all my children then surviving
Then my will and desire is and I do direct that my Negro boy Jim be sold
by my Executor hereinafter named and from the proceeds of the said sale that
my Executor shall pay off all my just debts that I may owe at my death
and also the expense of settling my estate as directed in this my last will
and testament and if there should be any surplus remaining in his hands that
he shall divide the same equally among and between my beloved wife Betsey
Graham and my two daughters Isabel Graham and Mary Graham. Share
and share alike
Then it is my will and desire & I hereby enjoin it upon my Executor to
procure for my grave a neat set of Tomb or grave stones & have engraved thereon
in such inscription as he may think proper appropriate
Then I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved son Puncan James Graham
all and every thing else of which I may be seized and possessed both of real and
personal property not already devised or bequeathed in this my last will and
testament to him and his heirs forever
Then I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend Wm. Smith
my Executor to this my last will and testament hereby revoking all my former
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Signed sealed published and declared by the testator Puncan Graham to be
his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request are subscrib-
ing Witness for the day and date above written
Witnesses Names
Hugh M. Morgan
Merrett Hurley
Puncan Graham
mark

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County } August Term 1856
The foregoing and annexed paper purporting to be the last will
and testament of Puncan Graham deceased is exhibited for probate in open
Court by Wm. Smith the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof
by the said Puncan Graham is proved by the oath and examination of Hugh
M. Morgan and Merrett Hurley both of the subscribing Witnesses thereto.

79) 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 Duncan
Graham and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And therefore the
the said John Votel executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by
taking the Oath required by Law

John M. Queen

State of North Carolina

Robeson County

In the name of God Amen.

I, John M. Queen of the State and County above written being of the sound
mind and memory of making some disposition of the small estate
and portion of cash, goods, with which the Lord has entrusted me; do
hereby make public and declare this my last will and Testament in man-
ner following to wit: First it is my will and desire and I do hereby give and bequeath
to my daughter Charity, four old Colts to herself and the heirs of her body the
following Negroes; Patsy a Girl now nearly three years of age or upwards, her child Peter
about two years old White Sam about four months old; together with all
her future increase. Also a Negro woman Cassa about forty years old and her
son John now about seven years old; together with all her future increase should
there be any. And it is my desire and Will that my Executor hereinafter
named exchange the youngest child of the woman Cassa named Archy for a
Girl of about equal age whenever convenient and that said Girl when she
arrives at the age of ten years be delivered over to the three children of my
daughter Maria M. Queen Charity, Sibabella, Mary & Maria Norrietta
now an infant to be owned by them share and alike to them and their heirs
forever.

I further will and desire that the above Negroes, devised to my daughter
Charity, & her aforesaid should be her only exclusive property in her
own proper person and the lawful heirs of her body; and should she die without
any such lawful heirs; that the said Negroes be equally divided between
her brother and sister and their lawful heirs.

I also give and bequeath to my son Eliza M. Queen, Margaret M. Queen
Nancy M. Queen Mary, Ann, Margaret M. Queen & Ann M. Queen my
grand daughters One share each out of my stock. Also lastly I give and
bequeath to my daughter Charity, Ann aforesaid all the residue of my
estate consisting of stock furniture property of every description Except the
Colts in Money to each of my children not already mentioned in this will
Also lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son John M. Queen Executor
of this my last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 23rd day of December 1850

Witness my hand and seal in presence
of Arch^d M. Queen
John M. Queen

Nancy M. Queen (seal)
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State of North Carolina

Court of Pleas and Quarter

Robeson County

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Now was the within paper writing presented to be the last will and
testament of Nancy M. Queen deceased exhibited for probate in open
Court; And the due execution thereof by the said Nancy M. Queen is proved
by the Oath and examination of James M. Queen one of the Sub-
scribing Witnesses thereto. It is therefore Considered by the Court that

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Wm Howell Clerk

Dugald M. Millan

I Dugald M. Millan of the County of
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 a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and
 pay all funeral expenses together with just debts hereafter due to whom
 I have owing out of the Money that may first come into his hands as
 a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my Niece Sarah
 Eliza Webb and to her bodily heirs my Negro boy Slave named Stephen and
 where one of she have no bodily heirs the said property shall go to brother
 Archibald M. Millans heirs

I give and devise to my Niece Rebecca Jane Cobb my Negro girl Slave
 named Elmina and to her bodily heirs and if she have no heirs the said
 Negro shall go back to her lawful heirs

I give and devise to my Niece Isabella Francis Cobb my Negro girl
 Slave named Caroline and if she will have no bodily heirs the said Negro
 shall return back to legal heirs

I give and devise to my sister Sarah Cobb my Negro boy Slave named
 Adam to have and to hold forever

I give and devise to my sister Isabella Cobb the plantation on which
 she now lives to have and to hold to her heirs forever

I give and devise to my Brother Archibald M. Millan five Dollars

I give and devise to my Brother John M. Millan five Dollars to be paid
 out of the Money he owes me

I give and devise to my Brother in law Parmer M. Lanchlin five dollars
 to be paid out of the two hundred dollars he owes me on the settlement of late

I will my Executor settle the business that is not settled between me and
 my Cousin Dugald M. Millan in Caspach County State of Mississippi the
 best way he can

I will that my Executor make sale of my Negro man Slave named
 Fern and Nancy and her youngest child and all my stock of Cattle and hogs
 and all other property that belong to me

I will that my sister Sarah Cobb have all the balance of money on
 hand after all my just debts are paid and all my business is settled
 And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Alexander
 M. Cobb 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

On thereof I the said Dugald M. Millan do hereunto set my hand
 and seal this 23. day of August A.D. 1836

Witness related published and declared by the said Dugald M. Millan
 before his last will and Testament in presence of us who at his request
 and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

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The said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Randy McMillan and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed

Wm H. Howell Clerk

Rogald McMillan

I Rogald McMillan of the County of Robeson 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

I give and devise unto my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereafter and to whomsoever owing out of the Money that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate

I give and devise to my Wife Sarah Eliza Cobb and her bodily heirs my Negro boy Slave named Stephen and if she have no bodily heirs the said property shall go to brother Archibald McMillan's heirs

I give and devise to my Wife Rebecca Jane Cobb my Negro girl Slave named Elmina and to her bodily heirs and if she have no heirs the said Negro shall go back to her lawful heirs

I give and devise to my Wife Isabella Francis Cobb my Negro girl Slave named Caroline and if she will have no bodily heirs the said Negro shall return back to legal heirs

I give and devise to my sister Sarah Cobb my Negro boy Slave named Abram to have and to hold forever

I give and devise to my sister Isabella Cobb the plantation on which she now lives to have and to hold to her own use in fee simple forever

I give and devise to my Brother Archibald McMillan five Collars

I give and devise to my Brother John McMillan five Collars to be paid out of the Money he owes me

I give and devise to my Brother in law Paricle McLauchlin five dollars to be paid out of the two hundred dollars he owes me in the settlement of Est

I will my Executor settle the business that is not settled between me and my Cousin Rogald McMillan in Caspach County State of Mississippi the best way he can

I will that my Executor make sale of my Negro man Slave named Tom and Nancy and her youngest child and all my stock of Cattle and hogs and all other property that belong to me

I will that my sister Sarah Cobb have all the balance of money on hand after all my just debts are paid and all my business is settled

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Alexander McCall 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

In witness whereof I the said Rogald McMillan do hereunto set my hand and seal this 23. day of August A.D. 1856

Witness stated published and declared by the said Rogald McMillan who his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

I will that my Executor James for Head at one hundred dollars

and at Oxford for fifty Dollars, and also for myself

John G. W. Shan

Charles H. Moore

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Pugahol. M. M. Miller (read)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. August
Robeson County } Term 1836

The foregoing paper being is offered for probate and duly proved as the last will and testament of Pugahol. M. M. Miller deceased by the oath of John G. W. Shan and Charles H. Moore the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And Alexander M. Cobb the executor appointed in the said will is duly qualified in open Court by taking the oath prescribed by law. Whereupon it is ordered that letters testamentary issue therein.

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James. Moore

In the name of God, Amen

I James. Moore of the County of Robeson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind do this the thirteenth day of October Eighteen hundred and fifty six. Make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz.

First I give and bequeath to my son Robert S. Moore the tract of land on which I now reside containing about four hundred and thirty five acres (with this condition viz that my wife Charity Moore shall have and keep for her own use and benefit one hundred and fifty acres including the houses and improvements of said tract or parcel of land) Also one Negro boy named Ray Also all of my farming implements

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Caroline Gaddy two Negro One woman named Venus and a girl named Peter

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Charity Moore during her natural life One hundred and fifty acres of land including the houses and improvements where I now reside also a Negro woman named Bett also two cows and calves and one Bed and furniture

Item it is my will that the following property be equally divided between my son Robert S. Moore and my daughter Sarah Caroline Gaddy at my death viz a Negro man named Stephens a boy named Peter one named Mars One named Wesley and a girl named Maria and also (at the death of my wife Charity Moore) the woman Bett to be divided between them

Item I give to Alexander Townsend One dollar in Money

I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Joseph Thompson and my son Robert S. Moore Executors to this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the day and year first above written

Witness

J. S. Rowland

J. T. Thompson

James. Moore (read)

Codicil made Oct. thirteenth 1836

The two cows and calves and bed and furniture I give to my wife Charity Moore to do as she please with.

All other property of mine not named in the above will I wish to be equally divided between my son Robert S. Moore and my daughter Sarah Caroline Gaddy at my death

James Moore (son)

Witness
J. H. Rowland
J. V. Thompson

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions,
Robeson County, At November Term 1886

Then the paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James Moore deceased is exhibited for probate in open Court by Joseph Thompson and Robert S. Moore the Executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said James Moore is proved by the oaths and examinations of John S. Thompson and John S. Rowland 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 James Moore and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Joseph Thompson and Robert S. Moore Executors aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law.

Wm. Marshall C. C.
13y 13 Freeman A.C.

Harriet Jane Johnson

In the name of God Amen
I Harriet Jane Johnson of the County of Robeson and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory blessed be God for it do this the 17th day of July in the year of Lord 1886 make public and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

I give my soul to God who gave it to be disposed of at his pleasure my body to the Earth from whence it was formed to be buried in a Christian like manner the expenses to be paid out of my Estate by my after named Executor and as to my worldly affairs to be disposed of in the following manner

Item 1st it is my will and I ordain it to be done that my Executor will fill deced. of consequence to my brother and sister viz to Henry L. Johnson Washington Scott Johnson and Gilbert G. M. Thuman and wife Sophia for that portion of same which I was bound by faithful promise to do in our division of land and also take from them a deed for all that portion which fell to me in said division

Item 2nd it is my will that after my dissolution my Brother William Rowland inherit all of my land which descended to me through our division

Item 3rd it is my will that all the Monies which are now due me after my lawful debts are paid be divided equally among my brother and sister except William Rowland to who I bequeathed my landed Estate it is my desire that he have no more than my land.

Item 4th it is my will that my sister Sophia G. M. Thuman have all of my wearing apparel and bed and bedding after my dissolution

Item 5th it is my will that my Brother Washington S. Johnson have the only milk Cow which I now own the remaining part of stock to be equally divided among all of my Brother and sister

Item 6th I nominate and appoint my uncle Alex. M. Currie Executor to this my last will and Testament which I publish and declare to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all will heretofore by me made

Signed Sealed and published in the presence of Henry L. Johnson

83) Washington W Johnson and Gilbert G W Therson who at my request were present at the sealing of the same

G. G. W. Therson
H. L. Johnson
W. L. Johnson

Harriet Jane Johnson (deceased)

State of North Carolina, Court of Wills and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County, 20 November Term 1856.

Harriet A. Currie brings the within paper writing into Court and offers the same for probate as the last will and testament of Harriet Jane Johnson, and the same is proved in open Court by the Oath of Gilbert G. W. Therson, Henry L. Johnson and Washington W. Johnson the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon the said paper writing and every part thereof are declared by the Court to be and contain the last will and testament of Harriet Jane Johnson and ordered to be recorded. And Harriet A. Currie is qualified as Executor. And it is ordered by the Court that letters testamentary issue to him.

W. H. Howell Clerk
By W. Freeman D.C.

Moses Meares

I, Moses Meares of the County of Robeson 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 Executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and pay and settle all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the Money that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item - I give to my beloved wife Lucy the Plantation whereon I now live together with lands on the south side of Pole Swamp to have and to hold to her the said Lucy Meares for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate. I further give to her the said Lucy Meares all my tools of every description except a flock of horses, Cattle, Sheep, Dogs, provisions and poultry during the term of her natural life with the distinct understanding that each living child of ours on arriving at the age of twenty one year shall have a dower to him or her two Cows and Calves, one Bed and furniture. I further give her the said Lucy Meares all my household and Kitchen furniture during her natural life.

Item - I give and devise to my eldest son, Hiram Goodmans Meares one dollar to be paid by my executors within two years from the time of my death out of any Money belonging to my estate (which sums together with the advancements and bequests made will make him a fair and equitable portion of all my real and personal estate).

Item - I give and devise to my second son Daniel Burgess Meares the Saunders land two tracts adjoining whereon he now lives to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee Simple forever.

Item - I give and devise to my third son John Calvin Meares a parcel of

land adjoining William Thomas fifteen acre to the sum of \$100 up the Swamp to line of my home side of said 150 his heirs in fee Cows and Calves. Item - I give of land lying S. E. of Meares I have and to have give and bequeath also one horse. Item - I give a Freeman Plantation secured to John and his heirs two Cows and Calves. Item - I give Meares and Hiram excepting her to Simple forever One bed and furniture. Item - My now at the time and sold to the slave pack the sale of every expenses of my Item - I give Saima, Colony in a Negro slave daughter over and two and slave for my personal use. Item - I give twenty one years Lucy is hereby C. G. Colony. H. and Francis for respective persons of twenty one. Item - I give Cows and Calves. And Lastly, Hiram G. Meares to all intents and to the time into hereby making hereby made.

land adjoining the Freeman land Beginning at Wright Pitman's corner and) 84.
William Pitman's line and runs with the Freeman line so as to include a
fifteen acre tract bought of Richard C. Rhedey to and past the corner
to the run of Poplar Branch then down said Branch to my old line then
up the Swamp to the mouth of a small branch then up the branch to an old
line of one hundred acre tract then with that line to the corner on the east
side of said Branch thence to the beginning to have and to hold to him and
his heirs in fee simple forever, I further give and bequeath to him two
Cows and calves one bed and furniture

Item I give and devise to my fourth son Wright Hays, three tracts
of land lying on both sides Long Branch and adjoining the lands of
J. G. Hays, containing one hundred and forty three acres, more or less
I have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever. I furthermore
give and bequeath to him two Cows and calves one bed and furniture
also one horse worth seventy five dollars or that amount in Money

Item I give and devise to my fifth son Henry Simlar, Hays, the
Freeman plantation and lands excepting that portion on Poplar Branch
devised to John Calvin in a foregoing Item to have and to hold to him
and his heirs in fee simple forever. Also give and bequeath to him
two Cows and calves and one bed and furniture

Item I give and devise to my sixth and seventh sons, Hays, Hays
Hays and Francis Jesse Hays, all the lands devised to my wife Lucy
excepting her life estate to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee
simple forever. Also give and bequeath to each of them two Cows, and calves
one bed and furniture

Item My will and desire is that my executors shall have my timber
now at the river and my ~~timber~~ now in course of construction finished
and sold to the best possible advantage at private sale. Also desire that my
Slave Jack shall be sold in due form of law and the Monies arising from
the sale of every particular mentioned in this Item be used in defraying the
expenses of my executors and debts

Item I give and bequeath to my several daughters Lucy Ann, Elizabeth
Anna, Polony, Maria, Mary Eliza, Lucinda James each an equal interest
in a Negro slave named Jo, aged ten years; also if there should be any
surplus over and above the payment of my debts arising from the sale of timber
and Slave Jack that such surplus shall be equally divided among
my several daughters above named

Item And whereas all my children beginning at the third are under
twenty one years of age, Now therefore my will and desire is that my wife
Lucy is hereby constituted and appointed guardian of Lucy Ann, Elizabeth
G. Polony, M. Maria E. Lucinda J. John C. Wright, H. Henry L. Hays
and Francis J. to have and to hold the custody and guardianship both of their
respective persons and estate, until they shall respectively arrive at the full age
of twenty one years

Item I give and bequeath to each of my daughters above named two
Cows and calves and one bed and furniture

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son
John C. Hays and trusty friend Edmund M. Hays 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
hereby making and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me
heretofore made

85) In witness whereof I the said Moses Meares do hereunto set my
hand and seal this tenth day of Jan. 1835
Signed sealed published and declared
by the said Moses Meares to be his last
will and testament in presence of
J. L. Phillips
Wellington Whitart

Moses Meares (Seal)

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County 3 February Term 1835
On Motion the annexed paper purporting to be the last
will and testament of the said Moses Meares (deceased) is exhibited for probate
in open Court by the said J. L. Phillips and Wellington Whitart the two
Executors therein named and the due execution of said paper purporting
to be said Moses Meares is proved by the oath of Jordan L. Phillips and
Wellington Whitart the two Subscribing Witnesses thereto. It is therefore
considered by the Court that the said paper purporting and every part
of is the last will and testament of the said Moses Meares and the same
is ordered to be Recorded and filed and therefore the said J. L.
Phillips and J. L. Phillips Executors as aforesaid duly
qualified as such by taking the oath required by Law

Wm. Howell Clerk

James Will

State of North Carolina In the name
Robeson County 3 of a June
I James Will of the State and County aforesaid
being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this
second day of November In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and fifty four make and publish this my last will and testament
in manner following that is to say my Abode in Dwelling
and all my land that I now possess (Except one fourth of an acre
including the grave-yard) I give and bequeath to my son Griffin Will
After my death and the death of my beloved wife Chasla Will. My
heirs Margaret Mabel Ann Robt. Dinah Mary Harriet Garrison and
Jonny they with their increase at my death after giving timely Notice
to my two sons William J. Will and Michael B. Will who are in
the West so that they or their agent or attorney may appear. Be
equally divided between my five children William J. Will Michael
B. Will Nancy Stephens Griffin Will and Parnassus. My Intyre with
this exception that if my beloved wife Chasla Will should sur-
vive me shall take out a fourth part of the three shares of as follows
one fourth Griffin Will one fourth Nancy Stephens and one fourth
Parnassus. My Intyre to have during her lifetime to reside on the place
above mentioned then they to return to their respective owners that
the share of Parnassus. My Intyre shall belong her during her lifetime
and at her death to be equally divided among the children of her body
which she shall or may have by Angold C. W. Intyre. But should
she die leaving no child or children of his W. Intyre then her share to be
divided as follows one half of her share to her husband Angold C.
W. Intyre and the other half to her four children now living the children

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Quarter Sessions

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Three hundred dollar and Michael B Hill one hundred and fifty
dollar over and above their proportionate part or share of the division
of my property the rest of my perishable property for my beloved wife
Theresa Hill during her natural life and at her death to be equally
divided between my five above named children and my beloved
wife Theresa Hill shall have the disposal of One hundred and fifty
dollar also that there be enough of money from my property
appropriated to fence in the graveyard above mentioned with good
and substantial material

I also give and bequeath to John S Rowland One bed and all the
furniture thereto belonging

And I hereby make my two sons William J Hill and Griffin
Hill Executors of this my last will and testament in which
whereof the said James Hill bore to this my last will, and to a
word set my hand seal the day and year above written

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written

Declared by the said James Hill

in his last will and testament in the

presence of us who were present at the

time of the signing and sealing thereof

C. Stator
Nancy Stator

James Hill (Sally)

State of North Carolina, County of Hatteras and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County 3 February Term 1885

A paper writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of James Hill deceased is exhibited for probate
in open Court by Griffin Hill one of the Executors therein named
and at the same time William Hill in open Court renounces his
right as co-executor under the said will - And the due execution
of the same by the said James Hill is proved by the oath and examina-
tion of Charles Stator 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 James Hill
and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed - And therefore the
said Griffin Hill Executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such
by taking the oath required by law

Wm Howell CLK

In the name
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87) Mary Will

State of North Carolina In the name
of God

This my last will and Testament

First. I will and bequeath unto my grand son Jacob Will my best Bear head that I own and heading and my best I will bequeath unto my step daughter. Rebecca Will one head bear head and heading.

I will also bequeath unto my son John Witt three Notes, to wit One Note on Wynn & Vance and John Edmonds for the sum of one hundred Dollars, dated 1st. April 1854 One Note on Sabar Williamson and Elias Williamson for Twenty five Dollars, dated the 15th. April 1854 also one Note on the same for Twenty five Dollars, dated 15th. April 1854. I also will all my household property to my son John Witt I wish my wearing cloths divided between Malinda, Eliza and Susan Witt equally. I also will also bequeath unto my son in law John Calahan the sum of One Dollar also to my son in law John Boyd the sum of One Dollar also the sum of One Dollar to my son Malajal Witt Joseph Walter Rufus Parker, Matthew Godwin, Allen Witt and Stephen Witt my sons in law.

I appoint as my Executor to this my last will & Testament
my dear friend John

1 Witness, sealed and dated January 23^d, 1856

In presence of
John W Smith
Reuben Smith

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 Messrs. H. W. Hall (Seal)
 J. W. Hall

State of North Carolina - Court of Pleas and Quarter
Robeson County - Sessions February Term 1886

Then was this paper writing
admitted to probate upon proof of the due execution thereof
by the oath of John W. Smith and Wm. Smith the subscribing
Witnesses to the same. It is declared by the Court that said paper
cont. every part thereof is the last will and testament. Mary Hill
declared that nothing testamentary be granted to John Hill the
Executor named.

John Hall takes the Bath and is qualified

W. L. Howell & Co.

Mary McWilliam Senr

State of North Carolina
Robeson County

In the name of God Amen

I Mary McWilliam Senr of the County of Robeson and State of N.C. being afflicted and sensible of the uncertainty of human life and desirous of making such a disposition of my goods and effects as it has pleased Almighty God to bless me with and after my decease do make certain and establish this to be my last will and Testament

It is my will and desire and I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto my Brother Alexander McWilliam one Mole of one hundred dollars and Daniel McWilliam one Mole bequeathed to my niece Catherine Jane McWilliam my Friends to Ruthy Ann McWilliam and all the rest of my Money and property to be equally divided among my Brothers Elbert McWilliam's Children

Witness in the presence of two witnesses this the eighteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

We the undersigned witnesses this the last will and Testament of Mary McWilliam attested the same in her presence and in the presence of each other

James C. Morris
Alexander C. McGeachy

State of North Carolina County of Robeson and Quarter Session
Robeson County February Term 1856

Then was the Execution of the within Will & Testament of Mary McWilliam (dec'd) duly proven in open Court by the Oaths of Alexander C. McGeachy a subscribing witness thereto and Ordered to be recorded

Wm. Maule Clerk

Williams Branch

In the name of God Amen

I Williams Branch of the County of Robeson State of North Carolina Considering the uncertainty of mortal life and being of sound mind and Memory blessed be God Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Branch the sum of one dollar

- 2^d I give & bequeath my daughter Susan McBranch the sum of one dollar
- 3^d I give and bequeath unto my son Minnal Branch the sum of one dollar
- 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Branch One dollar
- 5th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Spencer Branch the sum of one dollar
- 6th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Emily Branch the sum of one dollar
- 7th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Abeline Branch the sum of one dollar
- 8th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Harinda Branch the sum of one dollar
- 9th I give & bequeath unto my son John De Claffen Branch the sum of one dollar
- 10th I give & bequeath to my son McBranch the sum of one dollar
- 11th I give & bequeath unto my son Allen Branch the sum of one dollar
- 12th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Maranza Branch the sum of one dollar

9) 13th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Branch the sum of One dollar
 14th I give and bequeath unto my son John W Branch one Saddle, one Saddle
 & saddle together with all my stock of cattle, hogs & sheep also my house
 & kitchen furniture farming utensils &c. also one set of Black Smith tools.
 Which sums & several legacies of money I will and order shall be paid to the
 respective Legatee within six Months after my decease, And lastly I do
 give the remainder of my personal property I give & bequeath to my beloved
 son John W Branch Whom I hereby appoint sole Executor of this my
 last will and testament and hereby revoking all former Wills by me made
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 21st day
 of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three
 William Branch I published & declared
 by the above named William Branch
 His last will & testament in presence
 of us the undersigned Subscribed our names
 as witnesses in the presence of the testator
 George Warwick
 Thomas H. Coker

William Branch (Seal)

In and for the County of } County of St. Louis Missouri
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 the 1st Term 1853
 The Hon. Execution of this paper being proven by the
 Oaths of Eli Weidant and Richard H. H. one of the Jurors sitting to the same
 it is ordered by the Court that it be admitted to probate as the last will & testa-
 ment of William Branch deceased and that letters testamentary be granted
 to John W Branch named Executor therein

August M. Sean

In the name of God Amen I August M Sean
 being of sound disposing mind and believing that my
 days are short may not be long and wishing to dispose of my worldly effects
 as follows are declare this to be my last will and testament
 Item 1st It is my will and desire that that all my property of every descrip-
 tion remain upon the plantation on which I now reside subject to the Control
 and management of my wife Mary Sean & her son Robert M Sean
 during the natural life of my wife Mary Sean & her son Robert M Sean
 such changes in my personal property as Providence may dictate and such such
 advances as may be made from the proceeds of the place to such of my children as
 at such time as they in their judgment may think right and proper
 Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my daughter remain upon the place
 and enjoy the benefits thereof during their single life and my sons until they have
 arrived at the age of twenty one year
 Item 3rd It is my will and desire that in case my wife Mary Sean & her son
 Robert M Sean my youngest child should have arrived at the age of
 twenty one year my son Robert M Sean should continue the same man-
 agement & Control of the plantation as is heretofore given him jointly with his
 Mother until my youngest child shall have arrived at the age of twenty one year
 Item 4th It is my will and desire that after the death of my wife & her son
 Robert M Sean the Maternity of my youngest child as in case she should not survive
 when my youngest child shall have arrived at the age of twenty one year that all

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W. L. Howell, C. R.

First I give and bequeath unto my son John D. Thompson Twenty four
Acres, Namely, One by Henry Matzamer One by Vicksburg, One by Harry Jeff. One by
Charles Miller, One by Nat. Vandy, One by Hannah, One by also one other by the name
of Vandy, One by Pick, also one by the name of Perry, One and one
other named Cinah and also all my lands and Houses of every descrip-
tion together with all my stock of Horses, Cattle and hogs and all my tools
hold and furniture of every name and sort whatever together with all my
clothing tools and farming utensils of every kind. And I also give and
bequeath unto my great grandson John L. Thompson two acres by the name of
Henry and Judah and also some hundred and fifty acres of land lying on the
Stage road four miles south of Vicksburg known at this time as the Church
Cannon place, and to my Grand son William Pickney Fifty two acres

91) One named Harriet and one named Keith, One to my daughter
John Williamson Five dollars and also to the heirs of my daughter Eliza
Amesley One dollar each, and to my daughter Mary Johnson Five dollars
and to the lawful heirs of my daughter Emily. More I give and bequeath unto
them One dollar each which is also my will and desire that if the above
named John A. Thompson and William Pinkney Shig either of them
die having no heir or heirs then and in that case all the property which I give
them shall go to the above named John B. Thompson that is the above named
Negro Harriet & Keith and also Mary & Joseph together with the above named
four hundred and fifty acres of land.

And I do hereby design bequeath and request that my son John B. Thompson
Execute this my last will and testament the day and year first above written
Test

H. Warner
C. State.

W. Thompson

I William Thompson do hereby make this Codicil and desire it to be a
part of my will, my will & desire is that if John A. Thompson and William
Pinkney Shig should either of them die without leaving a child then sur-
viving then and in that case all the property bequeathed or devised in the above
will unto the said John A. Thompson or the said William Pinkney Shig
shall go over & belong to my son John B. Thompson that is to say if the
John A. shall die without leaving a child then surviving the property bequeathed
or devised in this my will to him shall go over to my son John B. Thompson;
and if William Pinkney Shig shall die leaving no issue then surviving then
then the property bequeathed or devised to him shall go over to my son John B.
Thompson.

Witness my hand this 19th day of April A.D. 1853

Test

H. Warner
C. State.

W. Thompson

State of South Carolina, February Term 1856

Wabson County Court of Magistrate Jurisdiction

The transcript of the record in the case of Thompson vs. Shig from the
Magistrate Court being filed in this Court and being considered by the Court - John
B. Thompson the Executor named in the will of the deceased and is duly
qualified as such.

Let the proceedings be recorded together with the will

Wm. Howell Clerk

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Abraham Dubois

Abraham Outlets In the name of God Amen
I, Abraham Outlets of the City of Philadelphia being
of sound Mind and Memory to this twenty eight day of August One thousand eight hundred
& seven make and publish this my last will and testament
In witness Whereof my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body
to be Earth from whence it came in hopes of a joyful resurrection through the Merits of
Jesus Christ my blessed Redeemer. — And as for the worldly Estate I now possess
I dispose of as follows after paying all my just debts & legacies hereafter mentioned I
give & devise to my beloved wife Mary A. Outlets all my household goods & Effects & furniture
including her wardrobe & effects as well as my youngest son James A. Outlets arrives to the age
of twenty One. My Estates are to be equally divided between my three sons Nicholas Outlets
Canaan A. Outlets & James A. Outlets

Now I give and bequeath all my Silver Smith tools, to my son, Abraham Culbreth - All the residue of my property or estate both real and personal of whatever nature or kind now or hereafter existing or being I do hereby authorize him to enforce my Executors & Survivors or survivor of them to sell and convey or divide the same between they or any judge or Consistent for the interest of the estate into eight equal parts, for my wife six children & Executors to wit my wife Mary L. Culbreth, My son, Abraham Culbreth, Nicholas Culbreth, Edmund C. Culbreth James V. Culbreth Anne Culbreth, Mary Culbreth & my Grandson, William Culbreth now at Georgetown South Carolina all share and some shall deducting from the share of my Grandson what I have advanced for his father Samuel Culbreth since he became of age with interest which is to be equally divided between my wife & six children or the survivors of them. It is my wish & desire if Consistent with the situation of my affairs that my children be bred up & educated out of the interest or proceeds of my estate so that no charge be made against their respective shares until they become of age. It is also my desire that my sons may receive from my Executors as soon as it can with propriety be done after they are of age so much of their share as may be judged Consistent with the situation of my estate as a great portion of it will probably be in lands unimproved & should any of my children die under the age of twenty one it is my desire that their share be equally divided between my children share and share alike. And I do hereby revoke & by these presents make null and void all other wills, testaments, & bequeaths whatsoever by me heretofore made & intended. And I do hereby make constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary L. Culbreth & my trusty friend George Webster my sons Abraham Culbreth & Nicholas Culbreth Executors to this my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I, the said, Charles Polers have to these presents set my hand & seal the day Month & year above mentioned. Signed sealed & declared by the testator as & for his last will and testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunto written who did each of us in each other presence subscribe our names at his request & in his presence

Thomas Shewell
N. E. St. Res
Rt. Shewell Junr.

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Since the date of the above will there being two children born of my beloved wife Mary & Polio's viz George & Polio's and Elizabeth Polio's it is my firm desire and will that the above named George & Polio's & Elizabeth Polio's share equally my Estate and effects with my before named children, Grandson and wife agreeable to my above last will and testament, signed in presence of us whose names are hereunto written who did each of us sign our names at his request this 21 day of October 1867.

1867
 Geo. Russell
 Robert Barnhill. John Rusby

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93) ~~Wm. & John H. Smith, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas~~
~~Philadelphia, Pa. July 3, 1853~~

~~The undersigned Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of the original thereof as the same is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia.~~

Dec. 18. 1817. Then personally appeared Thomas Whittle & Robert Whittle June two of the witnesses to the foregoing will and oath did depose and say that they saw and heard Abraham Collins the testator sign and publish in writing the same as after his last will and testament and at the doing thereof he was of sound disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their own knowledge & belief. (Under the same day personally appeared Thomas Whittle & John Henry two of the witnesses to the foregoing Codicil & on oath did depose and say that they saw and heard Abraham Collins the testator make his mark and publish & confirm the same as and for a Codicil to his last will and testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of their own knowledge & belief.

Coram J. Mansfield Dep. Reg.

Attest: Peter one of the Clerks of the Court same day. Henry S. Collins & Geo. Sebastian two other of the Clerks sworn the 21st of Dec. 1817. Nich^l. Collins the other Clerk the 18th day of Dec. 1817.

City and County of Phila.
 of Philadelphia

Register Office

July 11. 1853

I certify the foregoing writing to be a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of A. Abraham Collins deceased as well as the Codicil thereto and the probate thereof as the same remains filed and recorded in this office in Will Book page 10.

Witness my hand and seal of Office this eleventh day of July 1853
 Wm. Boney, Register &c.

Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia City and County ss.

I Oswald Thompson Esquire, President of the first judicial District of Pennsylvania and Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas at that Court and Court of General Purposes, holding of the Peace for the City and County of Philadelphia do hereby certify that William Boney of whom the annexed power of attestation was made and given to me in his own proper hand writing has thereto subscribed his name as officer in official that was at the time of signing and now is Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of administration in and for the City and County of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania duly commissioned and qualified, to all whose acts as such qualified and credit are and ought to be given in all Courts of Judicature as thereunto and that the said Power of attestation is in due form and made by the proper officer.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the sealing of July 11th 1853
 Oswald Thompson

Philadelphia City and County S.D.

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I, George Carpenter Esquire, Secretary
of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County
of Philadelphia do Certify that the Honorable Robert
Thompson Esq. by whom the foregoing Affidavit was
made and who has therewith subscribed his name
has at the time of making thereof and still is, an
ident of the first Judicial District of Pennsylvania
and presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas,
Circuit and Sessions of General Quarter Sessions
of the Year for the City and County of Philadelphia duly
commissioned and sworn to all which facts are such full
faith and credit are and ought to be given as well in
Court of Judicature as elsewhere.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Seal of the said Court the Eleventh
day of July eighteen hundred and fifty three

Geo. Carpenter
Secretary

State of North Carolina, County of Wake and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County May Term 1853

It is Ordered by the Court that a commission issue to Joseph P. Nichols
or James S. Gillespie and James Angersell of Philadelphia or anyone
of them in the State of Pennsylvania to take the deposition of Livingston How-
ell & others to be read in the Matter of Abraham Calver's Will

I Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy from the Minutes

Wm. Howell Clerk
By B. Freeman D.C.

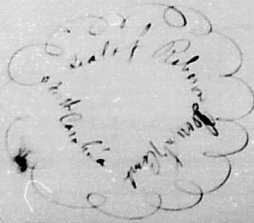
State of North Carolina
Robeson County

To Joseph P. Nichols James S. Gillespie
and James Angersell Esquires or anyone of them of the City of Phila-
delphia and State of Pennsylvania

We expressing especial trust and confidence
in your fidelity and integrity do authorize and empower you or anyone of
you to cause to be taken your Livingston Howell Edward Howell, Thomas
Durbin Edward Whipple Esquire and others on such certain day and at such
certain place as you shall appoint and being duly sworn them to examine
of and concerning such matters and things as they may know in the matter
of Abraham Calver's Will now pending in our Court of Wake and Quarter
Sessions for the County of Robeson aforesaid and their deposition in writing
you will return before the Justice of our said Court at the Court to be
held for our County aforesaid at the Court House in Lenoir between
the 1st Monday in August A.D. 1853

Witness My hand and Seal of our said
Court of Wake and Quarter Sessions for the County of
Robeson and Seal of said Court at Office this 27th
day of June 1853

Wm. Howell Clerk



93) A position of papers produced appeared sworn and examined at the
Office of James L. Callaghan, a Commissioner in the City of Philadelphia
and State of Pennsylvania by virtue of a Commission issuing out from
the Court of Chancery and Surrogate of the County of Delaware in the State
of South Carolina directed to Joseph C. Nicholas, James L. Callaghan and James
Ingersoll Rogers, or any one of them for the examination of papers in the
Matter of Abraham Calver's Will now pending in the Court of Chancery and Surrogate
for the County of Delaware aforesaid. The said Joseph C. Nicholas
and James Ingersoll Rogers are not appearing in said Commission account
of absence from the City.

Interrogatories to be propounded to Livingston Whipple, Edward House
Wright, Johnstone, William S. Ruff, Charles St. R. and others who are
in evidence in the Matter of Abraham Calver's Will now pending in the Court
of Chancery and Surrogate of the County of Delaware are State of South
Carolina.

1. Are you acquainted with Abraham Calver late of the City of Philadelphia?
2. Is he dead or alive?
3. When did he die?
4. Did he die testate or intestate?
5. Have you ever seen his Will?
6. Is it the original Will now?
7. Was there a Codicil to the Will?
8. Have you seen that?
9. Where is the Codicil now?
10. Is it attached to the Will?
11. What are the subscribing witnesses to the Will?
12. What are the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil?
13. Where are the said witnesses now?
14. Was the said Will and Codicil admitted to probate and if so where
and in what Court and was the same the proper Court?
15. Are the said original will and Codicil to be obtained from the office of said Court
or not to be removed out of the State?
16. Are the same books attached marked A and B true Copies of the said Will and
Codicil on file in the said office?
17. Are you acquainted with the handwriting of any or either of the
subscribing witnesses to the said Will and Codicil and if so which of them?
18. Are you sufficiently acquainted with the handwriting of the person or persons
before named or names you have mentioned to speak with confidence of its evidence?
19. Are you holding the signatures to the original papers of which the annexed extracts
have been signed by the said persons respectively as subscribing witnesses
in their own handwriting?
20. Are you acquainted with the handwriting of Abraham Calver the Testator?
21. Is the signature to the original will and Codicil of which the annexed are
extracts in the proper handwriting of said Calver?
22. Are you aware of any other Matter Material upon this subject?
23. Are the Executors mentioned in said Will dead or alive?

Interrogatories to be propounded to Edward Whipple Esq

24. What is your profession?
25. Do you practice Law in the City of Philadelphia and are you familiar
with the Statute Law of the State?
26. Is the Will together with the Codicil mentioned in the foregoing
interrogatories duly proved and registered according to Law and are all the

- proceedings had relation to the same regular?
26. Answer the 14th & 15th questions
27. Who is the proper person or authority to grant Letters of Administration in the State of Pennsylvania?
28. On the record of the qualification of the Executors in the said will name the appointments of the administrators de bonis non cum testamento annexo and all the proceedings had thereon as by the Completion of the same book annexed regular and in due form of Law?

Livingston Shewell of the City of Philadelphia Clerk aged Forty six years or thereabouts being produced sworn and examined deposes as follows

To the first interrogatory he answers as follows

I was not

To the second interrogatory he answers as follows

I do not know of my own knowledge

To the third interrogatory he answers as follows

I do not know

To the fourth interrogatory he answers as follows

That he did testify

To the fifth interrogatory he answers as follows

I have seen the bill of Abraham Quaker

James L. Gillespie Livingston Shewell

To the sixth interrogatory he answers as follows

To the Register of Wills for the City and County of Philadelphia

To the seventh interrogatory he answers as follows

There was a Coriis

To the eighth interrogatory he answers as follows

I have seen it

To the ninth interrogatory he answers as follows

The Coriis is filed with the will in the Register of Wills Office for the City and County of Philadelphia

To the tenth interrogatory he answers as follows

It is written on the same paper with the Will

To the eleventh interrogatory he answers as follows

Thomas Shewell Mr. C. Stetler and Robert Shewell Jr

To the twelfth interrogatory he answers as follows

James Shewell Robert Barnhill and John Shewell

To the thirteenth interrogatory he answers as follows

That Thomas Shewell is dead as to the others I cannot positively say

To the fourteenth interrogatory he answers as follows

James Gillespie Livingston Shewell

They were admitted to probate in the Register of Wills Office for the City and County of Philadelphia

To the fifteenth interrogatory he answers as follows

They cannot

To the sixteenth interrogatory he answers as follows

They are true Copies

To the seventeenth interrogatory he answers as follows

I am acquainted with the handwriting of Thomas Shewell who was my father, I have also seen the handwriting of Robert Shewell Jr and believe the signature to be in his own handwriting

To the eighteenth interrogatory he answers as follows

I do not

9th) To the nineteenth interrogatory he answers as follows
 To the twentieth interrogatory he answers as follows I do
 To the twenty first interrogatory he answers as follows I do not know
 To the twenty second interrogatory he answers as follows I do not know
 To the twenty third interrogatory he answers as follows
 I believe that George Webster is dead, but the others I am
 not able to say
 Examination to the reduced to writing / Livingston Shewell
 are by the witness subscribed & sworn to
 this Eleventh day of July, 1853
 James A. Gillespie
 Commissioner

Edward A. Stiles of the County of Philadelphia aged fifty five years
 is therewith being produced & affirmed and examined & depose as follows
 To the first interrogatory he answers as follows
 I do not know
 To the second interrogatory he answers as follows I do not know
 To the third interrogatory he answers as follows I do not know
 To the fourth interrogatory he answers as follows
 I believe from having seen a paper purporting to be his will that
 he died testate
 To the fifth interrogatory he answers as follows
 I have seen the will alluded to in my answer to the fourth interrogatory
 & purport to be one
 To the sixth interrogatory he answers as follows
 The will alluded to in my answer to the fourth interrogatory is in
 the Register of Will Office for the City and County of Philadelphia
 in the City of Philadelphia
 To the seventh interrogatory he answers as follows
 There was a Codicil
 To the eighth interrogatory he answers as follows
 I have seen the Codicil
 To the ninth interrogatory he answers as follows
 In the Register of Will Office for the City and County of Philadel-
 phia in the City of Philadelphia
 James A. Gillespie
 To the tenth interrogatory he answers as follows
 Edward A. Stiles
 To the Eleventh interrogatory he answers as follows
 The Codicil is attached to the will
 Thomas Shewell, Mr. A. Stiles, Robert Shewell Jr
 To the twelfth interrogatory he answers as follows
 Thomas Shewell, Robert Shewell Jr, John Lushy
 To the thirteenth interrogatory he answers as follows
 Mr. A. Stiles is dead as to the others I do not know
 To the fourteenth interrogatory he answers as follows
 The said will and Codicil were admitted to probate in the
 Register of Will Office for the City and County of Philadelphia in
 the City of Philadelphia

In the fifteenth interrogatory he answers as follows
On inquiring of one of the officers in the Registrar's office where said
will is filed Sam told it cannot
In the sixteenth interrogatory he answers as follows
They are true Copies.

James L. Gillespie Commissioner of the Court Edward H. Stokes
In the seventeenth interrogatory he answers as follows
I am acquainted with the handwriting of W. S. Stokes one of the
subscribing witnesses, he said will

In the eighteenth interrogatory he answers as follows
I believe I am sufficiently acquainted with the handwriting of W.
S. Stokes having often seen him write his signature. He was my
uncle and I am his executor.

In the nineteenth interrogatory he answers as follows
As to the signature of W. S. Stokes, I believe it to be in his own
handwriting with the signatures of the other subscribing witnesses,
I am not acquainted.

In the twentieth interrogatory he answers as follows
I am not acquainted with the handwriting of Abraham Cubie's
signature.

In the twenty-first interrogatory he answers as follows

In the twenty-second interrogatory he answers as follows - I do not know
In the twenty-third interrogatory he answers as follows - I do not know

Examination taken, reduced to writing

which the witness subscribed & affirmed

At the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1853

James L. Gillespie

Edward H. Stokes

As Samuel Howell a witness aged Eighty four years or thereabouts being
produced, affirmed and examined deposed and said

In the first interrogatory he answers as follows - I believe I was

In the second interrogatory he answers as follows - I do not know

In the third interrogatory he answers as follows - I do not know

In the fourth interrogatory he answers as follows - I do not know

In the fifth interrogatory he answers as follows

I have seen a paper purporting to be the will of Abraham Cubie

In the sixth interrogatory he answers as follows

The paper above referred to as purporting to be the will of Abraham Cubie is now
before me

In the seventh interrogatory he answers as follows

There is a codicil to the will above referred to

In the eighth interrogatory he answers as follows - I have seen it

In the ninth interrogatory he answers as follows - It is now before me

In the tenth interrogatory he

James L. Gillespie Commissioner of the Court Nathaniel Howell
answers as follows - It is attached to the will

In the eleventh interrogatory he answers as follows

Thomas Howell, W. S. Stokes and Robert Howell Jr

In the twelfth interrogatory he answers as follows

Thomas Howell is one of the subscribing witnesses, my eyesight is failing
and I cannot make out the others with certainty

In the thirteenth interrogatory he answers as follows

Thomas Howell and Robert Howell Jr are both dead as to the others I

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cannot say

In the twentieth interrogatory he answers as follows

The purpose to have been admitted to probate

In the twenty-first interrogatory he answers as follows I do not know

In the twenty-second interrogatory he answers as follows

I would not attempt to compare them

In the twenty-third interrogatory he answers as follows

I am acquainted with the handwriting of Thomas Howell and Robert Howell

In the twenty-fourth interrogatory he answers as follows

I am sufficiently acquainted with the handwriting with persons I have

James L. Gillespie

Bartholomew Thewell

Commissioner I named to speak with confidence of their identity

In the twenty-fifth interrogatory he answers as follows

As to the signatures of Thomas Howell and Robert Howell I

signed to the paper purporting to be the will & be said of Abraham

Howell I have seen to be in their own handwriting, and the others

cannot say

In the twenty-sixth interrogatory he answers as follows I am not

In the twenty-seventh interrogatory he answers as follows I do not know

In the twenty-eighth interrogatory he answers as follows I do not know

In the twenty-ninth interrogatory he answers as follows I do not know

Commissioner to have received the

Bartholomew Thewell

and by the witness submitted & affirmed

to this Twenty-third day of May, A.D. 1882

James L. Gillespie

Commissioner

Edward Whipple, of the City of Philadelphia, Attorney at Law aged Twenty Nine years or thereabouts being produced sworn and examined separately as follows

In the first Twenty-fourth interrogatory he answers as follows

I am an Attorney and Commissioner at Law

In the second Twenty-fifth interrogatory he answers as follows

I practice Law in the City of Philadelphia and am familiar with

the Statute Law of the State of Pennsylvania

In the twenty-sixth interrogatory he answers as follows

He said that the records are duly preserved and registered according

to law and all the proceedings have in relation thereto are regular

In the twenty-seventh interrogatory he answers as follows

He said that the will was admitted to probate in the office

of the register for the Probate of Wills and granting letters of administra-

tion in and for the City and County of Philadelphia in the Common-

wealth of Pennsylvania and that office was the proper office

In the twenty-eighth interrogatory he answers as follows

And will and Codicil cannot be obtained from said Office

The Register has no right to permit it to be taken from his office

In the twenty-ninth interrogatory he answers as follows

He said

Edward Whipple

legally authorized to grant letters of administration and letters testa-

mentary in the State of Pennsylvania is the Register for the Probate

of Wills and granting letters of Administration there being

one Register for each County of the Commonwealth

In the thirty-first interrogatory he answers as follows

They are in my opinion all regular and in due form of Law (100)

Examination taken and reduced to writing
by the witness subscribed and sworn to
This Twenty Seventh day of July, A.D. 1863
James S. Hittlespie
Commissioner

Edw. Shippen

North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Robeson County, 3d October Term 1866

On the 27th day of July, 1863, I, J. S. Hittlespie, Commissioner of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that a Copy of the last Will and Testament of said Christian Colais, deceased, which is decreed to be of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania is admitted to be a true and correct Copy of the last Will and Testament of said Christian Colais, deceased, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Christian Colais died a citizen of the said City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania having duly made and published his last Will and Testament which has been duly proved, attested and admitted in force in the said City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania according to the laws of said State, whereof the Copy now offered is a true and correct Copy, duly certified and authenticated according to law, and it further appearing to this Court that there are no other Wills lying in this County which pass the property of said deceased at the time of his death of and concerning which the said Will contains a devise Orange and power, and the Execution of the said Will and Testament being now duly proven by the oath of witnesses according to the laws of this State; 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 Christian Colais and that the same is duly executed and proved according to the laws of this State in manner and form sufficient to pass real estate lying in this State. It is therefore Ordered that the said paper writing and Certificate thereto be admitted to be a true and correct Copy of the said Will and that the same be given to the same as if the original instead of the said Copy had been produced and attested in this Court.

I, Wadsworth Russell, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for Robeson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct Copy from the Minute.

Wadsworth Russell, Clerk.
By B. Freeman, S.C.