

106 State of North Carolina }
Rockingham County } Apr 1873

The Execution of the within last
Will and Testament of John Edward was duly
proved in open court by the Oaths of William
Mykes and Jolly Jones and on motion ordered
to be recorded

Robt Gallaway CC

Thomas North

Rockingham County and State of North Carolina
This appears to be the last Will and Testament of
the deceased Thomas North which dec'd on Septem-
ber the 7th and in the year of our Lord 1874
which he told unto Elizabeth Miller concerning
of his affairs that he about to leave behind
him that he wanted his son John North to have
his Rollow Horse, Bridle and Saddle and also
his Daughter Patsy North to have the choice
of the kuper and all the rest of his property
to belong to his wife Elizabeth N. to help raise
the children which he told unto her on Saturday
before his decease and also William Harris says
that the aforesaid Thomas North called him to the
bed side and told him that he wanted his son John
to his home and saddle & also that he wanted his daughter
Patsy to have her kuper & all the rest of the property
for Elizabeth to keep it & try to raise the children on it
& also that he had given unto them that had married
off and left him all that he was able to give them
they say that this was on Wednesday week before the said
Thomas North dec'd they written Septemr the 11th day
in the year of our Lord 1874
Elizabeth Miller
William L. Harris

William Pitt 107

In the name of God Amen I William
Pitt of the County of Rockingham and State
of North Carolina being in a low State of health
but of sound mind do make man & constitute
this to be my last Will and Testament I wish
my Body decently buried at the discretion of my
hereafter named Executor

1st I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter
Lucy Pitt six negroes named as follows, Maria, Char-
lotte, Mary, Annistead, Linda, and Francis

2^d I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Francis
Pitt the following negroes, Ben, Mary, Anne,
Sarah, Leander, Nelson

3^d I also will & bequeath unto my beloved daughter
Lucy Pitt two feather beds and furniture, one coat
two year old the spring, Four hundred dollars
cash

4th Also will & bequeath unto my beloved wife
Francis Three hundred Dollars cash.
And all other of my Estate both real & personal
to be equally divided between my wife Francis
Pitt and my daughter Lucy Pitt during the na-
tural life or widowhood of my wife Francis
and at her death or marriage, the whole
of my Estate both real and personal to go to
my daughter Lucy Pitt & hers for ever
provided that nothing contained in this will
shall be so construed as to defraud any of
my creditors of the just debts I am owing

And I do hereby appoint ~~Mark~~ ^{Pete} ~~Mark~~ Executors
and my wife Frances, Executors of this my
last Will and Testament as witnesses my
hand and seal this 7th day of April in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifteen

In presence of William Potts
R.D. Scob
Wm. Stand

State of North Carolina } May Session 1820
County of Rockingham }

The Execution of the within last
Will and Testament of William Potts was
duly proved in open court by the oath of R.D.
Scob and on motion the same was ordered
to be recorded

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William O Short

In the name of God Amen I William O
Short of Rockingham County and State of
North Carolina being sick and weak in Body
but of sound mind and memory and calling
to mind the mortality of my Body and know
that it is doomed for all men once to die,
do this first day of March A.D. Eighteen hun-
dred and fifteen make and publish this
my last Will and Testament in manner

& form following That is to say
Item I recommend my body to the grave to be buried
in a Christian like manner at the discretion of
my Executors and my Soul into the hand of
almighty God that gave it
Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Jean Short one hundred acres of land
lying up and down the road it being part of the
Antelope tract during her natural life or her
remaining my Widow taking in my mansion
House provided she should raise my youngest
son Wilson Short and give him one year schooling
at least but if she the said Jean Short should
fail to do that she is only to have the benefit of
fifty acres taking in my mansion House and lying
on the South side of the land and have the benefit
of the one hundred acres for five years let her
school my son or not Also I give her one sorrel
mare known by the name of the Diamond mare
also one cow and calf one sow & pigs, One Bed
& furniture and her own saddle, also two flax
wheels and one cotton wheel

Item 2^d I give to my Daughter Polly Blackburn
one Bay horse known by the name of Friday

Item 3^d I give to Daughter Sarah Delay the plantation
whereon she now lives and apart of my old planta-
tion beginning at the creek then up to the old house
& thence up to the draw bars for two years provided
she should take one of my sons that is to say Samuel
Short & Board, wash, make, & provide for him during
the term of two years and also give him schooling
for one of the above years for the use of said
land & the balance of his time he is work for
her benefit