

In the name of God Amen:

I Elizabeth Carter being of sound mind and memory do make and set forth this my last will and Testament. That is to say:-

Item first, I will and devise that all of my just debts be paid by my executor hereinafter named out of my estate

Item second, my will & desire is that all money on hand or due me at my death be equally divided between my children, to wit, Landon Carter, William Carter, Mahala Vaughan, James Carter & the heirs of Benjamin F Carter shall constitute one legatee and draw from my estate what their father the said Benjamin F Carter would be entitled to draw as a legatee of my estate, and the heirs of John Carter shall also constitute one legatee & draw from my estate that portion which their father the said John Carter would be entitled to draw as a legatee in my estate, with the provisions hereinafter named as to Martha Ann Bailey.

Item third as I have given all of my children beds & furniture with the exception of my son Benjamin F Carter, it is my will and desire that my executor pay his heirs the sum of twenty five dollars out of my estate in lieu of his bed.

Item fourth, It is my will and desire that all my negro slaves be equally divided between my six above named legatees, viz, Landon Carter, William Carter, Mahala Vaughan, James Carter, the heirs of Benjamin F Carter being one legatee, and the heirs of John Carter being one legatee, with the provisions hereinafter named as to Martha Ann Bailey. It is further my will that the above named negroes be lotted and divided between the above named six Legatees of my estate and those drawing the slaves of higher value, shall pay to those drawing slaves of lesser value so as to make their respective shares all of equal valuation.

Item fifth I will & devise unto all of my legatees all of the property of whatever description that I have given them heretofore.

Item sixth I will and devise that all of my property of whatever description not otherwise named in this my last will and testament be sold by my

executor and equally divided between my six above named legatees with the following provisions as to Martha Ann Bailey.

Item seventh, I give and devise to my son William Carter all the slaves and property of whatever description which my Grand daughter Martha Ann Bailey is entitled to draw as a legatee through her father John Carter, of my estate to have and to hold in special trust for the sole and set a part for the separate use of my Grand daughter the said Martha Ann Bailey for and during the term of her natural life and free from the debts, liabilities or engagements of her husband Edward S Bailey and it is my will and desire that at the death of my Grand daughter Martha Ann Bailey that the property above willed to her by me shall be equally divided between her heirs share and share alike.

Lastly I do hereby name and appoint my son William Carter Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and declaring null all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I do hereby set my hand and affix my seal this the 13th November 1858

Signed sealed and published in the presence of the testator and witnessed by us at her request
+ Samuel S Wall
+ Joseph S Blackwell

Elizabeth Carter

I Elizabeth Carter being of sound mind and memory for the purpose more fully of carrying out my will & desire do annex this codicil to my last will & testament above written. That is. It is my will & desire that the negro property that my Grand children Martha Ann Bailey & Sarah E F Lemmons shall inherit from my estate shall be sold by my executor and the proceeds of the sale shall be equally divided between them with the same rules & restrictions as to Martha Ann Bailey herein before named.

In testimony whereof I do hereby set my hand and affix my seal this the 26th November 1858

Signed sealed & published in the presence of the testator and witnessed by us at her request
+ Samuel S Wall
+ Joseph S Blackwell

Elizabeth Carter

March Term 1859.

The execution of the last will & Testament of Elizabeth Lester and ~~repealed~~ bodied annexed thereto. (of which the foregoing is a true copy) were duly proved in open Court by the oath of Samuel S. Hall & Joseph S. Blackwell, subscribing witnesses to the same & ordered to be recorded -

In Attest. etc.

In the name of God Amen

I Ann Vaughan of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, Bequeath be God do this the 26th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five make and publish this my last Will and testament in the following manner viz

Item. I will and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Hopkins my cupboard and furniture, One folding Table, Three chairs

Item I will and bequeath to my grandson Monaparte Hopkins One bed and furniture 1st choice

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter Jane Vaughan one bureau and three chairs one wheel, and loom, two pots, and one oven, One horse, One cow and calf

Item 4th I will and bequeath to my son George Vaughan my Negro woman Malinda and what money he has in his hands. And I do hereby make and ordain J. B. Vaughan Executor to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said Ann Vaughan have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal, the day and date above written

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Jest 10th Witness+ Jo^{seph} Terry

In Attest. etc.
Ann Vaughan 
mark

March Term 1859.

The execution of the last will & Testament of Ann Vaughan deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Joseph Terry, one of the subscribing witnesses to the same & ordered to be recorded -

In Attest. etc.

~~The execution of the last will & Testament of John Joyce deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of James S. Jones & James D. Jones two of the subscribing witnesses to the same & ordered to be recorded -~~

In the name of God Amen, I John Joyce of Stokes County and North Carolina being in a low state of health and possessing my common mind and judgement but calling my to mind the uncertainty of human life and knowing that it is once appointed for all men one to die do make ordain and constitute this my last will and Testament in manner and form following nothing all other heretofore made by me -

Item the 1st - It is my wish that all my just debts be paid by my executors hereafter named.

Item the 2nd I will and bequeath unto brother Robert my mare and saddle and stock of cattle and hogs.

Item the 3rd All of my interest in the lands I give to brother Joseph Joyce and all claims that I hold against him.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my beloved brother Joseph Joyce to execute this my last will and Testament nothing doubting but hope and believe that the above will be fully complied with in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of August 1858 in presence of as

Jest

James S. Jones

John King
Mark
Mark

John & Joyce
mark 

September Term 1858

The execution of the last will & Testament of John Joyce deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Alexander King & James S. Jones two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded -

In Attest. etc.
By A. K. Jones for the