they can be realized out of my estate & they shall become their property
+ interest) when they become of age — 5th I will that all the household &
kitchen furniture not bequeathed for the use of my wife together with all
my stock of horses cattle hogs sheep & other stock farming utensils & other
property found at my decease shall be sold at public sale as soon as
my Executors conveniently & advantageously can after three qualification
6th My executors shall rent out my plantation either public or private &
the proceeds of such rent or rents shall go to my wife till my youngest
child arriving at the age of eighteen years out of which proceeds my wife
my wife shall also provide for those of my children who may continue
with her to the age of eighteen years. In case my executors should at
any time find it more advantageous to my estate to sell my plantation
than to continue to rent it out they shall have full power so to do
if a favorable opportunity should offer in which case the funds
arising from said sale shall be put out on interest & the interest
accruing therefrom shall be applied in the same manner as above
ordained concerning the rents of the land till my youngest child arrives
at the age of eighteen years — 7. I will that after my youngest
child has attained the age of eighteen years my executors shall then
sell my plantation (if not previously sold as provided in the
foregoing articles) at publick sale to the highest bidder & the proceeds
thereof shall be equally divided between my wife & all my children
that is to say between all the children I had by my former & by my
present wife & this division & this division shall be traced back to
& be made equally among all those of my children alive at the
time of my death provided however my wife shall marry again
before my youngest child be eighteen years of age then & in that case
my plantation shall be sold in the manner above named at the
time of her remarrying & the division of the proceeds thereof & other
goods should there any be remaining in the hands of the Executors
shall then take place & be equally divided between all my children
as above stated but at decease of my wife — the same provisions I
make in case my wife should die before my youngest child be
eighteen years of age — lastly I hereby declare & appoint my worthy friends
Daniel McWilliams & Mr Lewis Bourgin Executors of this my last will
& Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
legally sealed published & declared
In the presence of us

George Foltz }
John Linbach } Jurat

Allathan Reid (Seal)

The last will and Testament of Allathan Reid of which
the foregoing is a true copy being offered for probate was duly proven by
George Foltz & John Linbach and ordered to be recorded

Wm R Mason c.c.
Rby E A Pearson DC

In the name of God Amen:

I George Ray of the County of Stokes & State of North
Carolina being at present of sound and perfect mind & memory thanks be to
Almighty God: do this fourth day of January one thousand eight hundred
and twenty five make ordain & publish this my last will & Testament that
is to say. and first of all when I depart this life I recommend my soul
into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence
it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my
Executors hereinafter named — And as touching such worldly estate of
wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give bequeath
& dispose of the same in the following manner & form to be divided among
& between my beloved wife Mary & Children (viz) Elizabeth who intermarried
to John Nutt Rebecca who intermarried to William Barr Anna who
intermarried to John Barr & Ruth who is now single & my grand
Child Eleanor the daughter of William Barr, First I give and
bequeath to my youngest daughter Ruth my clock & cupboard extra not
to be valued to her & at twenty & a cheese or sheep to be valued together to
land which I have heretofore made her & shall the land at the price of
five of five hundred dollars so as to give her an equal part or share
with my two daughters Elizabeth & Anna which they have heretofore
received of my estate all which the must ascertain & account for in
their settlement when the dividends shall be made
Secondly I only give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca who
intermarried to William Barr one dollar over & above what I have
heretofore given & paid for them out of my estate which I believe
is over & above the amount that any of the others will receive & this
shall be Rebecca's full share of my estate —
Thirdly I give & bequeath to my grandaughter Eleanor aforesaid one
bed & furniture out of my estate —
Fourthly after paying all my just debts to whom I may be indebted
at the day of my death I give & bequeath all the remaining part of my
estate both real & personal to my beloved wife Mary & three children
to wit Elizabeth Anna & Ruth first above mentioned & they being
to be equally divided share & share alike between them but it is
my will & desire that all the above mentioned remaining part of
my estate shall be & remain in the possession of my beloved
wife for & during her natural life & that her fourth part of
the same if she should not have myself that she shall dispose

of the said fourth part at her own direction which division when made shall be done by three respectable freeholders to be chosen by my executors as soon as possible after the death of my beloved wife Mary or after my dissolution if she should depart this life before myself then & in that case the whole of the said remaining part of my estate to be equally divided into three parts among & between my children Elizabeth Anna & Ruth aforesaid —

fifthly & lastly I nominate & appoint my two sons-in-law John Vest & John Barr Executors & my daughter Ruth Executrix of this my last will & Testament In testimony whereof I the said George Ray hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal to this his last will & Testament and acknowledge the same before us the subscribing witnesses who were present at signing & acknowledging thereof

George Ray (Seal)

C Banner
John Vest
George Vest } Jurat

Stokes County June Term 1829

The execution of the last will and Testament of Said the foregoing is a true copy being offered for probate was duly proven by John Vest & George Vest and ordered to be recorded

M R Moore C.C.
By C C Banner D.C.

In the name of God Amen!

I Isaac Nelson of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina do this 4th day of July 1820 publish this to be my last will and Testament being of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is one appointed for all men to die Therefore give my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent like manner and as touching my worldly property which it pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and bequeath in the following manner 1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna Eliza Nelson the following Negroes Nancy Sim Edmund Fan and Polly and feather bed and furniture I give to my daughter Mary Smith Nelson Seal Phillis Tenga and Robert one feather bed and furniture, I give to my son Joseph Henry Nelson Maria, Moses and Rachel —

I give to my son Albert Fountain Nelson Jack Hannah and Evelina —

I give to my son Constant Hardin Nelson Stephen Peter and Mourning —

Further it is my will that all my real estate be equally divided between my three sons Joseph Henry, Albert Fountain, and Constant Hardin, It is my desire that my just debts be paid out of the debts owing to me and the ballance of debts owing to me after raising my children and giving them a good English Education together with the interest arising thereon be equally divided between all my children at their coming of lawful age and further it is my will that all my stock of all kind together with my house hold furniture plantation tools and all the remainder of my property not named or otherwise disposed of be sold by my executors hereafter named on a reasonable credit and the money arising therefrom be equally divided amongst all my children viz Anna Eliza, Mary Smith, Joseph Henry, Albert Fountain & Constant Hardin when they shall arrive of lawful age. And further I constitute and appoint my worthy friends Jeremiah Gibson and Isaac Dalton my whole & sole Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the year & date above written

Nelson (Seal)

Stokes County June Term 1829

The last will and Testament of Isaac Nelson of which the foregoing is a true copy being offered for probate and the same being proven by the oath of Thomas Flynt to have been found amongst the valuable papers and effects of the dec^d and it also being proven by the oaths of Sandy Matthews C C Banner Joh Hill & Thomas Flynt to be all and every part thereof in the proper hand writing of the said Isaac Nelson dec^d It is therefore considered that it be recorded

M R Moore C.C.
By C C Banner D.C.