

I do hereby appoint ordain and constitute my friend Hampton Bynum and Alex King my Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal 25 July 1848

Witnesses  
By W. L. Pope  
Abner R. King

Thos. Shipp

June Term 1853.

The execution of the last will and testament of Thomas Shipp deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Abner R. King one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; and ordered to be recorded.

Wm. D. L. in  
by Saml. H. Taylor & Co

In the name of God Amen

I Joel Tucker of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same Lawing to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner (to wit)

I give and bequeath to my two sons Gabriel W. Tucker and Benjamin L. Tucker a negro man Braine & Beck and Becks increase to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever.

I appoint Robert A. Tucker the sole executor of this my last will and testament.

I revoke and disannul all and every other will before by me made and claim this to be my last will and testament. In presence of these witnesses and have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1848

Signed and sealed in presence of

Robert Tucker

William Dickie

Robert A. Tucker

Joel Tucker

At a quarterly Court held for Halifax County the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1853.

This last will & testament of Joel Tucker and was this day presented in Court and proved by the oaths of two witnesses thereto subscribed and Robert A. Tucker the Executor therein named came into Court and refused to take upon himself the execution of the said wills all which is ordered to be certified to the proper Court of record in the State of North Carolina for record in testimony that the foregoing order was truly transcribed from the record of my office. I William A. Holt Clerk of the said Court have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of the said Court this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1853.

Wm. A. Holt clk

I Wm. B. Harrington presiding Justice of the County Court for the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia do certify that William A. Holt is clerk of the said Court that his attestation is in due and usual form, and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine. Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1853.

Wm. B. Harrington J.

December Term 1853.

The last will and Testament of John Tucker deceased of Halifax County Virginia (of which the foregoing is a true copy) being produced in open Court it was moved that the same be admitted to record: and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the execution of said will had been sufficiently proved in the State of Virginia: It is ordered that said will with the certificates annexed be recorded.

Wm. H. Hill. c.

I Adam Mitchell of the County of Stokes, 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 (herein after named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my last debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part, or parcel of my estate.

Item - I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Mitchell one hundred and eight acres so as to include the plantation house all out house and other improvements bounded as follows - Beginning on a sassafras running north two hundred and sixty eight poles to a black oak, thence west sixty five poles to a dogwood, thence south two hundred and sixty eight poles to pointers on the Hoptstone Hill, thence eastward sixty five poles to the beginning, to have and to hold to her the said Mary Mitchell 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.

Item - I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Elizabeth one hundred and fifty six acres of Land whereon she now lives bounded as follows, Beginning at pointers south east corner of Lot No three, and running east on the old line sixty three and one fourth poles to a chestnut

tree and pointers in the old line, thence north on a new line four hundred poles to pointers in the northern boundary of the old tract, thence east sixty two poles to a black gum corner of No three, thence south on the line of No three four hundred poles to the beginning, to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my second daughter Mary Duncan two hundred and fifty dollars in cash in lieu of land applied a credit to my bond on her husband London Duncan.

Item - I give and bequeath to my eldest son James H. Mitchell one hundred and sixty six acres of Land whereon he now lives bounded as follows that is to say, Beginning on a red oak in Hairstons line running east one hundred and fifty four poles to a Hickory, thence north one hundred and thirty poles to a post oak, thence west forty five poles to a stake or white oak, thence south sixteen poles to a post oak, thence west forty four poles to a white oak near a branch, north one hundred and fifty eight and two thirds poles to a red oak, thence west fifty four poles to a oak, thence south one hundred and sixty one and two thirds poles to a white oak near the spring thence west fourteen poles to a red oak, thence south one hundred and ten poles to the beginning, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item - I give and devise to my beloved daughter Margaret H. Ward two hundred and fifty dollars cash in lieu of land.

Item - I give and devise to my beloved son Adam H. Mitchell the one hundred acres known as the Butner Land, and fifty acres south end of the tract that James H. Mitchell now lives on bounded as follows Beginning at the corner of two pines and a gum in the Butner line running north fifty four poles to a red oak James H. Mitchells corner thence east on his line one hundred and fifty four poles to a Hickory in W & D Wilsons line, thence south fifty four poles to a white oak on the west bank of the creek thence west one hundred and four poles with the Hairstons line to a white oak Hairstons corner, thence south one hundred and twenty poles to pointers, thence west one hundred and thirty four poles to a pine, thence north one hundred and twenty poles to a chestnut, I M Seales corner thence east eighty four poles to the beginning, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.