

349 In the name of God amen
I Edward S. Morton of the County of Stokes
being of sound mind and memory and knowing that
it is appointed for all men to die do make and
ordain this my Last Will and Testament in the
following manner and form (viz) First I resign
my soul to God that gave it and my body to the art
to be decently buried at the direction of surviving
friends and as to my worldly goods or Estate which
it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose of in the
following manner and form (viz) First I desire
all my just debts to be paid and outstanding debts
settled Item I give and bequeath to my beloved
son Rufus Morton and his heirs forever all my right and
title and interest in the tract of land on which I now
live to hold and to keep forever lying and being on
both sides of the Hallow Road containing eighty eight
acres more or less beginning the land of Solomon
Spanker B.B. Muster and others Item I give
all the residue of my Estate to my son Rufus
be it of what nature or kind soever as horses
cattle stock of hogs &c. hams hams and kitchen furniture
crops of grain plantation utensils and &c to hold
and keep forever my son Rufus is to maintain and
support my wife Susan Morton and take care of her as long as she shall live Lastly I appoint
my beloved son Rufus Morton Executor of this my last
will and testament and do utterly revoke and
disannul all other wills formerly made and do
hereby also appoint this to be my last will and testament
in writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 16th day of December in the year
eighteen hundred and sixty five
Signed sealed and published by H.C. Lee Esq.
by the testator in presence of J. D. Canan

Done this 18th day of

The execution of the Last Will and Testament of
Edward S. Morton of which the foregoing is a true
copy was duly proven before me in open court of the
H.C. Lee and I am under the subscription of witness
shorts and oaths to be recorded

Thos. Matthews

I Mary S. Matthews 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
ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and
form following, that is to say. First, That my Executor
hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial fitting
to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expen-
ses, together with my just debts, however unto whomsoever
owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands
as a part or parcel of my Estate.

- Item - I give and devise to my daughter Eliza, my negro woman
Ruth and Child Etta, to her and her heirs, But should the above
woman Ruth have another child, for that child to go to my son
Calvin, and should Ruth have more children, my will is for
Eliza and her heirs to have them, My will further is for my
daughter Eliza to have my Bedchamber, one bed and furniture,
one set of silver knives & forks and one large set and one
small set silver spoons & any of the furniture about the house
she wants. - Item - I give and devise to my son William
H. S. Matthews my negro girl Esther, one bed & furniture.

Item - I give and devise to my son John T. Matthews five
dollars, & to the heirs of my son John T. Matthews my negro
woman Monica - Item - I give and devise to my sons
James E. Matthews and Hugh A. Matthews my negro men
Jim and all of my interest in my Father George S. Staples and
Estate - Item - I give and devise to my son George S. Matthews
my negro boy Jim. Item - I give to my son Calvin Matthews
one bed & furniture and the fine mule, if my Executor does
not have to sell him to pay debts. - Item My will is that
the remaining part of my Estate after paying my debts be
divided between my sons, James E. Matthews, Hugh A. Matthews,
and Calvin S. Matthews, provided, that Calvin does not receive
a negro from the increase of my woman Ruth, should Ruth
receive that increase then to be divided only between James
E. and H. A. Matthews. - Item - I further will that the
remaining portion of my household furniture be divided
among my children after Eliza takes her share.

And further, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trustee
friend H. S. Matthews my lawful executor to collect all
possessions, to execute this my last will and testament
according to the true intent and meaning of the same
and cause such a person to be present therefor, thereby and
and beginning, notwithstanding all other wills now or

In witness whereof I the said Mary S. Matthews do
hereunto set my hand and seal, this eighth day of
August A.D. 1861.

Ligned sealed, published and S Mary S. Matthews &
deed by the said Mary S.
Matthews to be her last will and
testament, in the presence of us
who at her request and in her
presence do subscribe our names
as witnesses thereto

Jesse Young
Richard Williams
G.D. Young

September Term 1861

The execution of the last will and testament of
Mary S. Matthews, deceased (of which the foregoing is
a true copy) was duly proved in open court, by the oaths
of Jesse Young, Richard Williams & G.D. Young, the Subscribing
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Jesse F. Hill Esq.

April the 2. 1862

The last will and testament of William M. Brown of the State of
North Carolina and County of Stokes. I William M. Brown, Considering the
uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do
make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form
following that is day first. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Annie Brown all of my estate after paying all off my just debts, to her
and to hold forever. Annie Brown, whom I hereby appoint my
Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all
former Wills by me made. in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and date the 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and 62.

Wm. M. Brown (Signed)

The above instrument bearing of the date now hereabove signed by William M. Brown
the testator in the presence of each of us who were at the time and place by him
to be his last will and testament and we at his request sign the same, witness to
the signature of William M. Brown.

P.B. Hutchinson. September Term 1862

The execution of the last will and testament of W.M. Brown and of which the fore-
going is a true copy, was duly proved in open court by the oaths of Henry M. Brown
and others, the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered.

Jesse F. Hill Esq.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Sarah Gibson of the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina, do make
and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following
That is to say. I give and bequeath my woman slave Jincy and her two
children Charles and Cynthia, and all their future increase to my brother
himself named. No trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter
in law Elizabeth J. Moody wife of my son Nathaniel Moody, for and
during the life of the said Elizabeth J. Moody, and at the death of my said
daughter in law, the said Elizabeth J. Moody, I give and bequeath the said slaves
and all their future increase, to Isaac T. Gibson, upon Condition that the said
Isaac T. Gibson shall then credit my son Nathaniel Moody upon the debt or
debts, which my said son Nathaniel may then owe him, by the amount of the
value of said slaves and their increase at that time.

I give and bequeath my two slaves Benjamin and Elizabeth to my six grand
children, Children of my son Nathaniel Moody, to wit, Sarah Ann Moody,
Mildred Moody, Mary Erastine Moody, Alexander Moody, Andrew Moody
and Emma Elizabeth Moody, and to them heirs, and should either of my
said grand children die without leaving a child or children living
at the time of his or her death, then will and direct that the sum or value
of such of my said grand children as may so die, without leaving a child or
children living at the time of his, her, or their death, shall rest in and
be the property of the survivor or survivors of them, and I further will and
direct that said slaves, Benjamin and Elizabeth shall be kept and used
for the purpose of assisting in raising and educating all of my said grand
children, and that they shall be kept and so used until the youngest of my
said grand children shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, and
that they shall not be sold, divided or otherwise disposed of until the
youngest of my said grand children shall have arrived at the age of
Twenty one years, as aforesaid - and I do hereby nominate and
choose and appoint my friend Mr. H. H. Pepper Executor of this my
last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
at my hand and affixed my seal this the 1st day of November
A.D. 1862.

Sarah Gibson (Signed)

Witness
H. H. Pepper
James Pearson Jr.

March Term 1863.

The execution of the last will and testament of Sarah Gibson
and of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open
court by the oaths of H. H. Pepper and James Pearson Jr. the Subscribing
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Jesse F. Hill Esq.