

heretofore made.

Item - I give and devise to my beloved wife Catharine all my personal estate of every description after taking out what will pay my just debts and expenses for and during her natural life, and after her death I give the said property both real & personal to my three daughters that now lives with me Elizabeth and Susan and Anne Ward to them and each of them in equal proportion share & share alike to them and each of them to them and their heirs forever.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Saml Fulton my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and Clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other will and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said William J Ward hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of February 1853.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William J Ward to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Elisha J. Endicott
A. Coarier

William J. Ward (seal)
with

June Term 1855.

The execution of the last will & Testament of W. J. Ward (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Elisha J. Endicott & Anderson both the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill, c. c.

In the name of God Amen I Tho. Joyce of the County of Stokes State of North Carolina being in perfect health and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto god, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate of my Executors, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith I have pleased god to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and do so.

First I give to Esther my dearly beloved wife the whole of my real and personal estate to have and to hold of my real and personal estate during her natural life or widowhood except such personal estate as I shall hereafter name or point out. Item the 2 - I give to my son Franklin fifty dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executors in twelve months after my decease.

Item the 3 - I give to my son Andrew fifty dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executors in twelve months after my decease, Andrew is also to be advanced when he becomes of age in equal proportion to my son Franklin which will show by a bill of advancement of personal property given to my son Franklin heretofore. Item 4th after the death of my wife Esther my son Andrew is to have one half of my real and personal estate, the other half I will and bequeath to Joshua J Joyce son of Franklin and Martha Joyce and to (turn over) Elizabeth E Joyce daughter of my son Franklin and Martha Joyce both my grand children or if Franklin Joyce my son and Martha his wife should have more children while they live together that their children is to him equally one half of my estate, after the death of my wife or expiration of her widowhood. I make this provision for my son Franklin if he reforms or will abstain from drinking ardent spirits to accept and become a sober steady man for five years in succession and being then to take care of property in his hands, then my Executors may give him up the part I bequeath to his children, otherwise I wish them to secure it for

295] the benefit of his children as above stated and that none of the property which I bequeath to his children shall be used to pay any debt or debts which he may contract before the expiration of five years above named, if Franklin's wife Martha and her children is in need of food & raiment in raising their children they must have it in the way of their part. I appoint my son Andrew Joyce & Hamilton Joyce my Executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th June 1846.

Thomas Joyce (Seal)

June Term 1855.

The execution of the last will & Testament of Thos. Joyce deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in this Court by the oaths of David B. Hoffman, Samuel H. Taylor, Wilson Fulton & John H. Patton, who proved that ~~the same~~ the same was after his death found among his valuable papers, and that the whole of the same body & signature is in the proper hand writing of the said Thomas Joyce, & that the same be recorded.

Wm. Hill. c. c.

State of North Carolina
Hoke's County

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In the name of God amen
I Robert Young of the County
and State aforesaid. Being of sound mind and memory
helped be god do this the 8th day of September 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 1st I leave to my wife Mary Young during her
life time forty six acres of Land including the
mansion house or the house in which I now reside
and all the appurtenances thereto belonging, and at
her death I will and bequeath the said forty six
acres of Land to E. H. Young to have and to hold
forever, also I give and bequeath to my wife
Mary Young a bed & bedding, one years provision
out of the crop and stock on hand.
Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my son E. H. Young
all the remaining portion of my Land at my
death & the above mentioned forty six acres at his
death to have and to hold forever.
Item 3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter
Anna Young to her and to her bodily heirs
my negro woman Mariah aged about forty four
years which negro I desire for the benefit of
Anna Young & her children and not to be subject
to any debt or debts which I have contracted,
Item 4th I will and bequeath to my son Robert F. Young
my boy Loren aged about seventeen, to him
and to his heirs and assigns forever.
Item 5th I will and bequeath to my daughter Jane
Fulton a negro girl named Patey which girl
is mentioned in a bill of sale to Francis Fulton
also one Cupboard and contents of it, to her her heirs
and assigns forever.
Item 6th I will and bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth Abbott a certain negro boy Anderson
which she has heretofore received and which
is mentioned in a bill of sale to Jacob Abbott
to have and to hold to her her heirs and assigns
forever.
Item 7th I will and bequeath to my son Josiah Young
my negro boy named William which he has