

I Joseph W Arrington of the State of Alabama and county of Montgomery, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, having hereby make and declare the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and other writings purporting to be a will and testament before made by me.

1st. I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved brother Jolly B. Arrington supposed to reside in Louisiana, two hundred and fifty dollars should he be living at the time of my death should he the said Jolly B. Arrington be dead at the time of my death I will and bequeath the same two hundred fifty dollars to my beloved brother William T. Arrington who now resides in North Carolina, 2nd. I hereby will and bequeath the remainder of my estate, property, money and effects of whatever kind to my said brother William T. Arrington with the exception of my gold watch which I hereby will and bequeath to my beloved nephew, James I. Arrington. I hereby make declare and publish the above to be my last will and testament this 31st day of May, 1860.

subscribed in the presence

of Saml L Arrington

Jno. B Smith

James N Arrington

State of North Carolina,

Nash county

Jos W Arrington (Seal)

court of pleas and quarter session

November term, 1860

the appearing that the will of Joseph W Arrington a citizen of Montgomery county in the State of Alabama was duly proved and allowed in said State of Alabama and a duly certified and authenticated copy thereof being produced and exhibited to the court and it appearing that the testator possessed property in this county it is therefore allowed and is ordered to be filed and recorded, And William T Arrington is appointed Admr. in testament annexed of the said Joseph W. Arrington and enters in to bond in the sum of two thousand dollars with N.W. Arrington Sen. as surety.

Attest B.H. Sorsby, C.C.C.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

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In the Name of God Amen. I William B. Bryant of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my life do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, First my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts out of any moneys that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Item first. I lend to my beloved wife Susan Bryant during the term of her natural life or widowhood as follows a part of the tract of land I now live in fact all the balance of that I shall not in another item dispose of six negroes Buck, Stephen, Hannah, Cealy, Penney and Martha my brandy still and fixtures enough for hogs for her meat for self and family, seventy five barrels of corn, ten stack blade fodder two oat stacks, ten bushels wheat two beds and furniture all the counter pins and blankets on hand two horses, her choice two milch cows and calves her choice one buggy and harness three sows and pigs, her choice the house shoats ten head of sheep her choice two black one bofat all the crockery ware all the tables and chest all the looking glasses all the kitchen furniture and one loom and gear two wheels and cards one yoke of oxen and a pair of cart wheels both her choice enough of the farming tools to carry on her farm including black smith tools.

Item: I lend to my daughter Mourning Rice wife of N.N. Rice one negro woman Easter and two children which she now has in possession during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the same to all her children to share and share alike.

Item: I lend to my son Jno W Bryant and her wife William Jane during their natural lives or life the following property to wit one negro woman Caroline three girls Derath, Harriet, Manda, three boy Jim, Lewis and Willie all the property I bought and left in his possession at his sale sold under a deed of trust and at the death of my son Jno. W Bryant I give and bequeath the above named property to all his lawfull begotten heirs to share and share alike.

Item: I lend to my son Henry H. Bryant, during his natural life the following negroes Young Jacob, Violet, and Sevaline and at his death I give and bequeath to my grandson William Bryant, son of Henry H. Bryant the girl Sevaline and the other two negroes I give and bequeath to all his lawful heirs begotten to share and share alike.

Item: I lend to my daughter Mary M Rice wife of Henderson Rice two negro girls Waty and Nicy and at her death I give and bequeath the said negroes to all her lawful heirs of her body to share and share alike

Item: I lend to my son William T Bryant during his natural life the following property the tract of land whereon he now lives two negroes Allick and Johannah all his household and kitchen furniture all the stock and other things I bought at his sale under a trust all my rights and interest in Edward Strickland's estate let it consist in what it may to be arranged by my executors in the best manner for the interest of my said son and family, and at his death I give the same to all the lawfull begotten heirs of my said son to share and share alike

Item: I lend to my son Evan N Bryant the following property the land whereon he now lives it being the land I bought of William T Bryant and



addition to the above I lend him after the death of my wife fifty more to be taken from the land I lent my wife commencing at Pitts corner in the big branch running said branch so as to strike Silas Allens line so as to leave him fifty acres. I also lend him two negroes George, and Manah, also all the debts he is owing me secured by a deed of trust to be arranged by my executor in that way he think will be of the greatest benefit to him and family and at his death I give and bequeath to all his lawful begotten heirs the above property is to be for my sons special benefit.

Item: I lend to my son Gideon B Bryant during his natural life all that part of my tract of land lying west of the following line commencing at Abrams old landing on Tar River just above the old hill filed thence a due north course to Willie Warrens line and also two negroes Isaac and Good and at his death I give and bequeath the same to all his lawful begotten heirs. Item: I lend to my son Tho. N Bryant during his natural life the following land commencing in or about the center of the Wobelson old field thence a due east course to R. J Booths land all north of said line in addition to the above I lend him another piece commencing at or near the center of the Wobelson old field on Warrens line thence said line to the new road thence the said road south to a sandy bottom near the head of my lane thence out east about two hundred yards thence back to the field station to be a straight line so as not to go near than two hundred yards of the field. I also lend him the following negroes Abram, Jordant, and Clary, also one horse and at his death I give the same to all the lawful begotten heirs of his boddy and if he should die without any such heir then and in that case the property is to return to all his brothers and sisters surviving.

Item: At my death it is my will that Jordan, I bought of A. J Taylor shall be sold by my executor and if he should fail to bring enought to pay the note N.W. Doddie wholes against me my son Jno. W. Bryant is to pay the balance. Item. It is my will and desire that my executor sell my part of the mill and all the negroes and other property that I have not disposed of on a credit of six months bonds bearing interest from date and all my just debts paid and the balance after paying my wife Susan one hundred dollars be divided between Jno. W Bryant and Henry H Bryant, Evan N Bryant, Gideon B Bryant and Thomas N Bryant and to share and share alike.

Item: I except one acre of the land I have lent to Gideon B Bryant for the use of the Mill.

Item: At the death of my wife it is my will and desire that all the property I have lent her be sold by my executor on a credit bonds carrying interest from date and the moneys arising from such sale it is my will that my son Jno W Bryant shall receive eleven hundred dollars in lieu of land and the balance be equally divided between my six sons Jno W. Bryant and H. H. Bryant, Evan N Bryant, Wm. T Bryant, Gid. B. Bryant, and Thos N. Bryant, to them and share and share alike.

Item: And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jno W. Bryant, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true menaing and intent and it is my will that he shall not be required to give bond and in witness whereof I the said William B Bryant have hereunto set My hand and seal this 6 day of October, 1860.

witness  
George N Lewis  
Thomas Creekmore

William x B Bryant, (Seal)  
mark.

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session  
Nash County Febry term 1861

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William B. Bryant, deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by Jno W. Bryant the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Wm B. Bryant is proved by the oaths and examination of George N Lewis and Thos Creekmore the subscribing witnesses thereto It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said Wm B. Bryant and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. and thereupon the said Jno W Bryant executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law;

and is recorded in obedience thereto.

Attest B. H. Sorsby, C. C. C.

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In The Name of God Amen. I Martha Rice of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being advanced in years but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in way and manner following first I give my soul to god and my boddy to the earty from whence it came to be buried in a plain decent manner. First I give and bequeath to my son Bryant D Rice one certain bed and sted and furniture and all the earthen ware also it is my wish that my son Bryant D Rice shall have all the hire of negro Isaac whether in lands or money also all the pork and land and at my death except 200 lbs. of pork and 20 lbs. lard. Item the 2nd. I give and bequeath to my grand children to wit the children of my son Henderson Rice and the children of my daughter Manning Williamson all the rest of my estate