

I, Harrison Singletary of Bladen County, North Carolina being of sound mind and

memory do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament to Wit:

- First All my Just debts and funeral expenses shall be first fully paid.
- Second I give and devise to my son James E. Singletary that part of land on which he now lives; beginning at a ditch in Dick's Branch and runs with same to N. E. Singletary's corner thence to Lewis line- Enough to make said James E. Singletary Thirty five acres on the east end of all my land, and five acres of surplus land.
- Third I give and devise to my son Robert L. Singletary the land on which he now lives the same to adjoin the land of James E. Singletary, on the south - Enough to contain forty Acres.
- Fourth I give and devise to my son George W. Singletary The land adjoining the land of Robert L. Singletary on the south forty acres provided that his line does not be any nearer my dwelling than the line Sixty yards north of house. If he fails to get his forty acres there he is to have enough of any surplus land to finish the forty acres.
- Fifth I give and devise to Harrison E. Singletary the land on which he now lives, beginning with Geo. W. Singletary's Line and running with said line to Lewis Line Enough to contain fifty acres on South Side of Geo. W. Singletary's Part, reasoning the down of my beloved wife Zelpha Singletary and described as follows, To Wit: Beginning in Geo. W. Singletary's Line one hundred and fifty Yards east of my dwelling and running about across the field to South line of Harrison E. Singletary thence with said line to the Grimes Tract.
- Sixth I give and devise to my grand daughter Blanche Lennon ten acres on south side of Harrison E. Singletary's Tract so as to include the Polk Kemp piece.
- Seventh I give and devise to Mary Lennon's wife of Frank Lennon fifty acres on south side of Blanche Lennon's Tract.
- Eighth I give and devise to Henry Luther Singletary the land South of Mary Lennon's tract including the place where he now lives Enough to contain thirty five acres.
- Ninth I give and devise to Floyd E. Singletary the land whereon he now lives and known as the Paul Singletary Place beginning on north side of said tract and running far enough, South to contain fifty acres. 205
- Tenth I give and devise to the heirs of my daughter of my daughter Ella Lennon forty acres South of Floyd L. Singletary's Line Beginning with Floyd L. Singletary Walkers line and Brown's line far enough east to Contain forty Acres.
- Eleventh Wrights P. Singletary given and devised forty acres of the tract on which he builded his daughter Mary E. Singletary to have ten acres of said tract on west end.
- Twelfth I give and devise to my sons Harrison E. Singletary and George W. Singletary one half each of my said Hill land known as the tract bought from Joseph Hester 204

fourteenth I give and devise to my wife Zelpha Singletary all my household and kitchen furnit~~ure~~ together with one row of medium size all hogs and crop that may be on hand.

fourteenth All my property both real and personal ~~not~~ herein devised is to be ~~sold~~ the proceeds of said property to be used inpayment of all my Just debt; the surplus to be ~~divided~~ equally among all my heirs including my wife Zelpha Singletary.

Fifteenth I nominate and appoint my friend A. M. Kelly and my son W. Elwell Singletary to be the executor of ~~this~~ my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills mad~~d~~ by me.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of October A. D. 1904.

Harrison Singletary

Seal

Signed, Sealed published and declared to be his last Will and testament by the above testator, in our presence who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, signed our names as witnesses there to.

C. W. Williams

G. M. Lennon

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Birth certificate of Robert Edgar Singletary born in
Loris, S. C. on June 24, 1908, son of John Daniel Singletary
and Elizabeth Marshburn

Marriage certificate of Robert Edgar Singletary and Dorothy
Louise Lombard, Married 30 January 1937 at Atlanta, Ga.

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Singlitary Grants

Book	P.	Name	No.	
157	176	Anna Lane	7930	AK
16	5	Abigail	8264	✓
none	none	Benjamin	0689	✓
"	"	"	0661	✓
"	"	"	0662	✓
"	"	"	01037	✓
✓ 17	171	"	1670	✓
✓ 18	156	Benja.	1775	✓
20	714	Benjamin	2069	✓
20	714	"	2070	✓
49	328	"	3538	✓
65	542	"	3636	✓
116	27	"	5546	✓
116	29	"	5548	✓
117	118	"	5737	✓
117	119	"	5739	✓
117	120	"	5740	✓
131	107	"	6606	✓
129	185	Benj. Jr.	6481	✓
34	289	Braten	3084	✓
30	471	"	2908	✓
139	87	David	6937	✓
none	none	"	01038	✓
"	"	"	0663	✓
"	"	"	0676	✓
151	354	"	7523	✓
152	443	"	7587	✓
144	404	Edward	7192	✓
22	201	Elixabeth	2197	✓
167	264	Evander	8312	✓

Book	P.	Name	No.	
none	none	Gerrard	0677	✓
140	315	Harmon	6994	✓
190	231	Hayes E.	8403	✓
65	548	Ithamar	3659	✓
113	51	"	5440	✓
none	none	"	01074	✓
"	"	"	0678	✓
"	"	"	0679	✓
125	85	"	6237	✓
128	291	"	6451	✓
177	141	J. N.	8369	✓
"	N	James	0680	✓
25	207	"	2417	✓
25	208	"	2418	✓
25	306	"	2537	✓
27	150	"	2675	✓
27	150	"	2676	✓
47	266	"	3441	✓
27	192	"	2795	✓
129	129	James Jr.	6473	✓
70	409	James Searr.	4498	✓
N	N	Jesse + Angus McEwen	01211	✓
"	"	John	0681	✓
49	323	"	3522	✓
69	13	"	3916	✓
90	265	"	5024	✓
111	237	"	5410	✓
120	325	Jno.	5951	✓
124	389	"	6204	✓
128	14	"	6437	✓
87	444	" + Richard	4891	✓

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111	242	Jonathan	5423	✓
N	N	"	0665	✓
N	N	"	0682	✓
154	324	" Jr.	7677	✓
153	325	" Sr.	7676	✓
N	N	Joseph	0684	✓
"	"	" check - Bk.	0683	
100	321	"	5075	✓
103	274	"	5129	✓
110	297	"	5295	✓
110	298	"	5296	✓
170	324	"	5950	✓
124	378	"	6177	✓
124	383	"	6188	✓
124	390	"	6208	✓
127	302	"	6408	✓
N	N	" & John	0685	✓
129	418	Joseph Jr.	6530	✓
161	96	" E.	8131	✓
142	119	Joshua	7088	✓
48	319	Josiah	3471	✓
78	58	"	4745	✓
90	136	"	5002	✓
119	171	Mary	5797	✓
N	N	Richard	0686	✓
"	"	"	0688	✓
"	"	"	0687	✓
3	337	"	160	✓
3	337	"	161	✓
9	95	"	805	✓
9	80 93	"	806	✓
34	314	"	3109	✓
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66	266	Richard	3796	✓
111	221	"	5371	✓
119	193	"	5854	✓
119	194	"	5855	✓
122	126	"	6063	✓
127	303	"	6410	✓
134	516	"	6751	✓
87	441	" ✓ John ^{Not in envelope} index book	4891	ok ✓
78	80	" Junr.	4809	ok ✓
139	444	Rollins	6962	✓
146	287	Rowland	7265	✓
148	43	"	7301	✓
47	230	Snowden	3339	✓
116	25	"	5542	✓
116	26	"	5543	✓
116	26	"	5544	✓
116	30	"	5550	✓
116	30	"	5551	✓
116	31	"	5552	✓
116	31	"	5553	✓
116	32	"	5554	✓
116	32	"	5555	✓
116	33	"	5556	✓
116	33	"	5557	✓
116	34	"	5558	✓
120	319	"	5936	✓
128	243	"	6446	ok
144	403	"	7191	✓
N	N	Thomas	0690	✓
22	285	"	2233	✓
34	295	Wm.	3090	✓
34	475	William	3270	✓

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69	59	William	4096	✓
116	40	"	5570	✓
5	368	"	318	✓
10	218	Wm.	1025	✓
13	245	William	1347	✓
15	318	"	1493	✓
23	185	"	2345	✓
111	236	" Sr.	5407	✓
95	60	" R.	5054	✓
116	28	" Randalph	5547	✓
142	33	Willis	7082	✓
160	386	"	3105	✓
160	386	"	8106	✓
N	N	Wm. Singleton	0691	✓
120	605	William Singleton	1980	✓
20	681	"	2021	✓
20	714	" Singleton	2063	✓
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Whereas a contract a marriage being the first day of March
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty eight
entered into by Griffith J. Streety of the Town of Elizabeth
& the County of Bladen & State of North Carolina of the
one part & Sarah Jane Singletary daughter of the late
W^m C. Singletary of the County & State aforesaid of the
other part: Witnesseth that for & in consideration that the
sum of one dollar but more especially for the Love & good
will that be the sd Griffith J. Streety hath & beareth to &
sd Sarah J. Singletary the receipt of the said sum one dollar
being hereby acknowledged before the delivery of the presents
& the said Griffith J. Streety doth hereby ^{Convey} ~~Convey~~
& agree that the said Sarah J. Singletary is now possess^r
personally estate in the County of Bladen that he
doth by these presents fully convey to her the sd Sarah J.
Sarah J. Singletary all his right & title that he may
obtain from the marriage of him self with the said
Sarah J. Singletary to the whole above mentioned personally
estate which is herein framed & described as follows
namely viz: One negro fellow Tom Ware & to hold
the aforesaid name personally estate for the sole use
& disposal with all the profits and advantages there
arising or in any way belonging to her the said Sarah J.
Singletary & the said Griffith J. Streety doth hereby
agree that her receipt shall at all times be a full & sufficient
discharge for any rent profits or issues arising on the above
mentioned personally estate. In Witness whereof the said
Griffith J. Streety hath unto set his hand and affixed his seal
the day & year first above written
Signed, sealed & delivered in presence

of David Lewis
Jos. White

G. J. Streety (seal)

May Term 1838 2

Then was this instrument of writing proven
in open Court by the oath of James White & ordered to be registered.
Witness: David Lewis, Clerk.
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(Addressed on the Back) Mr. Jonathan Singletary
Elizabeth Town
Bladen County
Thomasville, Ga. No. Ca.
May 31

(Part of letter torn off)

Dear Brother.....

and family are all spared unto the present.....
of action enjoying a reasonable portion of health for which blessing I would
wish to be truly thankful hoping the few lines may reach you and yours enjoying
the blessing of good health. There has been the most sickness in this section
of country that every has been since I have been in this part of the country
and some deaths, David Singletary's son Edward is dead. Old Jo. Wood, Nat
Singletary and Willis Singletary's son Jo has all had a severe spell of the chill
and fever, but they appear to be recovering, the rest of the connection I believe
the rest of the connection is in reasonable health at present. I have great
reason to be entirely thankful to the Almighty for his mercy toward us it is
going on eight years since we came to this place and we have never had the
fever in our family as to myself I expect I have enjoyed as good health for
twelve months past as I have in several years, but the power of my mind and body
is fast declining. I am nearly worn out with old age and certain I am that a
few more days or months will finish my existence here but I entertain a hope
that I shall leave my sorrows here and arrive to that good world where the
wicked cease to trouble and the weary are at rest. The crops in general in this
country is not very good the first of the summer was rather dry and the latter
part uncommon wet which was an injury to crops of every description but cotton
and peas in particular. But I think there is plenty of support made, cotton is
worth from 6 dollars and a half to seven per ho. wt, pork from 3 to 4 dollars
pr. ho. wt, corn from 30 to 50 ct. pr bushel coffee from 8 to 12 pence to the
dollar, salt 2 dollars and 75ct. pr sack and all kind dry goods entirely cheap.

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the 10th of December
caused me to
Baptist Church
dear old Brother

to mourn in these low lands

departed this life in the lively hopes of a better

Resurrection I want you when you receive this to write to me and let me hear
how my brother disposed of his property and who he left Executors to his will
some of them hear told me they would be glad to hear Although they expected
nothing themselves. We have met with a considerable loss about two weeks past
we kild about 1530 wt. of as nice pork I think as we ever had and every joint
of it is spoilt and a number of the neighbors has shared the same fate.

May the 5th 1844

Dear Uncle I have to inform you that Father has left us he departed this life on
the 14 of April he began to write this letter before he sidd yours and he began
to get worse with that swimming in his head and he kep getting worse till he
died he was confined to his bed from the last of January till the 14 of April
when he died he was deranged and crazy for three months we thought it was
right to send it to you the Family connection is all well as far as I know
Uncle Jonathan I want you to write to me as soon as you receive this we all
wish to be remembered to you and family and to all enquiring friends if any
in that country. I must come to a close by saying I remain your affectionate
Nephew till death.

Josiah Singletary

Recd. of Ephraim Hester 90 cents his taxes, July 9th 1811. W. Streety, Sheriff

Recd. of John Hester two dollars & 5 cents, Williams taxes for the year of 1811. July 4th 1816. W. Streety, Sheff.

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Recd. of Ephraim Hester 97½ cents his taxes for the year of 1811. July 4, 1915.
W. Streety, Sheff.

Recd. of Efram Hester 83 cents, his taxes for 1816. July 12, 1917. W. Streety, Sheff.

Recd. of Efram Hester \$1.56 his taxes for 1818. July 10th 1819. W. Streety, Sheff

Recd. of Ephraim Hester. \$2.66 his tax for the year 1820. July 11th, 1821.
G. S. White, Sheff.

Recd. of Mr. Ephraim Hester the amount of his a/c in full to this date.
Feb'y 11th 1820. Duncan MacInnis

July the 12th 1823 recd of Ephraim Hester four dollars & 15/100 to his taxes for year 1822. G. S. White, Sheff.

September the 18th 1826 recd of Ephraim Hester two dollars & 94/100 to his taxes for year 1823. G. S. White, Sheff.

Mr. Ephraim Hester this is to show that I have given for you to trade with Bob. This 18 of September 1829. J. Singletary.

Recd. Ephraim Hester three dollars and thirty cents in full of his tax for the year 1824. July 9th 1825. A. L. Harvey, Sheff.

August 7th 1826 Recd of Ephraim Hester three dollars and twenty five cents in full of his tax for the year 1825. A. L. Harvey, Sheff.

Received of Mr. Daniel Nance one dollar & twenty five cents in full for Wky chgd. him on 23rd Nov. last. 3rd Jan 1826. L. Sheridan, Pr. Ken McLeod

Received of Ephraim Hester two dollars & 13/100 ct. for his tax for 1830 this 25 of June 1831. S. Cain, Sheff.

Received of Eprim Hester two dollars and sixteen cents for his tax for 1831 this 4 of July 1832. S. Cain, Sheff.

Recd. of Ephraim Hester two dol. fifty five cts. his tax due for the year 1832. July 4th 1833. G. Cromartie, Sheff.

Recd. of Ephraim Hester two dollars 27½ cents his tax due for the year 1833. This 4th July 1834. G. Cromartie, Sheff.

Received from Ephraim Hester one dollar 68 cents his tax due for the year 1835 July 2, 1836. G. W. Melvin, Sheff.

Received from Mary Hester, Margaret Hester seventy cents, in full for their taxed for the year 1836. G. W. Melvin, Sheriff

Received from Ephraim Hester one dollars, 89½ cents, in full for his taxes for the year 1836. G. W. Melvin, Sheriff.

Received from Ephraim Hester two dollars 16 2/3 cents in full for his taxes for the year 1837. August 1838. G. W. Melvin, Sheriff

Received from Ephraim Hester two Dollars 30 cents in full for his taxes for the year 1839. G. W. Melvin, Sheriff

Received from Ephraim Hester, five dollars and 20 cents, in full for his taxes for the year 1845. G. W. Melvin, Sheriff.

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Received of Ephraim Hester five dollars and 20 cents in full of his account up to this date, this the 11th of April 1845. Joseph L. Hester.

Received from Ephraim Hester six dollars in full for his taxes for the year 1846. July the 11th 1847. J. W. Lesesne, Sheriff

Received from Jona. Singletary one dollars and 95 cents in full for his taxes for the year 1846. July the 11th 1847. J. W. Lesesne, Sheriff.

Received from Ephraim Hester three dollars and 97 cents, in full for his taxes for the year 1847. July 11th 1848. J. W. Lesesne, Sheriff.

Received from Johithan Singletary two dollars and 8 cents, in full for his taxes for the year 1847. July 11th 1848. J. W. Lesesne, Sheriff

Received from Ephraim Hester four dollars and 97 cents in full for his taxes for the year 1848. July 19th, 1849. J. W. Lesesne, Sheriff.

Received from Ephraim Hester four dollars and 95 cents in full for his taxes for the year 1849. This 25 June 1850. G. Melvin, D. Sheriff

Received from Jonathan Singletary two dollars and 60 cents in full for his taxes for the year 1850. Oct. 6 1851. James Melvin, Sheriff

Received from Ephraim Hester four dollars and ninety five cents, in full for his Taxes for the year 1850. Sept. 20th 1851. James Melvin, Sheriff By JWH Ballantine, D.S

Recd. from Jonathan Singletary, Jr. three & 47/100 dollars in full of his taxes for the year 1851. July 31st 1852. James Melvin, Sheriff. By J.W.H. Ballantine, DS

Received from Jonathan Singletary, Jr. 3 dollars and 46 cents, in full for his taxes for the year 1852. July 18th 1853. Jas. Melvin, Sheriff by R. A. Lytle, D. Sheriff

Received of Ephraim Hester five dollars and 85 cents in full for his acc. up to date for Blacksmith work, this the 26th of April 1853. Joseph Hester, Sr.

Received from Ephraim Hester ten dollars and five cents in full for his taxes for the year 1854. James McK. Mulford, Dept. Sheriff

Received from Ephraim Hester sixteen dollars and 1 cents, in full for his taxes for the year 1855. July 22, 1856. James Melvin, Sheriff

Received of Ephraim Hester four 96/100 dollars for his State, and Seven 59/100 dollars in full for his County Taxes for the year 1856 for Bladen County. This the 15th day of July 1857. John S. Willis, Sheriff.

July 23rd 1858. J. S. Willis, Sheriff by H. A. Maynard, D. Sheriff

June 20th 1860. B. F. Randolph, Sheriff

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June 21, 1861. R. P. Melvin, Sheriff by D. Patterson, DS &

July 23, 1862. R. P. Melvin, Sheriff, by R. A. Lytle, D.S

July 18, 1863. R. P. Melvin, Sheriff by R. A. Lytle, D.S

Jan. 23, 1864. J. A. Robison, Collector

1865. R. P. Melvin, Sheriff

Sept. 1, 1868. J. E. E Sheriff

Sept. 13, 1870. James Cashwell, Tax Collector, C. T. Cashwell, Dept.

Aug. 29, 1871. D. J. Clark, Sheriff

Oct. 5, 1872. W. H. Sikes, Sheriff

Aug. 27, 1873. W. H. Sikes, Sheriff. Aug. 9th 1875. W. J. Sutton, Sheriff

September 19, 1970

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Mrs. Joseph E. Rostich
3 Brookmoor Road
West Hartford, Ct. 07107

Dear Mrs. Rostich:

I've just finished making the copies of the deeds you requested.

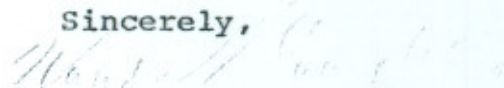
I am also enclosing copies of some other deeds and information from my Singletary file, which I hope you can use. I have abstracted most all of the old deeds and hope to find time to do them as I did the old Wills, but finding the time is difficult. All that I do at night and after office hours.

I have right many old Singletary gravestone records also which I hope to get typed and will send a copy on to you.

I thank you very much for sending the name of the person from whom I can obtain a copy of the new Singletary book. I shall write her soon.

It will be delightful to meet you and I do hope you can come our way.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Carl C. Campbell

3 Brookmoor Road
West Hartford, Ct: 06107
15 September, 1970

Mrs. Wanda Campbell
Box 547
Elizabethtown, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

It was nice to talk to you this morning. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00, for the following five (5) Bladen County Deeds at \$2.00 each:

- 1) Singletary (Estate by commissioners) et al. Benjamin to Joseph Singletary, et. al. BOOK 34, p.31, Division.
- 2) Singletary, Josiah to Jonathan Singletary
Book 27, p. 566, Deed
- 3) Singletary, Josiah to David Singletary
BOOK 22, p. 33, Deed
- 4) Singletary, David (Jr.) to Josiah Singletary
BOOK 22, p. 296, Bond
- 5) Singletary, Benjamin to Joshua (Josiah) Singletary
BOOK 30, p. 423, Deed

The man who is writing the new Singletary volume is a Dr. E. Russ Williams, Jr., in Mississippi, who conducted the DAR genealogy workshop in Jackson. Mrs. Thelma Estabrook, of 801 Beach Blvd., Pascagoula, Miss: 3967, can probably give you his address, should you need it.

I would very much appreciate it if you could send these deeds to me by return mail, as we are headed South the first of October. Thank you once again.

Most sincerely,

Gloria (King) Rostich

Mrs. Joseph E. Rostich

Will Book 2, Page 185, Clerk Superior Court, Bladen County, N. C.

I, Daniel Hester of the County of Bladen 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:

That my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah Hester two hundred acres of land whereon I now live so as to include my mansion house, all outhouses and the mill and all other improvements thereon said land being the tract of land deeded by Julius High to Thomas Hester and registered in Bladen County in Book K page 301, December 7th 1861. Also that she be allowed to use timber for the use of plantation on one hundred acres known as the Dunham tract and also on one hundred and fifty one acre tract known as Lot No. 4 in the division of Thomas Hester's real estate and allotted to Moses Jones and wife Sarah for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and third of and in all my real estate.

I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter, Martha J. wife of William H. Bryan four hundred and eighty three acres of land it being a part of the John Owen tract and embraces Lots No. 1, 2 & e in the division of Thomas Hester's real estate & allotted to Elizabeth Hester as reference to said division will more fully show, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and devise to my second daughter Sarah E. wife of Gillmore Edwards one hundred, it being the balance of Lot No. 5 not divided in the above devise, it being the south end of said Lot No. 5 also thirty acres adjoining the above land, also one hundred and fifty-four acres adjoining the last mentioned pieces both of which was allotted to Amelia Hester in the division of Thomas Hester's real estate, also one hundred acres granted to Thomas Hester and lying on Stallion Branch recorded in Bladen County in Book M, page 141, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Mary F. wife of John D. Biggs, two hundred and seven and a half acres of lying lying on bothsides of the public road leading from Lumberton to Whiteville and known as the Lewis land and recorded in Bladen County, to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

I give and devise to my eldest son Edward T. Hester two hundred acres of land be the same more or less, and including the land deeded from Julius High to Thomas Hester, described in the first item of this will, also all the lands in the Mill pond or reserved by me in deeding off lands for the benefit of said mill, and after the death of my beloved wife Sarah Hester, should she survive me then the said Edward T. Hester to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever the above lands and mill, etc.

I give and bequeath to my nephew Edward S. Lewis one tract of land containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less, for minute description see the deed from Jas. G. Freeman to Daniel Hester which is registered in Bladen County in Book S page 337 to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Will Book 2, Page 270 - Clerk Superior Court, Bladen County, N. C.

In the Name of God, "Amen"

I, Breyton Singletary of the State of North Carolina of Bladen, being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory and understanding do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I devise and dispose of in the following manner and form, viz:

I give unto my beloved wife Mary Singletary all her possession, real and personal that she was possessed of at the day of our marriage to dispose of it in what manner she thinks proper, and the remainder of my estate to continue in my wife's possession until my son Joseph Singletary come to be twenty one years of age then to be equally divided between my three children, Joseph Singletary, Deborah Singletary, Benjamine Singletary and for my wife to keep Benjamin's part in her possession until he is twenty one years of age and if there should be a necessity to sell any of the negroes to pay my debts, let it be a negro girl named Amey, and if she is sold it is in the powers of my Executors and Executrix to sell her or any of my property at public or private sale as they may think proper to pay my debts and I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Benjamin Singletary and my beloved wife Mary Singletary, my Executor and Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of September 1790.

Breyton Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Brayton Singletary the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers -- all intending before assigned.

Benjamin Singletary
Lucy (her x mark) Streaty
William Streaty.

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I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Sarah Hester all my household and kitchen furniture, my stock of all kinds and all the crop or stock of provisions that may be on hand at the time of my death. Also all moneys, notes, or accounts which may be due or belonging to my estate after paying my just debts and all necessary expenses, also all farming tools and everything else that I may be in possession of at the time of my death not otherwise disposed of in the foregoing will, to have and to hold to her and her heirs absolutely and in fee simple forever, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Edward T. Hester 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 wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Daniel Hester do hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of January A. D. 1880.

Daniel Hester (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Daniel Hester to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto:

Witnesses: George W. Jones
R. S. Lewis

State of North Carolina
Bladen County

In the Superior Court

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Daniel Hester, dec'd. is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said County by E. T. Hester, the Executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said Daniel Hester by the oath and examination of George W. Jones and R. S. Lewis the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself deposes and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown them purporting to be the last will and testament of Daniel Hester, that the said Daniel Hester in the presence of these deponents subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 26th day of January 1880 and the deponents further saith, each of himself that the said Daniel Hester, the testator aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament and these deponents did thereupon subscribe their names at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and these deponents further saith that at the time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing their names as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Daniel Hester was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents. And further these deponents say not.

R. S. Lewis (Seal)
George W. Jones (Seal)

Severally sworn and subscribed this
6th day of October, A. D. 1885.

G. F. Melvin. C. S. C.

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DEED BOOK 34, page 67, Bladen County Registry.

This Indenture made the 27th of March 1806 between Arthur Council and Thos. C. Council, both of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina of the one part and the heirs of Col^o Thomas Robeson of the same county and state of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Arthur Council & Thomas C. Council; for and on consideration of the sum of three hundred pounds current money of said state to them in hand paid by the said heirs of Colo. Thomas Robeson the rect. whereof the said Arthur & Thomas C. Council doth hereby ackd.,, , , , , , , , , , a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in Bladen County ...on the So. Wt. side of Cape Fear River adj. the lower side of Thos. Robesons land about nine miles above Brumton.containing 350 acres of land be the same more or less as by patent dated the 20th of Feby 1735, reference thereto being had will more fully appear and conveyed by Sampson Wood the patentee to Wm. Saltar by deed bearing date the 4th of Feby 1739 and afterward conveyed back to the said Sampson Wood by deed bearing date the 13th of June 1742 reference thereto being had will more fully appear & by the said Sampson Wood given by will to his son Joseph Wood with an exception of 100 acres of said land to his widow Elizabeth during the term of her natural life reference thereto being had will more fully appear & by the said Joseph Wood and his mother Elizabeth conveyed to James Council by deed bearing date the 14th of Sept. 1784 reference thereto being had will more fully appear & by a contract of the said James Council was exchanged or swapped with the said Colo. Thos. Robeson for a piece of land on the No. Et. side of Cape Fear river opposite where the said Jas. Council lived and possession given & the conveyances have been omitted & we the aforesd. Arthur & Thos. C. Council being the legal heirs of James Council now make a deed unto the heirs of the said Colo. Thos. Robeson, reference being had unto the division of the lands &c of the said Colo. Thos. Robeson will fully appear by whom the above mentioned land was drawn together with all improvements.....

In witness whereof the above Arthur & Thos. C. Council hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

A. Council (Seal)
Thos. C. Council (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of

David L. White
Robt. Johnston

March Term 1807. This deed was proved by the oath of D. L. White & ordered to be registered.

J. S. Purdie, CC.

Payments to be made at Fayetteville, N. C. by Pres. U. S. B. Bank Agent for paying Pensioners, in the Agency of North Carolina.

Recorded by Henry H. Sylvester, Clerk in Book D Vol. 8, page 32

REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM

I certify that in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 7th June, 1832, THOMAS HESTER of Bladen County, State of North Carolina who was a Private in the North Carolina militia, during the War of the revolution, is entitled to receive Thirty dollars and ---cents per annum, during his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March 1834, and payable semi-annually, on the 4th of March, and 4th of September, in every year.

Given at the War Office of the United States, this Third day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

(SEAL)

/s/ L. W. Cass
Secretary of War

Examined and Countersigned.

/s/ J. L. Edwards

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Deed dated 30 October 1787 between Thomas Hester, Senr. to Jesper Hester, both of Bladen County for thirty pounds good money of North Carolina on the south west side of Crawley Marsh at said Marsh near William Hesters land.....
In presence of William Bryan, Rehum Reading. May Term 1798, this deed was proven by William Bryan and ordered to be registered. Attest: J. S. Purdie, CC Registered in the Registers office of Bladen in Book G page 94, 14th of July 1798.
J. Ellis, Regr.

Copy of "Further Inventory of the Estate of Ephraim Hester, dec'd.
May Term 1863. Divided in the Spring of 1862 15 cows and calf by mutual consent of the parties.
Mary Hester 1/3 5 cows & calves two year old yearling & 2 two yr. h
Jona. Singletary 2/3 10 cows & calves, 1 h year old Heifer, h two years old, 1 year old bull
Mary Hester, one oven, two spiders, one small pot, a pair of fire dogs & three water buckets, and six head of two year old hogs.
Jonathan Singletary, Jr. had 2 large pots (one of them cracked), one dutch oven, small camp kettle, and a spider and twelve head of two year old hogs.
This we certify to be a correct statement of the division made by us and we are both satisfied and contented therewith. May 1st 1863.

Test:

Ewen Johnson

Jonathan Singletary

Mary (her x mark) Hester

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4th May 1863.

D. Blue, Clk
Per F. P. Canning, D.C.

In the name of God Amen the fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, I Joseph Singletary of the County of Bladen and province of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory and understanding do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. **Bladen County Public Library**
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Imprimisses: It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied.

Item: It is my will and desire that my children shall be scholled out of my whole estate what ever my Executors hereafter mentioned shall think sufficient.

Item: It is my will and desire that my Beloved wife Mary Singletary enjoy my whole Estate both real and personal during her widowhood except the schooling of the children but in case she marryes that immediately after that she is to have one third part of all the remainder of my moveable or personal estate laid off to her by my Executors hereafter mentioned to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item: It is my will and desire the other two thirds of my personal estate likewise all my real estate be equally devided amongst my children when the Youngest arrives to the age of fourteen years old, but in case their Mother is then living in Widowhood the real estate not to be devided while she remains in that state to them their heirs, executors adminis'trs and assigns forever.

And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all other former wills by me made and I do declare this and no other to be my Last will and Testament and I do hereby nominate ordain and appoint my Two Brothars Benjamin Fitzrandolph and Ithamar Singletary to be myand whole Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Joseph Singletary (Seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of the subscribers who subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator.

John Poynter
Mary Poynter
Brayton Singletary

North Carolina)
Bladen County) November Court 2

Be it rememoered that the Execution of the original Will was proved in open Court by the oath of John Poynter who swore that he did see Joseph Singletary sign seal publish and declare this to be his last Will & testament and at the same time Mary Poynter & Brayton Singletary signed concurring evidence thereto.

Test: Maturin Colvill, C. C.

North Carolina,

By His Excellency Josiah Martin, Esq; His Majesty's Captain-General, and Governor in Chief, in and over the said Province. It being certified unto Me, That Joseph Singletary late of Bladen County, in this Province, is dead, and hath made his last Will and Testament in writing thereby appointing Benjamin Fitzrandolph and Ithamar Singletary, Executors thereof who qualified before the Justices of the Inferior Court of Bladen County by taking the Oath.....

(balance of certificate torn off) WSC

The State Alabama

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Lowmies County

August The 27th 1838

Dear Brother and Sister I once more inbrace the opportunity of informing you that I and my family are all well sincerely hoping that my letter may meet you all enjoying good health. I have not received a letter from that country since last fall I have wrote two letters and sent there but never has received any ansxer yet - I want you to send me a letter soon as you get this and want you to stike all the news good and bad and tell me all who is married and who is dead and who is moved away and all about the arrigularity of the settlement - I also want you if ever you do leave that country, I want you to come here for I think if you were here you could agr rate deal better here than there - there is I know a grate contrast among the people in that country about this--sue says that this is not a better country than that and as to my part I do not wish to persuade any person to come - not withstanding I know that any person can do a grate deal better here than there - I will now give you a Hystory of my situation - which you principlely know when I left there and that was instead of gaining I was a loosing and that very fast well sir - you very well know what a large and expensive family I had - and sir when I got here I had not five dollars in the world that is in cash - and I just settled down in the wild woods where there was not a stick aiss and went to work and has supported my family better than I did there - & has bought 120 acres of land which I would not thank a man to insure me less than forty bushels to the acre of sum of it this year - I have also bought me a good stock of hogs and cows - I have cows a plenty to give me milk and shall have hogs enough to make my meet - that is if nothing happens to them and as to corn I shall make more this year than ever I maid there in five - and cotton I shall make more than ever I maid there in my life or near as much as I ever seed made in Bladen. Now the question may be have you paid for all this the answer is I have for I do not think I owe exceeding fifty dollars in the State and that is just for my family necessarys - and so I have told you how I started and what I was when I begun in this Country - and what I am at the present - now sir

place the sam sittyuation there in that Country and make an estimation of the gain and then you can come very near telling which is the best country and there is yet if you feel deposed to come to it a plenty of vacant land that one acre is worth ary fore you have got - the fact is I am not sorrow only for but one thing in moving to this country and that is I didnot come soon enough - I have also increast in Negros sence I left that country Sally has one very fine body and if nothing happens she will have another in about two months - I want you if you if you please in the devesion of mammy property if there is any thing coming to me or anything that she requested me to have I want you to let me know it and Ile fix sum way to git it here - I have no more at present as I no of only I can say that I should be glad to be there long enough see you all one time more but not stay there for I would not have no place in that Country as a gift and obledge me to live on it - I want you soon as you git this letter to send me an answer so, I will conclude my letter by subscribing myself your most loving and affectionate sister till death.

TO Ephraim Hester

Sampson Davis

Rebeccor Davis

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A word for the undersigned to Daniel Hester tell him I am well hoping these lines may find him well tell him I yet are single and if nothing happens more than I know of I shall be in there to see him sumtime next year there is two men here in this State that has got sum business in that Country and they are a trying to hire my services to go and a tend to it for them and if it happens so that I do go I shall go and see him so I am yours sincerely till death.

To Daniel Hester and
Ephraim Hester

G. W. Simmons

G. W. Simmons

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(Letter addressed To Mr. Ephraim Hester
North Carolina Bladen
County Elizabeth P. O.

The Post Master will confer
a favour by giving the inf-
ormation of this letter to
Ephraim Hester living on
Big Swamp.

In the Name of God, "Amen".

The 12th day of November in the year of our Lord, 1773, I, Ithamar Singletary of the counth of Bladen and Province of North Carolina, planter, being of perfect mind and memory and understanding thanks be given unto God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing 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 recommend my soul into the hands of God that give it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis: It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied.

I give unto my loving wife Caroline, three hundred and twenty acres of land, more or less with all the buildings and improvements during her natural life, it being the plantation whereon I now live as also all household goods, working tools with all my stock of hogs, and horses and cattle, after my just debts are paid and satisfied.

After the decease of my wife, Caroline Singletary, I give and bequeath to my son Ithamar Singletary the upper half of the above mentioned three hundred and twenty acres with all buildings and improvements thereon, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, after the decease of my wife Caroline Singletary I give and bequeath to my son John Singletary the lower half of the above mentioned three hundred and twenty acres with all buildings and improvements thereon to him, his heirs and assigns forever, after the decease of my loving wife Carolina Singletary, I give and bequeath unto my four daughters, Elizabeth, Deborah and Mary, all my household goods as also my stock of cattle, horses and hogs, to be equally divided between them immediately after their mother's decease at the discretion of my executors, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all other former wills by me made.

I do declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, and I hereby nominate, ordain and appoint my loving brothers, Benjamin Fitzrandolph and Thomas Owen to be my lawful executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first within written.

Ithamar Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of the subscribers who subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator.

John Roberts
Phillip Paul Mattocks
Prudence (her (x) Mark) Roberts.

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Elizabethtown, N. C. 28337

In the Name of God, "Amen".

The 4th day of July in the year of Our Lord, 1792, I, Joseph Singletary of the county of Bladen and province of N. Carolina being of perfect mind and memory and understanding do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament &c.

Imprimes: It is my Will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied.

Item: It is my Will and desire that my children shall be schooled out of my whole estate whatever my Executors hereafter mentioned shall think sufficient.

Item: It is my Will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Singletary enjoy my whole estate both real and personal during her Widowhood except the schooling of the children but in case she marries that immediately after that she is to have one third part of all the remainder of my moveable or personal estate laid off to her by my Executors hereafter mentioned to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: It is my Will and desire the other two thirds of my personal estate likewise all my real estate be equally divided amongst my children when the youngest arrives at the age of fourteen years old but in case their mother is living in widowhood the real estate not to be divided while she remains in that state to them their heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns forever.

And I do hereby disallow revoke and disannul all other former wills by me made and I do declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

And I do hereby nominate, ordain and appoint my two Brothers, Benjamin FitzRandolph and Johannas Singletary to be my true and lawful and whole Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first within written.

Joseph Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of the subscribers who subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator:

John Poynter
Mary Poynter
Brayton Singletary

NORTH CAROLINA, BLADEN COUNTY.

I, Wanda S. Campbell, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid county and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the will of Joseph Singletary as recorded in Will Book 2, page 271, Bladen County, N. C.

This the 5th day of November, 1970.

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Elizabethtown, N. C. 28337

In the Name of God, "Amen".

The 12th day of November in the year of Our Lord, 1773, I, Ithamar Singletary of the County of Bladen and Province of North Carolina, planter, being of perfect mind and memory and understanding, thanks be given unto God ~~therefor~~ calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing 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 recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth, to be buried in a christian like and decent manner, at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Impremis: It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied.

Item: I give unto my loving wife Caroline three hundred and twenty acres of land more or less with all the buildings and improvements during her natural life it being the plantation whereon I now live as also all household goods, working tools with all my stock of hogs, and horses and cattle, after my just debts are paid and satisfied.

Item: After the decease of my wife Caroline Singletary, I give and bequeath to my son Ithamar Singletary the upper half of the above mentioned three hundred and twenty acres with all buildings and improvements thereon, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: After the decease of my wife Caroline Singletary I give and bequeath to my son John Singletary the lower half of the above mentioned three hundred and twenty acres with all buildings and improvements thereon to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: After the decease of my loving wife Caroline Singletary I give and bequeath unto my four daughters, Elizabeth, Deborah and Mary, all my household goods, as also my stock of cattle, horses and hogs, to be equally divided between them immediately after their mothers decease at the discretion of my Executors, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all other former wills by me made. I do declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. And I hereby nominate, ordain and appoint my loving Brothers, Benjamin Fitzrandolph and Thomas Owen to be my lawful Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first within written.

Ithamar Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of the subscribers who subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator.

John Roberts
Phillip Paul Mattocks
Her
Prudence X Roberts
Mark

3411 Nottingham - Houston 77005

October 14, 1970

Miss Veola Singletary (452 Main Street)
Melrose, Mass. 02176

Bladen County Public Library
Elizabethtown, N. C. 28337

Dear Miss Singletary:

What a nice person you are and what a surprise to receive a letter so soon after publication of the Exchange Edition of the Helper.

Actually I know very little about the Singletary connection. Am trying to prove up the Dunnam ancestry for Sister's Father-in-law who celebrated his 98th Birthday June 26. He is as bright as a new dollar and until two years ago when he rented it, he has run his ranch of nearly 6,000 acres near Junction, Texas.

There is a tradition in his family that two brothers fled LaRoche, France, being Huguenots persecuted by the Church, with little more than they could carry. They left a considerable estate there and after several years had passed, they pooled their resources and one of the brothers went back to see what could be salvaged. Of course he found, as we know now in such cases, that the Church and State had confiscated everything and there was nothing left to be claimed, and he so reported. The stay-at-home brother could not believe that story and thought he had played a dirty trick on him and kept it for himself. The 'wronged' one said he'd not bear the same name as such a man and accordingly took the maiden name of their Mother: Singletary. I believe they were living some where in New England then. It is likely they joined other Huguenot settlements in New York State before migrating to South Carolina where on the same date in 1703 a Singletary and a Dunnam received identical and adjoining tracts of land in South Carolina in Berkley County.

We are always told to give little weight to 'tradition', but in this case I believe it to be the truth..within the last 30/40 years, a stranger sought out Mr. Dunnam and asked him if he had ever heard the story of the two Huguenot brothers who came from LaRoche, repeating the story above - that man's name was Singletary! He could never have known it, had the story not come down through the years..in both branches. The Singletary-Dunnam marriage must have taken place in France, the parents must have been deceased, some years before 1700, as these were grown men.

I have now made connection with a Mr. Hawes, whom you know of, whose Mother was a Singletary. His Grandfather Singletary living long ago in Louisiana, had had a visitor named Dunnam, who was in some way kin and who looked enough alike to have been a twin! Here again the tradition seems to be reinforced.

I do not believe the Richard Singletary story as an heir to this estate is anything more than just that. Richard (the name) is not one I've found among any Dunnams. John, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Ebenezer, etc. show up generation after generation. The other names in S-416 are those who intermarried with the John-Jacob-Thomas, Samuels of this particular Dunnam branch.

I certainly thank you for the names and addresses you were so thoughtful as to furnish. Shall write to the couple in Winston-Salem; perhaps they will find some clue to this Singletary-Dunnam tradition. Am not familiar with the history by Lou Singletary Bedford. Shall search through our Louisiana section to see if I can shed any light on your Harmon and Alice; being a Southern State, we may have more material than you do.

Am sure the only way to accomplish anything in genealogy is to form a family group and pool information. I think they chose the right person as Family Record Keeper. Let me know how the association progresses - am sure Sister will want to join.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Margaret Rowley Sterling
(Mrs. Hugh S. Sterling)

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This Indenture made the 13th day of June one thousand eight hundred and seven between Wm. G. Singletary of the State of South Carolina and Marion District of the one part & Isaac Wright of the State of No. Carolina & County of Bladen of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Wm. G. Singletary for & in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to him in hand paid by the said Isaac Wright before the ensealing & execution of these presents the rect. whereof in full is hereby ackd. hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain & sell alien convey and confirm unto the said Isaac Wright his heirs and assigns forever a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bladen and State of No. Carolina, situate on the So. Wt. side of the No. Wt. river and between the lands of Benjn. FitzRandolph above & of Isaac Wright below described & to be ascertained in form & manner following: Beginning at the upper corner of said Isaac Wright's land formerly Capt. Mathew Rowan's & since known as the McKee lands & now the land of the said Isaac Wright thence running So. Wt. two mile & 6 ch thence No. Wt. 15 chs. & 1 po. thence No. Et two miles & 6 ch to the river thence down the said river to the beginning containing 250 acres be the same more or less, it being part of tract of land patented by Benjn. Fitzrandolph on the 9th of September 1735 and conveyed by him by deed bearing date the 7th day of May 1754 to William Singletary, grandfather of the party to these presents with all the improvements hereditaments & appurtenances unto the said piece or parcel of land belonging or in anywise appertaining.

To have and to hold the said piece or parcel of land with all the appurtenances & every species of improvements thereunto belonging free and clear of all incumbrances of any and every kind whatsoever together with all the papers & instruments of writing relative thereto unto him the said Isaac Wright his heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit & behoof of him the said Isaac Wright his heirs and assigns forever & the sd. Willm. G. Singletary for himself & his heirs and assigns against him & his heirs and assigns and against all and every person or persons whatsoever the said piece or parcel of land containing as aforesd 250 acres more or less with its improvements hereditaments and appurtenances all and singular in any wise belonging unto him the said Isaac Wright his heirs and assigns will warrant and forever defend by virtue of these presents.

In Witness whereof the said William G. Singletary hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first above written.

W. G. Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Jas. McRee
John McRee

Novr. Term 1807. This deed was proved by the oath of John McRee & ordered to be registered.

J. S. Purdie, CC

Will Book 2, Page 270 - Clerk Superior Court, Bladen County, N. C.

In the Name of God, "Amen"

I, Breyton Singletary of the State of North Carolina of Bladen, being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory and understanding do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I devise and dispose of in the following manner and form, viz:

I give unto my beloved wife Mary Singletary all her possession, real and personal that she was possessed of at the day of our marriage to dispose of it in what manner she thinks proper, and the remainder of my estate to continue in my wife's possession until my son Joseph Singletary come to be twenty one years of age then to be equally divided between my three children, Joseph Singletary, Deborah Singletary, Benjamine Singletary and for my wife to keep Benjamin's part in her possession until he is twenty one years of age and if there should be a necessity to sell any of the negroes to pay my debts, let it be a negro girl named Amey, and if she is sold it is in the powers of my Executors and Executrix to sell her or any of my property at public or private sale as they may think proper to pay my debts and I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Benjamin Singletary and my beloved wife Mary Singletary, my Executor and Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of September 1790.

Breyton Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Brayton Singletary the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers -- all intending before assigned.

Benjamin Singletary
Lucy (her x mark) Streaty
William Streaty.

Deed Book 30, Page 407

James Campbell, Senr. for the natural love and affection which I bear to my niece Catharine Campbell (one slave named Maulsey aged about 4 yrs.
5 January 1831
Witnessed by Neill McKay & John McKeithan. Proven at the May Term 1831
by oath of John McKeithan. P. Kelly, Clk.

Deed Book 30, Page 408

5th May 1827 John Horn of Bladen County to the Baptist Society called the BEAVERDAM CHURCH of the county of Bladen & state of North Carolina. Witnessed by Robt. Melvin & Thos. Smith.
Proven at May Term. 1831.

Deed Book 30, Page 531

1 March 1832 - Ann Singletary widow of Jonathan Singletary, decd. to David Young.

Witnessed by James S. Dunham & William Young.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

1880 Census
John Daniel Singletary

This Information Obtained From:

Delayed Birth Certificates
of Children listed
below

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth			1868		Bladen	N.C.	
Chr'nd							
Mar.							
Death							
Burial							

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Places of Residence	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Snowden Singletary Mother's Maiden Name Sarah Currie

Wife's Full Maiden Name Adelle Blanche Clark

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			1872				
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler	Places of Residence	Church Affiliation

Address Occupation if other than Housewife

City, State Date Her Father Mother's Maiden Name

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Sarah Lillian Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	20	May	1893				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	William Snowden Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	21	April	1895				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Adelle Blanche Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	16	Nov.					
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Edna Savannah Full Name of Spouse* Carline	Birth	3	Oct.	1900				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in *Add. info. on children* column. Use reverse side for additional children.

PERMANENT REGISTRATION

Listed below are names of Persons Registered in Bladenboro Township, Bladen County, North Carolina, under the Grandfather Clause, 1901.

NAME	Age	Descended	State his ancestor was a voter, Jan. 1 1867	Date of Application for Registration
Singletary, Neill M.	24	Snowden Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 2, 1902
Singletary, U. E.	22	E. Singletary	N. C.	Oct 3, 1902
Singletary, D. L.	74		N. C.	Oct. 3, 1902
Singletary, Norvil	51	Roland Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 3, 1902
Singletary, Seldon	54	Roland Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 3, 1902
Singletary, C. D.	28	Wright Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 4, 1902
Singletary, Joshua	60		N. C.	Oct. 4, 1902
Singletary, D. A.	44	Dennis L. Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 4, 1902
Singletary, Brate	56		N. C.	Oct. 4, 1902
Singletary, J. L.	27	J. W. Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 4, 1902
Singletary, Marshall	42	Asbury Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 4, 1902
Singletary, Wright	69		N. C.	Oct. 9, 1902
Singletary, Monroe	59		N. C.	Oct. 11, 1902
Singletary, Colin	55	Roland Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 11, 1902
Singletary, F. R.	34	D. L. Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 11, 1902
Singletary, L. P.	49	David Singletary	N. C.	Oct 11, 1902
Singletary, G. V.	28	Brate Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 11, 1902
Singletary, Ephraim	45	Jonathan Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 11, 1902
Singletary, Hoke	37	Snowden Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 20, 1902
Singletary, J. N.	45	David Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 25, 1902
Singletary, Evander	56		N. C.	Oct. 25, 1902
Singletary, S. W.	25	E. Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 25, 1902
Singletary, Graham	22	David Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 15, 1902
Singletary, Jas. F.	21	Neddy Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 15, 1902
Singletary, E. F.	23	Neddy Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 15, 1902
Singletary, John A.	22	D. L. Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 15, 1902
Singletary, Eli	21	Jonathan Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 19, 1902
Singletary, J. S.	24	Rowland Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 22, 1902
Singletary, Fred	22	Ephriam Singletary	N. C.	Oct. 23, 1902

I, Lillie Singletary Nance, a resident of the County of Currituck, State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all Wills and Codicils at any time heretofore made by me.

Item One

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Samuel Brown Jolly and Rupert B. Singletary Executors of this my last Will and Testament. I direct that no bond be required of my Executors.

I give and bequeath unto each of the following named persons respectively the following items of my real and personal property:

One Lot and house in Currituck County, Point Harbor, North Carolina, to my Nephew, Samuel Brown Jolly, and that his Mother, Adelle Singletary Jolly, is to have a home there for her lifetime. All contents of the house except those mentioned below in Item Two I bequeath to Samuel Brown Jolly.

One Lot at Clarkton, Bladen County, North Carolina, to Rupert B. Singletary and wife, Sarah M. Singletary; the lot joins their house and lot on College St. deeded to me by his mother.

Item Two

One Ladies Watch and Chain to Rupert B. Singletary that was his mother's.

One Diamond ring cluster with seven diamonds to Rupert B. Singletary that was his mother's.

One Diamond ring Princess Ann setting to Adelle S. Jolly, Sister

One Wooden Bread Tray to Erma Singletary

Two tall white Pitchers to Wadie Singletary

Crystal kept in china cabinet in Living Room to Sarah M. Singletary

One glass pitcher to Rupert B. Singletary (came from his mother, to be returned)

One Iron Coffee Mill to Annie Belle Fryar that was my great Grandmother Johnson's.

One blue pickle stand to Mollie Chicelli, that was my grandmother Clark's.

One black iron matchholder to Marshall Nance; that was his great uncle Walt Bridges. (on wall in kitchen)

One Bridges family Bible to Judge Clayton L. Nance. (In chest in middle bedroom)

One Browning Automatic shotgun to Steve Alexander Jolly (Alex namesake)

One Gold wedding band ring to Adelle S. Jolly (was my mother's)

One White gold diamond ring, three small diamonds, to Ginger Jolly.

... and all stamps to Ginger Jolly (was her uncle John R's)

One Scrap Book to Edna S. Carlisle (was her brothers) 238

One Watch that Alex had from John R. Singletary to William S. Singletary. 238

All my seashells and conks to William S. Singletary.

Two Hundred Dollars to William L. Sears, Sr. of Norfolk, Virginia.

One Diamond ring Solitaire to Adelle S. Jolly; at her death to Ginger Jolly.

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WILL OF ALLIE D. SINGLETARY

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J. A. Singletary, My will is for you to have all i possess in this world. I mean it for sure.

ALLIE D. SINGLETARY.

NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF BLADEN.

RALPH GRIMES and ED GRIMES and JESSIE LEE GRIMES who each personally appeared before me the Clerk of the Superior Court for Bladen County, this day and after being duly sworn, says:

That he has seen, read, and carefully examined that certain paper writing consisting of one paper.

That he has carefully read and examined said paper and especially examined the handwriting thereof and the signature affixed thereto; that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said allie D. Singletary, having often seen said Allie D. Singletary write and sign her name, and that the said paper writing are entirely in the handwriting of Allie D. Singletary, and that the signature of the said Allie D. Singletary subscribed thereto is in the genuine handwriting of said Allie D. Singletary, and that all the said paper writing is the genuing handwriting of the sa d Allie D. Singletary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
30th day of August, 1939.

RALPH GRIMES
ED GRIMES
JESSIE LEE GRIMES

NEWTON ROBINSON
Clerk Superior Court.

PROBATE OF HOLOGRAPH WILL

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF BLADEN.

A paper writing, without subscribing witnesses, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Allie D. Singletary, deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by J. A. Singletary, one of the devisees of legatees therein named, an interested party; and it is thereupon proved upon the oath and examination of Ralph Grimes, Ed Grimes and Jessie Lee Grimes, that the paper writing was lodged in the hands of J. A. Singletary for safe keeping; and it was further proved by oath and examination of three competebt and credible witnesses, to wit: Ralph Grimes, Ed Grimes, and Jessie Lee Grimes, that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Allie D. Singletary, having often seen her write and verily believesthat the name of the said Allie D. Singletary, subscribed to said Will, and the said will itself, and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said Allie D. Singletary.

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Dear Mrs. Campbell,

I was real proud you wrote again. I thank you so much for these papers.

Iris said you and she found our ancestors back to Richard-Deed book 23 P. 412. Ephraim Singletary was our gr. grand dad married Liza Ann Davis.

A indexed and copied copy of the Singletary-Curtis book is on its way to you. No charge for it. I just hope you can iron out some of the mistakes and maybe complete it. The missing links are between Mass. and N. C. also I'm sure you can find it.

Don't do like Ueda when she got her copy - Sit up all night to read it then not be able to work next day. Ha!

Iris may get angry when she finds out about the book being copied but I couldn't buy one so I borrowed and copied - Cheaper to buy tho - believe me.

Another lady and I copied all Miss. Singletary from 1840 to 1880 for Iris. I copied Tombstones of Singletarys from Rankin & Simpson She and I have been reading microfilm like above is marriages in Brandon, Miss.

Also I've contacted all Singletary decedents to send data for the supplementary ⁽²⁴¹⁾ book. This is a typed copy of all latest data.

I'm smitten too by the gen. bug and know what you mean.

I believe Sampson Davis is father to Liza Ann. B. Co. 1815 He lived in Bladen Co. N. C. in 1790

I don't expect anything from you and understand about being busy -

Thanks again for the deeds - 241 Gladys -

P.S. of Thomas children I've got good (?)
information on

1. John Hester - can't get his children done
2. Ephriam
3. Thomas Henry complete
4. Mary had a letter from a lady ~~at~~ with two addresses of people who say they come from her.
5. Hannah - complete
6. Daniel - nothing

In all your census looking do you have a record on a

1880
census

→ Allen Singletary ^{b. Nov. 10, 1850} married Annie Anderson ^{b. Sept. 27, 1855}
 they had 11 children but I don't know dates of birth. He was son of Frank and Sarah Parker Singletary.

My husbands people are just not interested in this at all.

love,
is (his Singletary)
alot of people call me "is".

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So many have sent these "silly" chart sheets taking just one person in each family! So me that is incomplete! I want all the brothers and sisters of each one not just one. So I've had to do alot of copying and rewriting to everyone.

You may keep out line till you're finished, but I do need it bad as you now have my information. ^{Ha!}

I really did laugh from the letter back from Helma that Rosanna was the only child Ephriam and Nellie had she was sure. I'll tell you one thing you really find out alot. By the way I have been sent a copy of marriage license of John Hester Singletary and Mrs. Catherine Allen dated Feb. 8, 1882. He married right after he got to Texas and died in 1885. One lady wrote that the D. A. R. record proved that John Hester married only once and he couldn't have married after he went to Texas. But today my proof came with a copy of the license. So the D. A. R. does make mistakes just like the rest of us! ^{Ha!}

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Mrs. Singletary (my Mother-in-Law) said you had borrowed her book some. If you don't have one, may I please send you one free for all the help and work you've done for me? Let me know!

With love,
Lis

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Nov. 11, 1970

Dear Mrs. Campbell,

I wonder if you received my letter written in Oct.

We have so many misplacements of mail in Texas. Since I didn't hear from you, I thought that you might not have received my letter.

I wrote for information on Benjamin, husband of Elizabeth, ^{the father} of James, the son of Thomas, ^{the father} of Joseph, the father of James. I want his, Joseph, Will and Lang Grant if you would please. Send it to me.

Mrs. W. C. Singletary wrote me that she believed Joseph was James' father. What do you think?

Also would you please find the dates of John Hester Singletary's and Ephraim Singletary's births. I have an error in my records on their births.

I sent you four dollars (\$4.00)

over 245 "

have
Benjamin
Will

Please forgive haste and mistakes vs

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Melrose, Mass., 02176.
452 Main Street,
November 1, 1970.

Mrs. Wanda S. Campbell,
Drawer 547,
Elizabethtown, N.C.
28337.

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

Thank you for the interesting papers you so kindly mailed to me in mid-September, and please forgive my tardiness in replying to your very thoughtful letter which was posted at the same time.

I understand how difficult it is to hold a job and try to work other interests into an already crowded schedule---I'm doing the same thing, and I'll be seventy-five years of age 02/12/1970. At times I wonder if I inherited this DRIVE, or if it was environmental factors. Possibly many contributing factors, and it's too late now to worry about them. I work for a Bridal and Formal Wear Shop, in Malden Mass., Owned and operated by Miss Virginia Armstrong of Medford, Ma. Her work is more or less seasonal. Terrific rush in the spring---when she needs many hands--then a slump, except on Holiday occasions. I commute, by bus, but most of her employees live near the shop. I've had ~~on~~ time off since April 6th, and I had asked to be released ~~on~~ Nov. 1st, but I've got to report tomorrow, and possibly all week, because another all round operator is out with a virus. (She and I do fitting and finishing) Plus anything else which needs a substitute. (Old and experienced) For the next five months, I hope, I can forget the job, and concentrate on this family research.

That book of Abstracts of Wills which you sent to me has several listings which I want to investigate, to see if there is any mention of my Great Grandfather Harmon Singletary, born 1808, in N.C. Since writing to you last, I had a letter from a Louisiana correspondent who had located an item in the Louisiana Genealogical Register, which is the quarterly published by the La. Gen. and Historical Society, of Baton Rouge, La., quoting the U.S. Census report, for Rapides Parish, 1850, and showing that Harmon and Alice had three children prior to 1839, (when he left N.C. for La.) The oldest a girl named Alice, next a son named Joseph, followed by a daughter named Elizabeth. I'm going to take a shot in the dark, and ask you to please send me that Will which you have listed on Page 81, Joseph Singletary July 4, 1772, and since it states that one of his brothers was co-Executor; name of Ithamar Singletary, and you have another listing on the same page for Ithamar Singletary, Nov. 12, 1773. Both Wills mention the Fitzramdolph name it seems plausible that they're of the same family. So please send me those two. A Mississippi descendent sent me two copies of Wills which belong to her family. I see you have the first one listed on page 80-- Singletary, Benjamin (Planter) 22/08/1765, and he had a son named Joseph too. The 2nd Will she enclosed is of James Sr. 20th, Feb. 1810, Page 81.

Thank you for the current map of Bladen County, I found it very interesting, for the lay of the land, and for the Singletary Lakes and pond. I'm sure I mis-lead you about Jesse Singletary settling

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on Cape Fear river, at Lyons Landing, later Bladenboro. I think that would indicate that he later settled, or moved, to Bladenboro. Maybe I phrased it badly. Considering this information, this History, or STORY, could it be possible that Jesse's records would be recorded in another County site ?

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The Author of that Singletary- Curtis book was a descendent of one Luther Singletary, who was born in Sutton, Mass., Oct. 28th 1796, married Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of Capt. Geo. Stell, of Dinwiddie County, Virginia--widow with one daughter, Elizabeth Morgan. Their first child Virginia Candace Singletary, was born in Dinwiddie County, where her father was engaged in teaching. He later moved to Davidson County, in Tenn., from there to Hickman County Kentucky, where he spent the remaining years of his life, looking after his farm and teaching school. He was the father of seven children, the fifth was a daughter, named Eliza Lucinda Singletary, (author and poetess, Lou (Singletary) Bedford), whose book was composed (undocumented) mostly from information written to her from family members who were scattered all over the states. I recently had a letter from a lady in Texas (land of tall tales) who is beginning a search on the Dunnam, Dunham family, and she refers to THE BOOK, by Bedford, as nothing but a STORY. It does contain valuable data which could easily be authenticated (wish I'd started my searching when I was younger) at least the New England beginnings are matters of record. But, I'm sorry to tell you that the information, contained in this volume, concerning the death of Jesse Singletary's two sons, Wm., and Curtis, is not documented, and probably worthless as material for your Bi-Centennial celebration in 1973.

Wanda, I'm due for a five months vacation, as of the moment, but will be here long enough to hear from you, I hope, as I'm working on my own wardrobe. I'm due to attend a birthday celebration in Alexandria La., at Thanksgiving. My mother's sister, Mrs. Mary (Stokes) Musgrove, will be 94 years of age on the 27th of Nov. 1970. She is a very rare person. Mother of 14 children--only wears glasses for close work, does her own housework, sews her own clothing--frisky as a kitten--took a plane for Phoenix Arizona to spend a two weeks vacation with one of daughters who lives out there. There will be relatives there from all over, and since my preoccupation with my own family of seven children has prevented me from keeping in touch with many of them, I'm looking forward to that occasion with great anticipation. I'd planned to be gathering data on the family, in La., Texas and possibly Mississippi, but I'm wondering if I came to Bladen County and made a personal survey, would it justify the time and expense. I see from your map that Elizabethtown isn't a large place. Do you think I'd encounter difficulties in finding an inexpensive guest house? I'm anxious to find out all I can about my Harmon and Alice---Those latest Census figures indicate that Alice must have been only 16 yrs of age, at the time of their marriage, or younger, as her birth-year figures at 1814, and the daughter Alice seems to have been born in 1830. Harmon would be 22 when their first-born arrived. The second, a son named Joseph, born 1836, and Elizabeth, born in 1839. So she was an infant when they moved to La.

A letter from Mrs. Gladys Delancy, Braxton, Miss., descendent of Benj. (Colonial), James. Rev., and Thomas, son of Revolutionary Ancestor, writes frequent letters, and the latest announces the formation of a family organization, to be directed by our Gloria Rostich. Gladys had twisted my arm to take the initial steps for the formation of an Association. I managed to convince her that they needed a younger person. I was flattered at her first suggestion, and panicked by a more serious consideration of the complexities of such an undertaking.

Thankfully

Please find enclosed check to cover the two Wills.

W. D. 748

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Know all men by these presents that we Mary Hester and Jonathan Singletary and wife Mary Ann all of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina do make and enter into the following agreement touching the real estate of EPHRAIM HESTER deceased that is to say Mary Hester the widow of said deceased agrees to have and to hold for and during her natural life in lieu & satisfaction of her dower of in & to said real estate the following tracts or parcels of land lying in Bladen County & including the late residence of the said Ephraim Hester to wit: One tract of one hundred and fifty acres on the South west side of Crawley March & granted to Thomas Hester in the fourth year of American Independence. One tract of two hundred and fifty acres on the South side of Crawley Swamp and granted to Wm. Reding Octr. 23, 1782 - One tract of twenty four acres on the east side of the Great Swamp & on the South side of Mockeson Branch & on the North side of the Big Bay which was granted to Ephraim Hester May 16th 1851. One tract of twenty five acres which was granted to Ephraim Hester Nov. 30th 1840. One tract of eighteen acres on the East side of the Great Swamp and on the South side of Crawley Swamp and granted to Ephraim Hester, Senr. Augt. 29th 1845. And also one piece of seventy acres, less twenty four acres sold to Ewan Johnson, conveyed to Ephraim Hester by Robert M. Sessoms by deed bearing date Decr. 30th 1850. (The situation & description of all the aforesaid parcels of land will fully appear by reference to the grants & deeds above referred to). It is further agreed by the said Mary Hester that the said Jonathan Singletary and wife Mary Ann, who is the daughter and only child & heir of the said Ephraim Hester deceased shall and may have and hold all the other tracts and parcels of land of which the said Ephraim Hester died seized and possessed (being in all about two hundred and ninety acres) free and clear of Dower and the said Jonathan Singletary & wife Mary Ann do hereby bind themselves their heirs, executors and administrators to stand to abide by and perform the aforesaid agreement for the sake of the ease & comfort of the said Mary Hester and the mutual interests of all concerned.

Given under our hands and seals this the 28th day of February 1862.

Signed, sealed & delivered
in the presence of

Her
Mary X Hester (Seal)
Mark

Ewen Johnson

Jonathan Singletary (Seal)

Decr. 16th

Her
Mary x Ann Singletary (Seal)
Mark

North Carolina
Bladen County

County Court Office
Decr. 16th 1867

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Then was this deed proven before me by the oath of Ewen Johnson, the subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded together with this certificate.

(Test Paid)

Witness: D. Blue, Clk
Per S. J. Hall, D. C.

\$2.70

North Carolina
Bladen County

Registers Office. Received for Registration the 7th January 1868 and was registered in the Records of said County in Book W Page 316 the 9th of January 1868.

Witness
R. S. Gillespie
Register.

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In the Name of God, "Amen".

The 12th day of November in the Year of Our Lord, 1773, I Ithamar Singletary of the County of Bladen and Province of North Carolina, planter, being of perfect mind and memory and understanding thanks be given unto God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing 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 recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprim: It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied.

I give unto my loving wife Caroline, three hundred and twenty acres of land, more or less with all the buildings and improvements during her natural life, it being the plantation whereon I now live as also all household goods, working tools with all my stock of hogs, and horses and cattle, after my just debts are paid and satisfied.

After the decease of my wife, Caroline Singletary, I give and bequeath to my son Ithamar Singletary the upper half of the above mentioned three hundred and twenty acres with all buildings and improvements thereon, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, After the decease of my wife Caroline Singletary I give and bequeath to my son John Singletary the lower half of the above mentioned three hundred and twenty acres with all buildings and improvements thereon to him, his heirs and assigns forever, After the decease of my loving wife Caroline Singletary, I give and bequeath unto my four daughters, Elizabeth, Deborah and Mary, all my household goods as also my stock of cattle, horses and hogs, to be equally divided between them immediately after their mother's decease at the discretion of my executors, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all other former wills by me made.

I do declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, and I hereby nominate, ordain and appoint my loving brothers, Benjamin Fitzrandolph and Thomas Owen to be my lawful Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first within written.

Ithamar Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of the subscribers who subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator.

John Roberts
Phillip Paul Mattocks
Prudence (her (x) mark) Roberts.

*2000 Caroline Singletary, to be buried James Singletary and Book 37, p. 285
John Washburn is son of Elizabeth*

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He was in another expedition against the Tories, in the same Company. They had collected at Strilings Mills on Drowning Creek on Lumber River. Irwin's Company surprised and defeated them as they were crossing the mill dam. In their precipitate flight, they left a considerable number of their horses, which were taken.

He was engaged in various other expeditions under Capt. Irwin in different parts of the Country, but how often, when, and other circumstances he does not recollect. The County of Bladen then embraced a large extent of territory, and within its limits, the Tories, being mostly emigrants from the Highlands of Scotland, were numerous, active, and loyal to the British Government. The Head QUARTERS of Irwin was at Elizabeth Town, except when obliged to retire before superior numbers of the enemy. On one occasion, the Tories emboldened by the March of Lord Cornwalliss' army down the Cape Fear River towards Wilmington, collected to the number of three or four hundred in Elizabethtown; the Company owing to inferiority of force, being obliged to retire across the Cape Fear. Col. Robeson, who took command of the Company, in consequence of Capt. Irwin's being disabled by a severe attack of the small pox, caught from a British deserter, took command of the Company, and being of opinion, that it would not be prudent to remain near so large a force of the enemy, conducted the Company over Neuse River, but immediately returned. On their countermarch, from Lisbon in Sampson County, between Colley Swamp and the Cape Fear, about nine miles from Elizabeth they were met by Mrs. McRee, the mother of Major Griffith J. McRee of the Continental Army, who left home for the purpose of apprising them of the situation of the Tories. By that time they had been joined by Cols. Brown and Owen and Capt. Peter Robeson, and several other Whigs, and in consequence of the information received from Mrs. McRee, an attack on the Tories was determined on, altho' the whole force of the Whigs did not exceed Eighty men--They accordingly marched to the Cape Fear and forded it at night, about a half or three quarters of a mile below the village, attacked the Tories at a point now called Tory Hole, drove them to the upper end of the Village, where the ammunition of the Whigs having been expended, they were under the necessity of retiring; after having killed or mortally wounded their Commanding officer, Col. Slingsby, Capt. David Godwin, and a Private named Edward Harrison. Lieutenant Baldwin and several privates were severely wounded. Of the Whigs none were killed, and only two privates, James Singletary and James Cain, slightly wounded. The Tories were so severely handled, that they dispersed the next morning. He was in active service, in Irwin's Company, at least twelve months, For it was notorious, that there was not in this part of the Country, a more zealous, active and intrepid partizan officer, in the Whig service than Capt. Irwin, and no one did more in sustaining, within his limited sphere of action, the common cause. His men were held ready for service at a moment's warning, and for a period of more than three years, they were for a considerable portion of the time, in the field, exposed to every species of hardship and privation. He, this declarant, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstances, never flinched from a faithful performance of his duty, altho he was only in the fifteenth year of his age, when he entered the Company. After the skirmish at Elizabethtown, the Company was never called into active service. He received no written discharge, and if any Continental Officers ~~was~~ acted with Capt. Irwin's Company, he has no recollection of them. He never acted with any Militia Regiments, has no documentary evidence, and the only witnesses of his service, whose testimony he can procure are William Bryan, and Richard Cheshire, whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

His
Josiah X Singletary
Mark

Sworn to and subscribed
the day & year aforesaid.

X E. C. S. S. S.

In the Name of God, "Amen".

The 8th of March A Domini 1773. I, Richard Singletary, Senr. of the County of Bladen and Province of North Carolina being sickly and weakly in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto God there for 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 God that gave it and my body I recommend to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Impremis. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Benjamin Singletary the heirs of his body forever, three hundred and twenty acres of land, beginning at the lower corner of the Susan Camps or the Strayboge land then down the N. W. River to the Store landing, thence back the courses of the survey likewise two hundred acres adjoining being part of my back survey likewise two hundred acres by survey on Plumb Branch, likewise I give to my son Benjamin my negro fellow called old Pompy.

Item: I give to my well beloved son William Singletary and to the heirs of his body forever the plantation whereon I now live beginning at the Stave Landing thence down the N. W. River containing three hundred and twenty acres be it more or less. Also I give my son William four hundred and forty acres joining the same part of my back tract on Harrison's Creek, also my negro fellow called Young Pompy.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Richard Singletary five hundred acres of land known by the name of Susan Camps or Straboge, to him and the heirs of his body forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Elizabeth Singletary, widow of John Singletary, my negro fellow named Charles.

Item: I give to my son in law Elkenah Allen five shillings proclamation money.

Item: I give to my well beloved wife Joyce Singletary my negroes, Tomm, Jimmy and Judge during her life then I give Tom to my son Richard, Jimmy to and Judy to be divided between my sons William and Richard. I likewise give unto my wife Joyce my household furniture and stuff during her life then to be divided between my sons Benjamin, William and Richard.

Item: I do constitute make and ordain my son William Singletary and my nephew William Saltar my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other former Testament wills, legacies, rights and executors by me in anyways before named willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Richard Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed and pronounced and declared by the said Richard Singletary, as his last will and testament in the presence of us: Gaius Humphreys, & 2
Joseph Humphreys, Benjamin Humphreys,

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In the Name of God "Amen"

I, William Singletary of Bladen County, North Carolina being weak in body yet of sound and perfect understanding and memory praised by God, do make this my last Will and Testament, as followeth, that my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executors hereafter named.

Imprimis: I give to my beloved wife Mary the use of my plantation whereon I now live with negroes, stock and household stuff whilst she remains a widow, or until my youngest son comes to the age of twenty one years, in case my wife Mary should die before my youngest son comes of age then I will that my executors shall rent the same for the good of my children.

I give to my son William Singletary two hundred and fifty acres of land known by the name of Singletary's Bluff, eighty acres known by the name of Old pasture, or sugar Loaf point, to his heirs or assigns forever.

I give to my son Council Singletary the plantation which I now live on when he is twenty one years old except my wife should now be with child of a son then in that case my plantation shall be equally divided between my son Council and the one not yet born, if a daughter then shall have an equal share of my personal estate with my other children.

I give to my brother Richard Singletary, all my wearing clothes, my silver buckles and silver watch to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I do hereby constitute, make and ordain James Council and Richard Lloyd, my sole Executors to this my last will and testament.

I do hereby disallow, revoke and disannull all and every other former wills, legacies or executors by me made or appointed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 1st day of June in the year of our Lord, 1785.

William Singletary (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of us.

James Bradley
John Cowan
Benjamin Humphrey.

Outline of Singletary Family History - Bladen County, North Carolina

1. Richard Singletary, born in England about 1599 and brought to this Country as a child, married Susannah Cook and settled in Massachusetts in 1638. Their children were Jonathan, Nathaniel, Lydie, Amos, Benjamin and Richard 2nd. There is evidence that Richard, senior, was the last heir to the Dunham Estates.
2. Richard 2nd settled in 1725 in Bladen County, North Carolina, near the present town of Elizabethtown. He was the father of four sons: Monroe, Roland, Jonathan, and Richard 3rd. A land grant of this date for 50,000 acres from the Lords Proprietors to "The beloved Richard Singletary" was signed by the Earl of Clarendon.
3. Jonathan, wife's name unknown, had a son Jonathan 2nd.
4. Jonathan 2nd married Sara Ann Harrison and had the following children: Elizabeth, Roland, David, Gainer, Sallie, Polly, Snowden, Harriet, John, and Neddie.
5. John (1812-1887) married Mary Anne Hester. Their children were: Joshua Kay, Braten M., Edward, Ephriam, Lucy Anne, Mary Jane, and Polly.
6. Joshua Kay (1844-1911) married Sarah Catherine Smith in December 20, 1866. Their children were: Isabelle Jane (Sept. 18, 1867 -) William (March 23, 1868. Died same date) A.P. (June 25, 1870. Died same date.) Loula L. (April 3, 1871-) Walter Oscar (April 18, 1873 -) Malcahy B. (Mike) (Feb. 8, 1876 - June 30, 1946), John Thurman (May 17, 1878 - April 27, 1917) Dollie Amelia (May 27, 1881-) Claude Robeson (April 28, 1885, -) Bertha Beatrice (July 16, 1887 -). With the exception of the last two named, who were born at the family's new home in Robeson County, N.C., all were born in Bladen County, N.C.
7. Walter (1873 -) Married Minnie Prudence Price in Robeson County, N.C., November 10, 1903. Their only child, Joseph Edgar, was born August 23, 1904.
8. Edgar (1904 -) Married Frances Carraleigh Jones of Gordonsville, Virginia, Nov. 26, 1932. Their children: Carraleigh Ann, Jan. 14, 1938, and Martha Damaris, Sept. 9, 1941, were born in Hendersonville, N.C.

Note: For purpose of this history, a son with the same first name as the father is designated by the term 2nd rather than Jr.

Note: Sources available did not provide dates and names of all family members in some cases.

Note: As this genealogical record traces the descent of one branch of the Bladen County, N.C., Singletarys only, no attempt has been made to show the descent of all families bearing the name. However, it is known that Benjamin Singletary, youngest son of the original Richard, left Massachusetts in 1695 and located at a place on the Ashley River known as the "Red Bank", near the present town of Summerville. He became the founder and head of the South Carolina branch of the family, some of whom now lives in and around Lake City, S.C. It is known that Josiah Singletary, a contemporary of Jonathan 2nd, and a son of Monroe, Roland, or Richard 3rd, settled near Thomsville, Georgia, and is probably the founder of the Georgia branch of the family.

Atto. Texas
June 6, 1970

Miss Wanda S. Campbell,
Elizabethtown, N.C.

Dear Wanda,

Will you send me a copy of James Singletary's will dated Feb. 20, 1810. It is in Bladen County so I have been told. Can you tell me anything about Nancy, James' wife. I need her given name so bad. James was born about 1750 from the records that I have.

I would like to have a copy of the land grant that was given Richard Singletary in 1729.

I need records on Thomas 255

Singletary, as birth, when he
married, His first wifes name
I have (Miss Hester) first wife. I
need the first name.

I will appreciate any records
on James Singletary, Thomas' father

I'm enclosing a check and hope
you can use it instead of money
in a letter.

Thank you for any information
that you can find. I need the will
as soon as you can conveniently
send it.

Respectfully

Nellie Singletary

Alto, Texas 75925