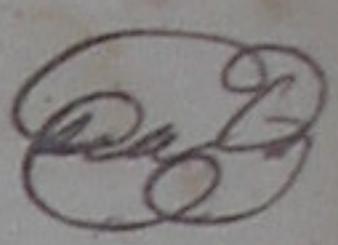this my last will & testament revoking by this all other wills
heretofore by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this 23rd day of March 1837
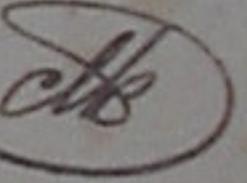
Interlined in two places –

Signed Sealed & acknowledged
In presence of us
John J. Wray — Wm. G. Matthews

             his
Thomas   +   Gainer
        mark

Northampton County September Court 1837
         This last will and testament of Thomas Gainer
dec'd was exhibited in open court and proved in due form of law by the
oaths of John J. Wray & Wm. G. Matthews the subscribing witnesses
thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon David M. Matthews
the executor therein named qualified according to law
            Teste   Wm. Bottom Clk

Meritt L. W. King's Will.

In the name of God amen I Meritt L W King of the county of North
-ampton and State of North Carolina being weak of body but of disposing
mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament
for the disposal of such worldly goods as it has pleased almighty God
to bestow upon me

Item I give to my sister Tempey all my stock of horses Cattle & hogs household
& Kitchen furniture of every description together with all my plantation
tools & utensils with my present stock of provisions together with the
Crop now on the ground to her and her heirs forever – Item, I lend to my
sister Tempey during her natural life negroes new Moses & Jim –
Item I lend unto my sister Tempy Uncle Dabny Cawthon and his wife Sarah
Cawthon during their lifetimes for them to have a comfortable home so
long as they may live the tract of land whereon I now live –

Item After the death of my said sister Tempey Uncle Dabny Cawthon
and his wife Sarah I give to the youngest surviving daughter of
my said uncle Dabny Cawthon and his wife Sarah my tract of land
and the two negroes above mentioned to her and her heirs forever –

Item I give to my sister Tempy and to her heirs forever my Crop of Cotton
and all the debts owing to me and all other species of property
after the payment of my just debts and funeral
It is my will & desire that ...