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Georgia Green County Sept. Term 1817

Personally appeared before us Edmund Alford & George Struall two of the subscribing Witnesses to the last will and testament of John Cole late of sa County deceased who said that they saw the sa John Cole sign seal & acknowledge the same as his last will and testament and further these deponents verily believed the sa John Cole to be of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of his executing the same

Done &c before us 1st Sep. 1817

Thos. Stokes J. J.

at Freshams J. J.

O. Porter J. J.

Geo Struall

Edmund Alford

Recorded 13th Sep. 1817. E. Torrance Clk

I Thomas Stokes here being perfect mind and memory in the name of God among I make my last Will and Testament I give to Elizabeth Stokes on a settlement made between her and myself all the real and personal property that I the sa Stokes got by law which was once negroes and two hundred and 12 Acres of more or less on Taylors Creek which she agreed to take as full satisfaction of my property in our joining settlement. More that I give after this settlement one horse 2 Cows and Calves one hundred bushels of Corn More I give and bequeath to Betty Mann for the respect and love and good services to me that I have for her one negro named Constant Josh Faw and one at my death for her to take in possession and to as she thinks proper with likewise one horse worth one hundred and twenty Dollars and all my household furniture 12 Cows and Calves less head of hogs this to be her property as she pleases as long as she lives if she has any children to me the sa Stokes among divide it as she thinks proper Among them if she has none at her death the same goes to my Children such of them as is alive to be divided among them share and share alike the rest of my property my debt to be paid out of it then Equally divided amongst my Children Jane Williams and Louisa share and share alike to be divided by Thomas Stokes knowledge this to be my last will and Testament signed in the presence of us this 1st day of October one thousand Eight hundred and fourteen signed and sealed in the presence of North Carolina Rutherford within the within will

Thos. Stokes (Sgt)

Thos. Stokes (Sgt)

Thos. Pickett

Robert Cockram

State of North Carolina } I Richard Lewis Clerk of sa County Court do hereby certify
Rutherford County } that at a County Court of pleas and quarter sessions began and
for sa County on the 3rd Monday after the 1st Monday in September A.D. 1817 the Court
last Will and Testament of Thomas Stokes of which the within is a true Copy was proven
before Court by the oath of James Pickett one of the subscribing witnesses thereof who deposed
Thomas Stokes acknowledged the paper writing to be his last will and testament that he saw
in the same in the presence of the sa Thomas Stokes that he saw Charles Pickett and
Robert Cockram sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the sa Thomas Stokes that
the said writing of Charles Pickett one the witnesses and believes his name written
with to be in his hand writing that sa Charles Pickett and Robert Cockram

both have out of the State at this time. It was therefore Ordered by Court that the same be recorded. And I do Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of said Will and the order of the Court thereon. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public County Seal of Office at Office the 13th day of October A.D. 1817

Richard Lewis Clerk
By Isaac Watkins D.C.

State of North Carolina
Northampton County

I George Walton presiding Justice of the peace and quarter sessions for (said County) do Certify that Richard Lewis who signed the foregoing Copy and Certificate is the Clerk of (said County) Court and that I said Court is his lawful deputy and that the Certificate is in due form & that full faith and Credit ought and should be given to his official acts as such. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 14th day of October A.D. 1817

G. Walton J.C. & Clerk

Greene Court of Ordinary November Term 1817

Ordered that this Will be recorded and that Letters of Administration with the will annexed be granted to Henry Sanford

Recorded y^e

November 1817. Henry Sanford Clerk

In the name of God amen I George Stovall of the County of Guilford being in sound mind and memory yet calling to mind the Certainty of death and the uncertainty of life doth make this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills or Testaments heretofore by me made (to wit) I give and bequeath to my Wife Polly Stovall all my Estate both real and personal during her widowhood and all my Children to be Educated out of the real proceeds arising therefrom (and if it should be the pleasure of my Wife at any time to dispose of any Species of property to any one or more of my Children that the value thereof shall be ascertained by my Executors hereinafter mentioned) and a true record kept thereof that when an Equal Distribution shall take place among all my Children that such property given shall be a part of their Legacy. Also my Tract of Land lying in Wilkeson County in the twentieth District thereof number two hundred and ninety five acres to father Walden (should be sold on a term of twelve months) and the money arising therefrom for the benefit of my wife and children (and if my wife should marry after her widowhood it is then my will that she should take the third part of my Estate real and personal and the other two thirds to be equally divided among all my Children (and after the death of my wife the other two thirds to be divided in like manner) And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint John Butler John Wilborn and my Wife Polly Stovall and John Stovall my sons Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen

Test

Interdied before signed (unrecorded)

Geo Stovall (Seal)

J. Campbell

Wm. McCracken

Wm. X. Hagerty