

Last Will and Testament of Stephen Low

In the Name of God Amen

I Stephen Low of the State of North Carolina & County of Buncombe being somewhat Surrounded in body but always Surrounded in Mind but Reflecting on the uncertainty of Human Life and the various accidents to which it is Exposed do Make this my last will and Testament in Manner Following

Item 1 I Commit My body to the Earth there to be decently interred at the Direction of My Executor herein after Mentioned and My Soul I Deliver into the hands of My Great Creator hoping for Mercy in the Merits of Christ My Saviour

Item 2 I will and bequeath unto My Dear by and ^{my} beloved wife Sarah all My Estate Real & personal Except one Gray horse Colt one year old past all at her own Disposal

Item 3 I will and bequeath unto My Grand Son Stephen Ballard one Gray horse Colt one year old past

Item 4 I will and devise and appoint My Trusty Friend Charles Moore Executor of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have to Set My hand and affix My Seal this 2 day of June 1848

Signed Sealed & Delivered acknowledging
by the said Stephen Low to be my
last will & testament in the presence of

Henderson Porter

Amos Porter

Stephen ^{his} Low
mark

State of North Carolina, July Term 1848

Buncombe County The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Henderson Porter one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & came to be Registered

J. Harrison Clerk
of the Court

The Last Will and Testament of Bartlett (Carrs.)

being in my proper mind
July 30th day and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three

This being my last will and testament

In the Name of God Amen

I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life or widow-hood all my personal property consisting of one Negro Boy named Jack the grounds of my plantation on beaverdam and where Benj Smith lives my house hold and kitchen furniture my mare and cart I leave Smith is to have the ~~plow~~ ^{plow} rent free during my wife's life time and at her death the property after he is paid to be sold and an Equal distribution among all my children which is Polite Macken the heirs of Elmore Stokes Melrose Bullock Marisa Smith Jerome W. Davis Elizabeth Portland Solomon W. Davis & Rebecca Culberson and appoints Jerome to Carrs & Bartlett, T. Culberson my Lawful Executors to take care of my property & rent the lands and support the widow and then sell according to this my will signed sealed in presence of us witnessing my hand and seal

Test
Wm. M. Lee
Bartlett X
Bartlett X

Bartlett X (Seal)
Bartlett X

State of North Carolina, January Term 1848

Buncombe County The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Wm. M. Lee one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and admitted of record

J. Harrison Clerk