

Will of Christian Avendshine

In the name of God, Amen. I, Christian Avendshine, of the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, Blessed be God for the same, considering the mortality of my body, and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament. First I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in decent like and Christian buryal 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 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.

First I will that all lawful debts and funeral charges be paid.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Catron Avendshine the benefit of my dwelling house wherein I now live and her bed and and furniture and her chest and all the clothes and spinning wheel with one good cow and calf and all my household furniture that she chooses to keep and the benefit of her garden and one fourth part of all kind of fruits which doth hereafter grow on my orchard if she chooses that much all which articles I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Cathran during her life and at her death to bequeath the said property to whosoever she will and also I give and bequeath to my said wife ten pounds hard money out of my estate.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son, Rinehold Avendshine, the plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred and sixty three acres of deeded land with the improvements thereon to him and his heirs forever. And also all the fences that was first made to the said old improvements which now falls in my daughter Catherine's land.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter, Cathrin Propst seventy acres of land whereon she now lives to be by her freely cultivated until her son Henry comes to the age of twenty one years and then said land joining Kresses land and Saffrits land fall to her son, Henry to him and his heirs forever and all the rest of my estate to be equally divided amongst all my children, namely Rinehold Avendshine, Darity Culp's children, Madlena Slough and Cathrin Propst. And I also give to my granddaughter Cathrin the sum of ten shillings to be levied out of my estate.

And I do constitute and appoint my trusty friend Goseph Shinn and Rinehold Avendshine my executors of this my last will and testament and I do utterly revoke and disannull all other former wills and testaments. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three and in the seventeenth year of our independence of -----?

Christian ^{his} X Avendshine
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Signed sealed and published pronounced
and declared to be my last will and Testament
in presence of Milas Prock?
Abraham Misenheimer
Patrick Powers

State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County.

This half sheet contains a true and perfect copy of the last will and Testament of Christian Avendshine deceased, taken from the original and examined. Certified under my hand at office this 24th day of January, 1794.

John Simianer, Clk. Ct.

Will of Rinehold Avenshine.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Rinehold Avenshine, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament and first I will that all lawful debts and funeral charges be paid.

2nd I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife, Rosina Avenshine, her bed and furniture thereunto belonging her flax wheel one horse her choice and her saddle and bridle her reel and woolen wheel and my large walnut chest and a small pine chest and two cows and calves her choice of my stock and one iron pot her choice and one half of all the linen flax cotton, wool and yarn that I may be prospered of at my death and one pair of cotton crads and one plough and tackling for two horses her choice and the benefit of my plantation whereon I now live during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage the plantation to be returned to my daughter, Catherine, and the above mentioned property to remain to my wife and her heirs forever.

3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter, Catherine Avenshine the plantation whereon my mother now lives to her and her heirs forever together with her bed and furniture and her chest and a small ----? and one horse her choice after her mother's choice and saddle and bridle and the three heads of cattle that she now claims and my loom and all the tackling thereto belonging and the other half of all the linen, cotton, wool flax and yarn above mentioned to her and her heirs forever and her and her mother to pay to my mother, Catherine Avendshine all for her maintenance that I am bound to pay during her natural life out of the said two plantations.

4th I give to my son, John Avendshine one horse that he now claims and a good saddle and bridle and fifty acres of land joining the land of Carthyser and Simback and John Misenheimer to be laid off to the best advantage not to damage the old tract and him to pay his equal share of my mother's maintenance with my wife and daughter.

5th I give and bequeath to my sister Catherine Propst son Henry Propst about eighty acres of land joining and between the lands of John Misenheimer Charles Sefried John Suther and my father's old tract it being the