

Will of Jean White.

January the 29 1807.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jean White, of the State of North Carolina and county of Cabarrus being in a sick and low condition tho blessed be God in perfect mind and memory, do give and dispose of my worldly goods and concerns in manner following in the first place my soul I resigneto God who gave and my bed body to be buried in decent order at the discretion of my executors. In the next place my just debts to be well and truly paid. In the next place I give and bequeath to my sister, Mary Ross, one walnut bedstead and one new featherbed and under bed one sheet one blanket one new stuffed quilt one bolster and pillow. Likewise my silk gown and my dark calico gown and one cotton shawl and all my dresser furniture and my riding whip.

Item-I bequeath to my sister-in-law Jean White one feather bed one sheet one blanket one calico quilt bolster and pillow.

Item-I bequeath to Mary Scott Turner one silk shawl hakerchief.

Item-I bequeath to Hannah Watson White one diamond ring and its box.

Item-I give and bequeath ten dollars to the building of Rocky River meeting house.

Item-I give and bequeath to my brother Thomas White and my brother, John White and my bruther Archibald and my brother William White and my sister Mary Ross all the remainder of my estate. One sorrel mare, three head of cow-beas beasts, one chest of drawers, one walnut chest, one spinning wheel, one saddle, sixty two and one-half dollars in money to be equally divided betwixt my above mentioned brothers and sisters.

In the next place I make and ordain Thomas White and Archibald White executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal this 29th day of January A.D. 1807.

Signed, sealed and published
in the presence of

Test- Joseph White
Thomas White

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Jean X White seal
mark

Witness, 1807

Will of David White

In the name of God, Amen. I, David White, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and testament. First I give and renounce my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to be disposed of at the discretion of my friends and fellow mortals. And as to my worldly estate-after my lawful debts are all paid, I allow the remainder to be disposed of in the following manner.

First-I bequeath my beloved wife, Sarah, her maintenance of the plantation and a negro girl named Nan during her natural life and one bed and furniture and her pick of the horses and one cow and all the kitchen and dresser furniture. Likewise I give my son, David White my plantation and one negro boy named Frank and one horse and saddle, if he will pay the debt that is now against the estate, if he will not all my moveable property except a negro girl named Nan must be sold and payment made. If he pays the debt I give my three daughters Gean White, Margeret White and Sarah White each of them one bed and furniture and their living on the land during thier single life and likewise the remainder of my property and a negro girl named Nan and her issue equally divided between them at their mothers death except the farming tools which I give to my son David White. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January 1816.

Test- James Burns
James Walker

David White seal

I allow Alexander Scott and my son David White to execute my will.

Probated April sess. 1816.

Will of Dr. Charles Harris.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Charles Harris, of Favoni in the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, at present in declining health of body, but possest of full intellectual powers, with thankfulness to Almighty God for his previous blessings do make and ordain this instrument wherein I am now declaring the sentiments of my mind, to be my last will and testament. I recommend my soul to the keeping of Almighty God my Creator hoping assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ our only Saviour, to be made a partaker of life everlasting and my body to the earth whereof it was made. I will that all my lawful debts shall be paid as soon as my executors shall find it convenient to do so with justice and propriety.

I have portioned off and put in the possession of my son, Samuel Stanhope of land and other property which at the time I considered to be a large dividend. I have therefore to will him a successful issue of the portion which I have already given him, together with a small bequeathment hereafter mentioned.

I will and bequeath to my wife Lydia all that portion of land on which I now live bounded by the line of division of the land which I bought from Nath. Gilmer, Jr. and the place where Josiah Gilmer now lives as the Barony line-thence south along said line until it crosses Rocky River, thence up Rocky River with its various meanders until it touches the corner of the line dividing my land from Josiah Gilmers where he now lives. The aforesaid land I will and bequeath to my wife Lydia during her natural life and after her death to my son, Wm. Shakespeare.

I will to my son Charles Jay all the land I now hold on the east side of the Barony line.

I will and bequeath to my son, James Houston all the land which I now hold on the west side of Rocky River except so much as will be necessary in the estimation of my executors to be taken off James part and added to Charles part to make them of equal value and that such portion be laid off the lower part of James Share.

I will and bequeath to my wife Lydia, one negro woman named Tabitha, having been bequeath to her by her father.

I will that the whole of my negro property remain in common stock upon the farm until my son, Charles arrives at the age of twentyone years and then that they be divided into two equal shares as nearly as may be by my executors or three disinterested freeholders and that my wife and my son William have one half including Tilly and all her children, Eleck, Polly and Washington and if my son William should live to the age of twenty one years, then these negroes shall be so divided that my wife shall have one half and my son William the other half.

I will that the other half of my negroes shall be divided equally between my sons Charles and James and it is my will that one of them shall have Bob and his family and the other Sam and his family so that families be not seperated.

If either of my sons, Charles, James or William should die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years I will that the surviving full brother shall inherit the portion that I have bequeathed to the one that shall have deceased.

If my wife Lydia should die without a will, I do hereby bequeath the share of my estate before bequeathed to her to be equally divided between her surviving children.

I will and bequeath to my wife Lydia all my medicines and all my shop furniture, together with all my religious books.

I will and bequeath to my son Samuel Stanhope all my surgical and medical books, together with all my surgical instruments of any description.

I will that all the remainder of my books, classical, philosophical, astronomical, mathematical, geographical in short books of every description not heretofore named and bequeathed together with all maps, charts, globes and mathematical instruments be in common stock the property of my three sons, Charles, James and William until William arrives at the age of twenty one years for the purpose of encouraging them to the improvement of their intellectual power and when my son William arrives at age, then my son Samuel Stanhope shall have an equal share in the above named books, charts and instruments and then either of the brothers shall be at liberty to dispose of his share in the common stock to the other brothers.

I will and bequeath to my wife Lydia during her natural life my gold

watch, gold chain, gold seal and keys and at her death to my son, William.

I will and bequeath to my wife all my household and kitchen furniture and all domestic machinery of every description to be used for the common advantage of herself and her children. I will that all my wearing apparel be disposed of by my wife at her discretion amongst my sons.

I will that whatever money may be on hand at my death and whatever may be collected of debts due me, shall be used in payment of my just debts and if anything farther be necessary that the deficiency be made up out of my property previously to a division.

I will that such repairs on the dwelling house as may be necessary to make it a comfortable residence and such outbuildings as may be necessary for carrying on a farm to advantage be made out of the common stock, that is out of my estate previously to a division.

I will and bequeath to my granddaughter Sarah Harris Cash one negro man named Jim and his wife, Katy and their children, Petsy and John and a girl named Cynthia. I will that the above named negroes be retained in the care and keeping of my son, Samuel Stanhope until my granddaughter, Sarah Harris Cash shall arrive at the age of twenty one years and that the profits arising from said negroes shall be entirely at the disposal of my son, Samuel Stanhope and the time or mode of payment for the use and benefit of my granddaughter, Sarah Harris Cash shall be wholly in the power and at the discretion of my son Samuel Stanhope. And I will that if Dr. Ingodocio Cash or any person in his name or for his use shall at any time institute suit or suits at law or in equity respecting the property which I have bequeathed to my granddaughter Sarah Harris Cash that all the expense of such suit or suits shall be paid out of the profits arising from said negroes or if necessary out of the original stock. I will that if my granddaughter, Sarah Harris Cash, shall die before she arrives at the age of twenty one years or without lawful living issue that then the above named property shall belong to my son, Samuel Stanhope. I will that if any property shall be found belonging to my estate which has not been especially bequeathed that it is to be equally divided between my wife and my sons, Charles, James and William.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife, Lydia, my son, Samuel Stanhope my brother-in-law, Dr. Joel Houston and Dr. Robert McKensey to execute this my last will and testament. And I do hereby solemnly revoke and disanull all wills by me formally made.

Declared, signed and sealed in the presence of the subscribing Witnesses this 19th day of Sept. 1825.

Jno. Robinson
Wilson J. McRee

Chas. Harris seal

I will that all my stock of horse cattle hogs sheep and so forth, together with all my farming utensils of any kind-viz: waggons gears, ploughs hoes etc. be kept on the farm in the possession of my wife until my son, Charles arrives

at the age of twenty one years and then that he be entitled to one fourth of part of such stock and farming utensils and that the other three fourths remain in the possession of my wife until my son James arrives at the age of twenty one years and then that he be entitled to one third part and that the remainder be in the possession of my wife until my son William arrives at the age of twenty one years and that he be entitled to one half. Sept.19 1825.

Jno.Robinson

Wilson J.McRee

Chas.Harris. seal

Probated Oct.sess.1825.

Will of Jacob Meissenheimer.

/Translated from the original written in German/

I, the undersigned, Jacob Meissenheimer, Planter and Dweller in North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, who through the goodness of God have grown old feel myself ill and weak in body, but, God be thanked, wholly sound of mind. As I well know that my days on earth are soon at an end but do not know how soon it will please the Master to demand me, so do I remember my mortality and pray God at my death to take pity on my soul and then, when it is parted from my body to take it up graciously in his heavenly kingdom, and my left behind family shall place my body in the earth according to Christian custom. Regarding the few timely possessions that I, by the will of God, possess, so will I that they be used peacefully and quietly by my family and so that no quarrel may arise, after payment of all just debts, my goods be divided as follows:

death
First-My wedded wife, Margaretha, whom I tenderly love shall after my death remain fully lord and master over all my belongings and the full reign and house management shall be held in her hands, also, that no one dare to take anything from her, except what she of her own free will, and without being forced, gives to her children. But should she marry again, so must she take nothing with her except what the law allows, her bed, spinning wheel and saddle.

Second-My son, Abraham, shall for always become possessor of my plantation but shall give my wife the fourth bushel of wheat, welsch corn and rye that he farms. So long as she lives and remains a widow shall this be given her yearly without fail. Also my son Abraham, unhindered, use the wagon that I leave behind, but the half of the pay that he earns through it shall belong to wife as long as she is a widow.

Third-Then, shall my son, Abraham not have a full right or law made deed be made for him until after the death of my wife, if she remains a widow but then, shall be made for him a deed, by the executors of my testament, over my plantation and Abraham shall from that time on be indebted to his brothers and sisters to pay the sum of thirty pounds.

Fourth-My children are John, George, Jacob, Peter, Abraham, Anna Margaret, Katherine, Maria, Elisabeth and Barbara. These ten children which I recognize

all as my children and tenderly love, shall after the death of their mother my goods in equal parts divide between themselves. If they can divide the things peacefully without vendue, so will this be the best for them. But if they cannot become one over same, so may they order an auction and then, between themselves divide the whole in equal parts. But shall then the big saw not be sold but belong to my children all together..

I recognize this alone for my last will and testament, which after my death shall accurately be kept and followed. Otherwise, do I throw out, all other wills and testaments which may be shown. To executors, I make my sons, John and George. To our strength have I before witnesses set my hand and seal North Carolina, Mecklenburg County, in the year of our Lord, 1787, the 15th day of December. For always is from the undersigned sent in.

Witnesses:

Peter Quilman
Isaac Blackwelder

Jacob Meissenheimer seal

Probated Oct.sess.1801. Cabarrus County.