

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 sow 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 Saffriths 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 <sup>his</sup> X Avendshine  
mark

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



land that my father Christian Avendshine allotted to said Henry Propst, a son of my sister Catherine Propst.

6th And if my said daughter Catherine Avendshine should die without heirs then and in that case the lands that I have given to my said daughter it is my will that my sister Catherine's son Michel Propst shall have the remainder of my father, Christian Avendshine's old plantation, to him and his heirs forever. And also I give to my said son, John one good ax and mattock and all the remainder of my estate not yet mentioned to be sold by my executors after my death and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my wife Rosina and my daughter, Catherine to them and their heirs forever.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends Joseph Shinn and Abraham Misenheimer the executors of this my last will and testament and I do utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all other former wills, Testaments, legacies bequests and executors, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and one.

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Rinehold x Avendshine  
mark

Signed and sealed, published  
and declared to be my last will and  
Testament in the presence of us  
Mathias Myer  
Daniel Slough

Probated October Sessions 1801

Will of Alexander Query.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Alexander Query, 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 do order that all my lawful debts and funeral charges be paid.

I do hereby leave and bequeath to my son, James the right and title of all the lands which I possess exclusive of a part in the other part of my Estate. and I do likewise leave to him all the money or debts belonging or coming to the Estate exclusive of his part in the remainder of my Estate of which my son James is to pay all debts or demands against my Estate out of his part of my Estate and I hereby leave and bequeath to my wife her living on the land while she lives, and I do leave to my wife a negro boy named "Ben", to her use her lifetime and at her death to be left to my son James as part in his share, and I leave and bequest to my wife the Bald Horse and her saddle, and

I do leave and bequest to my son James the grey stud-horse and I do leave and bequest to my three daughters each of them a horse, saddle and bridle, and I do leave and bequeath to my wife and each of my daughters two cows each and to each of them a bed and bedding of cloth, and I do leave and bequest and allow the Property of my son James and wife and each of my daughters to be valued exclusive of land and money, and all the remainder of my property to be sold and to be divided amongst my wife and son, James, and each of my daughters so as all will have an equal share exclusive of the land and money left to my son James, and I do likewise leave to my sons, Francis and Robert out of my whole Estate the sum of Five pounds each. My son, James to be my executor.

Acknowledged to be my last will and  
testament in the presence of  
Robert Cochran, Sr.  
Robert Cochran, Jr.  
James Craton

Alexander Query

Probated October sessions 1803

Will of Catharina Abendschein

In the name of God, AMEN.

Since I, Catharina Abendschein, born Behringern, through the goodness of God, now have a very great age, I therefore can not presume that my years or days of life in this world will be many more; so I thank the good God for all the many graces and mercies granted to me, and beg Him when it shall please Him to take me away from this temporal life to have mercy on my poor soul; also have firm confidence in my friends and neighbors that they will then in a decent and Christian manner consign my exanimated body to earth.

Since it has pleased the wise God to call all my children, except one daughter, into eternity, before me, and this still <sup>living</sup> daughter is now my only refuge, consolation and assistance, also the same gladly supports me, and as a good child, assists me in my old age, so I consider it right and just to prove myself grateful for this as far as possible according to the conditions of my feeble temporal possessions.

As I now, thanks be to God, find myself with good faculties of body and soul, so that I can now fix a certainty over my inheritance after my death, so I order, for the avoidance of all disagreements after my death, the following as my last will and intention, and will that the same after my death will be exactly brought into fulfillment. I, therefore, order and will that after my death "My daughter's oldest son, Heinrich Probst, out of my inheritance shall have and keep for himself as one tin bowl, one tin platter, two tin plates, six tin spoons, and the Trutschen stove. Everything remaining after my burial expenses have been paid out of my left over estate, be it cash money, cattle, household goods, or what it may be, shall