

In the name of God amen. Benjamin Mistray
of the County of Chatham State of North Carolina being in
perfect health of Body and 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, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
that is to say principally and first of all. I give Recommend
my Soul unto all mighty God, who gave it unto me and my
body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent and
Christian manner, at the discretion of my Executors, rather
in my dwelling 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 bin pleased
God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of
the same in the following manner and form —
First. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my dearly beloved
Wife, one Negro Girl Clara by name her choice of my
Feather Bed and the Furniture, belonging unto it; my riding
beast and her Saddle; one choice Cow and Calves; also I
leave unto her all my Stock of corn linen and all my household
kitchen Furniture of my house after my death is
paid, during her natural life, a Man house, also all my
Land and Negroes, and after death to be equally divided
between John Sawyer, Polly Station, Simon Mistray, and
the Heir of John Mistray my son to share, one share equally
among them; and my daughter Polly, when after she

return my Negro Girl by name by selling into my family in good before divided, and Elizabeth Lyman on a Cherry Valley, also the thing of a very well to have one share equally divided between them. That is to say her proportionable share to divide share and share alike among them; And last of all leave my beloved wife Elizabeth and John Sawyer Executors to this my last Will and Testament; in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and my seal this fourth day of April 1875

Signa in presence of

William Sulzer

Benjamin Westray



Given February Term 1877

by William Sulzer

I, Christian Staley of Chatham County in North Carolina do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. I give unto my Wife Margaret Staley all my Land to her sole use and benefit as long as she shall remain my Widow also I give unto her all my personal property for the term length of two or so much thereof as she may think proper to keep, the balance of any to be sold under the direction of my Executors and sent to my heirs equally and at the death of my Wife or expiration of her widowhood my personal property to be sold, & the money arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst my three sons namely John, George and Peter Staley also my Land to be divided between them as follows; my son John to have the tract he

now live on, and him to pay unto each of his brothers by the time his Brother Peter shall arrive to the age twenty one years Eighty Two Dollars in consequence of the Superior value of his Land and a share that I give him. The tract that I now live on to be equally divided between my other two sons George and Peter; And in all other respects my three sons to share equal as to my estate. I constitute and appoint my trusty friends Joseph Brummett & John Ferguson Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I Christian Staley the said Testator have signed, published and declared the foregoing to be my last Will and Testament while in perfect sound mind and memory at the place of my abode

Leominster 1877. Witness my hand and seal

In the presence of

John Long, Jr.

Abraham Staley

Christian Staley

made

before May 1877

by Abraham Staley

In the name of God amen. I Francis Stone of Chatham County in State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect sense and memory I make hereby my last Will and Testament, and desire it may be received by all as such. In this place I commit my soul to God who gave it me and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named. And my worldly estate unto him and God to prosper me with. I give and dispose of