

I Stephen Scott of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being of sound mind but knowing the uncertainty of my Earthly existence wishing to dispose of my Earthly substance in manner and form following that is to say

Item 1st I will that my body shall be decently buried suitable to the use of my relations and friends and my Executors hereafter named shall pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts whatsoever or to whomsoever owing. Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha during her natural life or widowhood one tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres known by the John Harper tract as by reference to the Surd will fully shows being forty five acres off my other tract beginning at a pine the south East corner of the above tract running south four inches west corner to the branch will make the complement. Also my sonel Horse Lock and sonel colt Sall two hoes and caloes her choice and one hifer five ewes and lamb Thirteen put ~~hogs~~ her saddle and my sonel one further Plow one bull tounge and one boulder Plow one pair of gear one bidder mattocks and two

hoss three bras and furniture one bureau one large pine chest one side board and small table one pot & one oven one cotton wheel one loom fifteen dollars in money one acre and a sufficiency of provision for one years support for her family and stock & place & cotton one hand to be laid off by a committee

Item 3rd I will and devise the balance of Land to my four sons Ira Scott Henry B Scott James A Scott and John S Scott to be an Equal Division

Item 4th I will and devise the land will be my wife to my six younger children Sarah Scott Gaston Scott Susan Scott Martha Ann Scott Franklin S Scott Miriam Lane Scott an equal Division

Item 5th all the balance of my property not otherwise devised to be sold at public sale and after paying my debts and expenses to be an equal Division amongst all my children by my four eldest sons bringing in schedule of all they have had heretofore and add it to my Estate before the Division

Item 6th I appoint and constitute my two sons Ira Scott and Henry B Scott the executors to this my last will I hereunto set my hand

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and Seal This the 17th day of December
A.D. 1830

Signed in the presence

John A Brown

Jeremiah Hughes

Stephen Scott

State of North Carolina

Whatham County

February Term 1831

This certifies that the foregoing last
will and Testament of Stephen Scott
was duly proven in open court by the oath
of Jeremiah Hughes one of the subscribers
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
whereupon Ira Scott and Henry B Scott
the Executors therein named appeared in
open court and were duly qualified as
such

Teste Wm Taylor, C.C.