

Bell & Jancy black the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded whereupon Francis W. Reynolds & Augustus W. Reynolds the Executors therein named appeared in open Court & were duly qualified
Test Matthewman S.B.C

State of North Carolina

Chatham County } The Richard C. Cotton

Elizabeth Cotton of the County of Chatham State aforesaid do hereby certify and declare that on Tuesday the 15th of September A.D. 1842 John J. Cotton late of the County aforesaid was the subscribing having been specially required to bear witness thereto by Mr. Cotton did make & declare his last will & testament in the following words (To wit) "I give all my property to my wife (Elizabeth) to do with as she pleases" We further certify & declare that the said John J. Cotton was in his proper mind & was well & capable at the time of speaking the above words of making a will or transacting any other kind of business & further that he was not taken violently ill & remained in that situation until the Sunday immediately following (To wit) 18th September 1842 when he died in his own dwelling house

Subscribed by the said Richard C. Cotton and Elizabeth Cotton in the presence of us this 22nd of September A.D. 1842. The words by Mr. Cotton being uttered before signing

Albert Webster
James Perkins

Chatham County } This certifies that the foregoing
November 1842 } Non-competition will of John
J. Cotton A.D. was proved

in open Court by the oath of Richard C. Cotton & Elizabeth M. Cotton the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Elizabeth Cotton the widow of the dec'd being in Court was appointed a dmt with the will annexed & sent into Bonds in the sum of One Hundred Dollars with Edeens Cotton as her security & was qualified
Test Matthewman S.B.C

In the name of God Amen I William Marston of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound disposing mind & memory do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner following-

1st I Give unto my beloved wife Nancy Marston during her natural lifetime the tract of Land a white Iron ore lying on the east side of Ebenezer containing about eight hundred acres I also leave her the following negro slaves - Black Cifer Lake Brink Andrew Buffin and Edith I also leave her five horses her Chaise Wagon & gear also five cows & calves her Chaise and one yoke oxen and cart also twelve head sheep her Chaise also all of my stock of hogs also all the corn fodder & oats on the premises together with all my farming tools and all my barns and also my household and kitchen furniture I also give her two hundred dollars in cash

2nd I also leave unto to my beloved daughter Mary Booth the tract of Land (situated) she now lives also two negro slaves Remwell & Violet during her natural lifetime & after her decease to be equally divided between her children namely William Marston Mary (Wife) & Henderson Marston

thine. I also give my beloved daughter Elizabeth
Booth Three Hundred Dollars in Cash

fourth. It is also my will & desire that that part
of estate consisting of negroes, land & other property
not mentioned in this will to be equally divided
between William Mason John A. Mason Turner
Mason Elizabeth Booth Liza Mason & Perry
Mason, them and their heirs each to share & share alike

It is also my will & desire that Nancy Booth be an
equal share in the above mentioned property during
her natural lifetime and after her decease to be
equally divided between her children namely William
Mason Mary Gates & Henderson Mason.

fifth It is also my will and desire that after the
decease of my wife that all the property I lent her to
her shall be equally divided between William Mason
John A. Mason Turner Mason Elizabeth Booth Liza
Mason & Perry Mason to them and their heirs forever
each to share & share alike. It is also my will & desire
that Nancy Booth receive an equal share with the
above named children during her natural life time
and after her decease to be equally divided between her
children namely William Mason Mary Gates & Henderson
Mason

I also nominate and appoint my beloved son John
A. Mason & my worthy friend William Merrill
executors to this my last will and Testament this
4th day of May A.D. 1840

Signed and sealed
in presence of us

William A. Mason
Mark

Thomas J. Howlen

Wm. Williams

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Chatham County 3 This Certifies that the
 November Term 1842 3 foregoing last Will and
 Testament of William Mason Dec^d was proved
 in open Court by the oath of Thomas D. Fowler a
 subscribing Witness & ordered to be recorded where
 upon John A. Mason one of the Executors then
 named appeared in open Court & was qualified
 Test M^d Madison W

Be it remembered that I William Stout of
 Chatham County and State of North Carolina
 being sane and sick in body but of sound and
 perfect mind and memory do make and deliver
 this my last Will and Testament in manner and
 form following (viz) My will is that all my just
 debts together with my funeral charges be paid
 out of my Estate Secondly I will and bequeath
 unto my four sons (viz) namely Simon William
 Joseph and Fady all my lands to be divided
 in the following manner. The tract which I
 now live to be divided equally amongst them by
 number of acres and by lines running East and
 West north and South. Simon to have the South
 East Lot William the South West Lot Joseph the
 North West Lot and Fady the North East Lot. Also
 my other tract to be divided equally amongst them
 by lines running East and West. Simon to have
 the first Lot on the South side William to have
 the second Lot on the North side Joseph the third
 Lot and Fady the fourth Lot or North side to hold
 to them the said Simon Stout William Stout
 Joseph Stout and Fady Stout their heirs and