

The Last Will & Testament of John Chittum  
deceased Chittend & proved Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1839

John Chittum of the County of Currituck in the State of North Carolina, being in the enjoyment of perfect health, of sound mind and memory, but knowing that I have but a short time to live do make, publish and declare, this instrument to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling, all others heretofore by me made or executed.

It is my will and desire, that my executor herein after named, should sell either at publice or private sale, which ever he may think best, my negro boy Miles, for the purpose of raising the money necessary to pay the costs & charges of the state prosecution against me, and of any surplus to apply it to the payment of my just debts. I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Chittum during her widowhood, for the purpose of supporting herself and ~~present~~<sup>future</sup> of a family, and to raise the young negro slaves I own, the use of all my lands in the County of Currituck, and the use of negro hand Negro woman Clarissa & her children Eliza, Chloe, Peter and Lydia. Also I give unto my wife Nancy Chittum, one chestnut horse, a year old colt three cows & calves her first choice of all my hogs, my horse cart, two ploughs & harness, two weeding hoes, one billin' hoe, the best axe all the household and kitchen furniture, one spade, one gun the corn on hand and the corn & other grain, that may be raised on my land this year. These articles to wit the dock crop, farming utensils, household & kitchen furniture, I give to my said wife Nancy Chittum, to her & her heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto Sally C. Lindsey the daughter of my wife Nancy Chittum, immediately after the death of marriage of my wife of her mother the said Nancy Chittum, all the lands and negroes, the use of which, I have given to the said Nancy during her widowhood, and it is my particular will, wish and desire, that in case such event as the marriage or death of my wife the said Nancy Chittum should take place before the said Sally C. Lindsey shall have arrived of

lawful age or is married, that then my executor herein after named or in case of his death or refusal to act, some proper person duly appointed guardian by the County Court of Currituck, shall immediately stand seized of all the said property, both real and personal, for the sole use and benefit of her the said Sally C. Lindsey, until she arrives of the age of twenty one years or marries.

I give and bequeath unto William Lamb senior and to ~~his~~ his children William Lamb, widow Lamb and Peter Lamb one dollar each to be paid to them by my executor, in twelve months after this my will is proved.

Whatever property I may have left, after my debts are paid and the foregoing ~~legacies~~ settled either within doors or without, I give and bequeath unto the said Sally C. Lindsey the daughter of my wife Nancy, to hold the same, with all the lands & negroes as herein before directed, to herd her heirs forever. Lastly I nominate and appoint Willoughby S. Barnard Esquire of the County of Currituck, not only my sole executor to this my last will and testament, but also as testamentary guardian to the said Sally C. Lindsey. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Twenty nine. The words "should take place" interlined between the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> lines in the second page before signing these presents signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will & testament of us

John C. Chinghans

Josina A. Pool (test.)

State of North Carolina County of Pleas & Reagents previous  
Currituck County 3 August 1839

This last will & testament of John Chittum deceased was exhibited & proved in open court by the oath of Josua Pool subscribing witness who also saw John Chinghans subscribe himself as witness & ordered recorded. When W. S. Barnard executor thereto came into open court & qualified & ordered that letters testamentary issue

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