

St. N. Carolina } Know all men by these presents that I John Knox of the County & State
Gaston County } aforesaid being in a State of sound mind & memory, Blessed be God
do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form as follows
Item 1st - My will is that all of my just debts be paid by my Executor which
I shall hereafter appoint - 2nd - I will to my 2 friends. Major Arthur M. Kenzie
& John D. Maclean in Trust for my Daughter Mary Emilina Pittus & the lawful heirs
of her body the Plantation I now live on it being in the County of Gaston
& St. N. Carolina supposed to be One hundred & 40 acres more or less to
have & to hold forever. Also I will to my 2 friends. Major Arthur M. Kenzie & John
D. Maclean in Trust my Negro woman Esther & two children, Harriet about 5
years old. Violet about 2 years old & all the increase of Esther body. My will is
that my daughter Mary E Pittus shall have the use of my land & negroes
during her natural life, at her death my will is that the property given
in Trust shall go to her children. If the children all should die my
will is that all of my property in my Trustees hands shall be sold & equally
divided between my Brother James' Children from Mary Ann down to the
youngest one & Brother Samuel Children & Brother Matthews. Knox Children
Also my will is that James Pittus my son in law shall have an equal
share with my Brothers Children. Item 3rd - I will to my Brother James Knox
children from his Daughter Mary Ann Knox down to the youngest all of
the Interest I have in the land owned by my Father it being in Mecklenburg
County N. Carolina to have & to hold forever - 4th - I will to my daughter Mary
E Pittus 2 Beds Bedsteads with all of the necessary clothing also a small
table & 1/2 a bureau which was her Mother's my Cupboard & all of the

the Interest I have in the land owned by my Father & being in Mecklenburg
County N^c Carolina to have & to hold forever - 4th I will to my daughter Mary
& Pettus 2 Beds Bedsteads with all of the necessary clothing also a small
Walnut table, my Bureau, which was her Mother's, my Cupboard & all of the
ware in it - 5th I give the balance of my Beds & Bed Clothing to my daughter
Mary & Pettus Children if not money enough arising from the sale of my
unvalued property my will is that the balance of the Beds & Bed Clothing
which I have given to my Daughter Mary & Pettus Children shall be sold
to assist in paying my debts. if any money left on hand I give it to James
Pettus & my Daughter Mary & Pettus his wife - 6th I will to my Daughter
Mary & Pettus my horse sam to have & to hold forever -
7th My will is that if George Pettus & his Daughter Mary Pettus should
come here to live with my son-in-law James Pettus & my Daughter Mary
& Pettus my will is that the negroes shall be taken & hired out by my trustees
for the benefit of my Daughter Mary & Pettus & her children
8th My will is that if my negroes should become unruly or dissatisfied
they shall be sold & the money placed in the hands of the trustees for
the benefit of my Daughter Mary & Pettus & her children.
9th I will to my Daughter Mary & Pettus & her children half of my stock of hogs
10th I do hereby appoint my friend Samuel Craig sole Executor to see that my
last will, signed & acknowledged in the presence of 1857 May 2^d

att G W Mellen Jurat
J J Lewis Jurat

John Knox Seal