

October 20th 1853

I Jonas Stoup of The County of Gaston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my Earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and following First I give and devise all my property to my beloved wife during her Widowhood otherwise if she should change her condition The property to be sold and divided Equally between her and my children I do appoint my two sons John and Mary A Stoup Executors of this my last will and Testament I do give and Bequeath to my son Rufus The Tract of Land adjoining to Hugh Shannon also my Hornet horse I do give to my son John The Tract of Land known as The Kutherford Tract also my mule colt I do give to my son Mary The Tract of Land known as The Bullinger Tract also my Fox jilly I do give unto my son Wesley one Hundred Dollars in Cash also The Scout jilly I do give unto my son Ephraim my old place on which I now live after the death of my wife also a horse beast worthful it is also my desire that my daughters Lucy Mary Rebecca Henry Emily and Sarah unmarried and now living with me shall have their maintenance on the old place even after the death of wife or so long as they may remain unmarried I do also give to my daughters above named The same amount of property that my daughter Elizabeth received at the time of her marriage it is also my Desire that my daughters above named including Elizabeth receive at the death of my wife an Equal share of The of the horse beasts given to my eldest daughter Caroline at the time of her marriage it is my will also that at the Death of my wife all my Loose property be sold at

good tract also my buckle colt I do give unto my son Wesley
known as The Bullinger Tract also my Fox filly I do give unto my son Wesley
one hundred Dollars in cash also the scrub filly I do give unto my son Wesley
my old place on which I now live after the death of my wife also a horse tract
hereafter it is also my desire that my daughters Lucy Mary Rebecca Frances
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on the old place even after the death of wife or so long as they may
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amount of property that my daughter Elizabeth received at the time of her marriage
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receive at the death of my wife an equal share of the of the horse tracts
given to my eldest daughter Caroline at the time of her marriage it is
my will also that at the death of my wife all my loose property be sold at
Public Auction and Equally divided between all my children in witness
whereof I The said Jonas Throup do hereunto set my hand and seal this
30th day of July 1853 Signed Sealed and Delivered by said Jonas Throup to
be his last Will and Testament in presence of us

William Dickson
J. M. Hanna. Jurat

Jonas Throup (Seal)