

In the name of God amen. I William Gates of the State
 of North Carolina & County of Mecklenburg, Being in law
 health & of sound mind & memory, Do make this my
 last will & testament & by the first place I will and
 bequeath to my Mother Cynthia Gates all my interest
 in a tract of land lying in the County of Wake or in no.
 Panther creek containing one hundred & ten acres more
 or less on which said tract of land my Mother did so
 I believe yet does reside. It may well desire that my
 tract of land in Chatham County adjoining John Howard
 & others containing one hundred & twenty acres, more or less, be
 sold by my Executor on such terms as he may deem most
 advantageous & the proceeds thereof to be divided equally
 between my wife Hannah & my Heirs from this body if any,
 but should she not be a minor of her Heir or Heirs of men
 or should such Heir or Heirs die before coming of age
 then it is my will that the whole of the proceeds of said
 Land should go to the use & benefit of my wife & son
 It is also my will that the tract of land known by the
 name of Shadyside tract the interest of which was
 purchased by me which interest during the natural life
 of Nancy Byram be sold & distributed or divided be
 tween my wife & my heirs out of her body as above
 mentioned & further that all the residue of my property
 of every description & value be sold at the earliest
 convenient opportunity & the proceeds thereof be
 divided. If the infant with which my wife is now
 pregnant should be a son, it is my will that a watch
 worth fifty dollars be purchased out of my property and
 given to him when he comes at a suitable age, if a
 daughter it is my will that a house suitable & broad
 worth at least seventy five dollars be given to her when
 she comes at a suitable age ..

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I do hereby nominate & appoint my Brother in law
William Campbell my Executor to execute this my last will
& Testament, his testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& affixed my seal this 1st of August AD 1832

Witnesses:

James Spratt }
Thomas B. Spratt }

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In the name of God Omnipotent.

I William Mathews of the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg
County on the 1st day of August in the year of our Lord 1832
being in perfect memory of my death will dispose of
my property under following manner - 1st I bequeath to
my son William Mathews & his wife Betsy the plantation
where she was living during their natural lifetime &
then to go to their heirs with all the other property that
I leave him. 2^d I bequeath to my son John the price
of the plantation which he has already received also a
neger boy named Dick 3rd I will bequeath to my daughter
Sally Hood a neger girl named Nancy also the Five
hundred dollars which she recived from me and all
the other property which she got. 4th I will bequeath
to the heirs of my son Hugh Ten dollars to be equally
divided amongst them also the plantation Deed do
to my son Hugh which I intended as his part of my Estate
5th I will bequeath to my son John part of the plantation
whereon I was born beginning on my old Homestead
line at mouth of Morrisons old branch running a straight
line to the mouth of my Spring branch & up the Spring
branch its various courses till it strikes old line all
the land West of this named dividing line, I also give
to my son John my negro boy Tom also
6th I will bequeath to my daughter Peggy all her
my neger girl named Penny with all her slaves or