

In the name of God Amen.

I Abraham Ransom Senior of Stokes County & State of North Carolina being infirm & weak in body but of perfect & sound mind & memory do this day make this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say:

1. I will that my body be decently buried in manner customary in the church of the United Brethren
2. I will that all my just debts be paid & my dues collected by my Executors.
3. I will that my wife Eva shall remain in full possession of my home & lot & out lots in Bethanias, as long as she lives. Should she die the executor shall proceed to make sale of said house & lot & out lots, either public or private, as they may think best & divide the proceeds hereinafter directed.
4. I will that my wife Eva shall have one cow, her bed & bedstead & such of my kitchen furniture as she may need as long as she lives in my said house in Bethanias, & in case of her removal, then my Executors shall proceed as in article the 3rd but her bed shall be & remain her & her heirs.
5. I will that all my property both real & personal not otherwise directed or bequeathed herein shall be sold either by public or private sale by my Executors & afterwards divided in equal parts between my wife Eva & my six children, Philip, Abraham, Solomon, Mary, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene & Philipine there & share alike. And I do hereby appoint my son Philip Ransom & my son in law John C. Bloom my Executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal this day of October A.D. 1824.

Signed, sealed, published & declared in presence of us

In Jacob Bloom
Lease Boner

Abraham Ransom (Seal)

September Term 1833.

The Executions of the last will & testament of Abraham Ransom one of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Lease Boner one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

W. H. Hill, ckr

In the name of God Amen

I Rudolph Christ of Gates County, State of North Carolina having attained to a high age but being of sound & perfect mind & memory do this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty, make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner and form following that is to say:

1st. It is my will that all my just debts & funeral expenses shall be paid out of the proceeds of my personal estate by my Executors hereinafter named

2nd. I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Anna Christian my dwelling house & weaver shop during her life. But in case her own interest requires & she with the consent of the Executors prefers to sell the same or either of said houses, it is my will that the purchase money received for the same shall be placed on interest.

3rd. I give & bequeath unto my said beloved wife & her heirs forever a complete desk, house clock, two silver table & four silver tea spoons & such other house hold & kitchen furniture, bed, beddings & bedsteads as she may want & choose with the advice of my Executors.

Of my clothes she shall have as many as she wants for my youngest son Traugott Frederic, but none of them shall be sold at public sale.

4. I give & bequeath the remaining silver table & tea spoons unto my three children Anna Elizabeth, Jacob Rudolph, & Traugott Frederic & their heirs forever, to be equally divided among them as near as possible there & share alike, excepting those already belonging to them & marked with their initials.

5. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Anna Elizabeth & her heirs a piano forte forever.

6. I give & bequeath unto my son Jacob Rudolph on weaving loom with all & several the apparatus belonging thereto for the sum of Eighty dollars which sum he has to pay or to settle with my Executors by giving his note for the same.

7. I give & bequeath unto my youngest son Traugott Frederic & his heirs the sum of one hundred dollars to be placed on interest until his age of twenty one years.

8. It is my will that the tract & parcel of land containing five hundred acres more or less, lying & being on the waters of Panther creek in the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina shall be sold as soon as it can be effected by my Executors either by private or public sale, the monies arising from the sale to be placed likewise on interest.

9. It is further my will that all my bond, note & book account shall be collected & secured & all the rest of my good, chattels & effects not otherwise granted & bequeathed shall be sold by my Executors at public vendue & the proceeds thereof & the money on hand at my death or which shall be received by my Executors for debts owing me.