

In the name of God Amen

This twenty eight day of December one thousand eight hundred & seventeen I Alexander Joyce of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being sick but of a disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the mercy do make this my last will & Testament in manner and form following First I recommend myself to God my Creator & Redeemer by whom merits alone I hope to be saved & have full forgiveness of all my sins & as for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors Hereafter named & a touching such worldly goods as is both pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life I give dispose & bequeath in manner and form following Inprimis It is my will that all my just debts be paid Executors Item I due to my beloved wife during her life or widowhood one tract of land lying and being in the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina containing two hundred & fifty acres of land on the waters of brooked creek also four negroes one negro woman named Phillis, one negro boy named Price, one negro boy named Charles, and one negro girl named Lucy Item the above tract of land containing two hundred & fifty acres I give to my son John Joyce also one tract of land containing containing one hundred & twenty four acres being a part of the old tract belonging to my Brother Isaac Joyce lying on the waters of crooked creek the said lands as I have but my wife during her life my share is, as my son is living on the said land that he shall keep his possession without being interrupted I also give to my son John Joyce one bay mare one set of black smiths tools one fether bed and furniture to him his and assigns forever Item I give and bequeath to my son Alexander Joyce one tract of land lying and being in the County of Patrick and State of Virginia containing two hundred acres including a mill on Rappahannock Creek the waters of Mayo River also one correll mare to him his heirs and assigns forever Item I give to my daughter Sarah Hargis three pounds ten shillings being a balance due her from the

grand father Smith left her to her & her heirs forever Item I give to my daughter Sarah Hargis twenty shillings to her & her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Joyce twenty shillings to him his heirs and assigns forever Item I give to my grandson William Joyce son of Thomas Joyce twenty shillings to him his heirs and assigns forever Item I give to my grandson William Joyce son of Thomas Joyce one tract of land containing twenty seven acres adjoining the tract I now live on and adjoining the Virginias line & lying on the waters of brooked creek to him his heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Barr ten shillings to her & her heirs forever Item I give to my daughter Nancy Barr one woman's saddle to her and her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Linda Gray by request of her mother half of the grand father left her which ballance due is four pounds fourteen shillings to her and her heirs forever

Item the said negro named Phillis Price Charles & Lucy as I due to my wife during her life or widowhood I give to my three sons (viz) William Joyce Alexander Joyce & John Joyce as follows (to wit) Item I give and bequeath to my son William Joyce one negro woman named Phillis also one negro child named Lucy to him his and assigns forever Item I give and bequeath to my son Alexander Joyce one negro boy named Price to him his & assigns forever Item I give and bequeath to my son John Joyce one negro boy named Charles to him his heirs & assigns forever Item will that the Remainder of my estate both real and personal not herein bequeathed to remain to remain in the hands of my wife after deducting a sufficient quantity to pay off my just debts and at her decease or widowhood to be paid to the highest bidder & the money thence arising be equally divided among my three daughters Mary Greenwood being Breadlaw Nancy Barr and my grand daughter Linda Gray to them their heirs forever Also make constitute and ordain my son William Joyce John Joyce & my daughter Sarah Hargis

Execution of the my last will and testament in writing whereof
I set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed
witness and acknowledged the testator in presence of us.

Thomas Cardwell

Joseph Taylor

John ⁱⁿ Pillard
mark

Alexander Joyce

Stokes County Court March Term 1819

The execution of the last will and testament of Alexander Joyce
deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly
proven in open court by Joseph Taylor and ordered to be
registered

Matthew Moore Clk
by Ed Banner D.C.

Be it remembered that John Norton of Stokes County
now State of North Carolina being weak in body of good mind
& memory and knowing there is a time that all men must die
do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner
and form as followeth (Wit)

First, I will to my beloved wife Martha the whole of my
estate both real and personal

First I will that all my lawful debts and funeral charges
be paid. 2^d I will to my beloved wife Martha the whole of
my estate both real and personal during her widowhood but if
it be that she marry it is my will that she have an equal
share with as one of my children. 3^d As there are seven of
my children and all have got their dowry except Polly Mcken it
is my will that she receive fifteen dollars from my Executors
hereafter to make her equal with the others that are married—

4th It is my will my children that are not married namely
Nathaniel, Benjamin Martha & Betsey each of them receive one
hundred & twenty at the expiration of my said wife's widowhood
to be paid to them by my executors to make them equal with
those that are married

5th It is also my will if there be any thing remaining after
the above bequests are complied with that the remainder be
equally divided among the whole of my children.
And lastly I do constitute and appoint my sons William & Robert
Norton Executors to this my last will and testament as witness
my hand & seal this seventh day of the first month in the year
of our lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen

signed & sealed in the

presence of us

Latham Folger Juror

B. Watson

John ^{the} Norton
mark of

Matthew Moore Clk
by Ed Banner D.C.

Stokes County Court March Term 1819

The execution of the last will and testament of John Norton
deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven
in open court by Latham Folger & ordered to be registered

Matthew Moore Clk
by Ed Banner D.C.

State of North Carolina Stokes County

In the name of God amen. I Isaac Norton being in perfect
mind and memory declare as follows. On the 12th day of March
in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen
do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner
following that is to say Item 1st I devise my Executors to sell at public
sale one horse, two cows, and calves and out of the money arising
from said sale to pay all my just debts if sufficient if not, to sell
to sell as much of my other property as will satisfy all just debts
Item 2^d I bequeath my land to my beloved wife Polly Norton
during her natural life or widowhood and then to descend to my
four children equally divided provided that the eldest daughter
Penny shall live with her mother until she becomes of age