

In the name of God Amen!

I Am Mary Estlin of Bethabara in the County of Rock in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory considering the uncertainty of this life do make ordain and publish this my last will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say; First I give my soul to God who gives it to my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried trusting hoping in the resurrection of the same in God's due time

Secondly I will that the solemnization of my burial shall be in the forenoon of the day and that on the same day in the afternoon the Congregation of Bethabara of which I am a member shall be together with my relations a conference in manner and form as is common in the Congregation of the United Brethren on certain occasions the expenses whereof shall be defrayed by and out of the sum which is due to me by the said Congregation of Bethabara

Thirdly My lawful debts shall be paid out of my estate to the satisfaction of all parties

Fourthly Whereas my only living child John Daniel has been and lately was to be able to maintain himself by his own industry a majority on account of his bodily & mental disabilities I will therefore that my said son Daniel shall have all the remainder of my estate of whatsoever kind or nature

And I appoint & nominate my beloved friend John Estlin of the County aforesaid Guardian to my said son Daniel & will that my said son Daniel do live with him in the house of the said John Estlin and that he be instructed by his said Guardian in and unto his capacity and be used and educated by his said Guardian in a Fatherlike manner like his other children. And if my said son Daniel should die during his minority all the Estate heretofore given to my said son I do in case of such death give and bequeath unto the said John Estlin and in case my said son should attain his majority then and in that case the said John Estlin shall allow himself what is just & right for his expenses and emburments out of the Estate of my said son

And I will that all such things in and out of my Estate hereby given unto my said son Daniel shall by my executor hereinafter named be sold publicly or privately at his option and the monies arising out of such sale or sales shall be paid over to the best advantage for my said son.

& (see above) unto my said son Daniel [For as not immediately useful to my said son.] shall by my executor hereinafter

Lastly I hereby appoint and constitute my
trusty friend Goldsbrough Executor of the my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all former and other Wills by me heretofore
made

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my Hand and Seal this twenty third day
January in the year of our Lord One thousand
seven hundred and Ninety nine -

Legn? Isidore published and declared
by the Estate Anna Mary Estlin as
the last Will and Testament the
above Words included in the Para-
graph [] making an integral
part of the same thought to be
inserted immediately after the words
Daniel in the second line hereabove
In the presence of us -
Abraham Stearn Junr
Rich and Bennett
Christian Stearn

Anna Maria Estlin

Stokes County June term 1799

The Execution of the last Will and Testament
Ann Mary Estlin of which the foregoing is a
true Copy was proven in open Court by the oaths
of Abraham Stearn & named to be recorded
which is accordingly done by *Thos Armstrong*
Clerk

In the name of God amen:

I Mary Ann of Stokes County in the State of
North Carolina Widow considering the uncertainty of
life but being now of sound and perfect mind and
memory do make and ordain this my last will
and testament in manner and form following
That is to say

First I will that after decease my body be decently
interred the expenses of such Funeral to be paid out
of my Estate by my executor hereinafter named
and I will likewise that all my lawful debts be
paid in like manner

Whereas Francis Stearn ^{of the County aforesaid} is indebted to me an obligation
conditioned for the payment of twenty seven pounds
hard money I will that after my decease the said
bond shall be given up to the said Francis Stearn
I likewise give and bequeath unto the said Francis
Stearn my Book ~~together~~ with the papers belonging
to it together with my Town Books

And whereas I am possessed of a tract of Land granted
me in fee simple by Francis Stearn on the twenty
third day of June in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and ninety seven beginning
at a place a corner and runs well or short
meters less than thirty chains and eighty three links