

56 And unto my beloved childrens to wit  
namely William Beasley Peggy Cooper Bejamin  
Beasley Robert Beasley Richard Beasley Molly  
Taylor Patsy Harrison James Beasley Sally Ann  
Thomas Beasley Susan Cooper I do give and  
bequeath the sum of Five Shillings to each of  
them to be paid in money by my executors  
hereafter named.

And I do hereby appoint my trusty & well beloved  
friends and neighbours to wit James Cook and  
Ezra Middle my true and lawful executors to  
this my last will and testament and I do by  
virtue of this presents Revoke Revoke all or any  
will or wills heretofore made by me confirming  
and ratifying this as my last will and testament  
in testimony whereof and in the presence whereof  
I have set my name and affixed my this twenty fifth  
day of October in the year of our lord one thousand  
eight hundred.

Signed in the presence of  
Grace Pinnington  
Joseph Pinnington Suret.  
Caleb Sumner

Richard<sup>his</sup> Beasley  
marks

Stokes County September term 1804

The execution of the last will and testament  
of Richard Beasley De<sup>d</sup> of which the foregoing  
is a true copy was duly proven in open Court  
by the oath of Joseph Pinnington & others  
to be recorded. Done at Orange

Robt Williams  
J<sup>r</sup> Wm. Armstrong & Co

In the name of God Amen! 56v

I Anthony Betting of Stokes County  
State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect  
mind and memory (helped by God) last week in  
body, do this twenty sixth day of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four  
make and publish this my last will and testament  
in Manner following that is to say

First I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary  
my negro Woman Ann & said Ann child Pombin  
which Negro Ann I verbally gave to my said Daughter  
Mary some years ago also one bed and furniture  
and one third part of a lot in Germantown south  
side the Main Street.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth  
my negro Girl Liddy a bed and furniture which  
I have verbally given her some years ago also  
I give her my negro woman Sam and one third  
part of a lot in Germantown south the main Street  
Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha &  
Joshua Banner my son in law my negro boy called  
Harley also one half the Value of my negro  
woman Florah which Value I desire to be made  
by three reputable freeholders to be chosen by my  
executors & I give said Joshua one third part of a lot  
in Germantown the south side of Main Street.

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my son John Betting  
my negro boy Boston one bed and furniture a young  
horse Colt which came of my gray mare last spring  
also two lots which I possess in the town of Germantown  
and County aforesaid adjoining each other including the  
mansion house I formerly lived in

57 Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my ~~son~~ youngest son Anthony one bed and furniture and one Colt which I bought my Gray mare is now worth \$100 with also one hundred and ninety ~~and~~ eight acres of land including my Mansion house in which I now live agreeable to a Deed of gift Dated the 25. Instant. at the same time I conveyed a tract of land to each of my above mentioned children as part of their legacies as reference to the Deeds will more plainly show

My son Lewis Bittling & Grandson Joseph Bittling son of Joseph Bittling Du? having received their share of my estate as the Grandsons father in his lifetime. It is therefore my wish & I so hereby ordain that neither my son Lewis or Grandson Joseph shall have or receive any more of my estate -

Sixthly. I will and ordain that the tract of land which I possess in the County of Stokes aforesaid on Dan River also all of my Stock of horse Cattle (except such as are herein devised & mentioned) and all my Cattle hogs & sheep shall be sold at Vendue to the highest bidder giving twelve months Credit to the purchaser at such time or times as my executors shall see cause or necessity shall require it. to be applied towards paying my Just Debts also all my household furniture and working tools of every Description which are not hereinbefore bequeathed to be sold and applied in the same manner and the one half of the Valuation of my negroes & stock also to be applied towards paying my Debts and in case the amount of sale and Valuation of the negroes as aforesaid should be insufficient to defray my Debts

and other charges which may accrue It is my will & desire that each of my five children viz. Mary, Elizabeth Bittling, Joshua Banner Jr. Wife, Martha John Bittling & Anthony Bittling above mentioned should pay their equal Quota in discharging the same except my son John must pay fifty Dollars more than the rest of my children

And I further will and ordain that all my negroes except them which I have devised to Joshua Banner my son in law. shall remain in the care of my executors & kept at my last Mansion house with my four unmarried children and work and cultivate the several plantations which I have herein bequeathed except that which is given to Joshua Banner) for the maintenance & support of the said four children untill such time as my youngest son Anthony shall arrive to lawful age or untill some of them shall or may marry; then and in that case she or he so marrying shall be entitled to separate his or her share or shares from the rest agreeable to what is expressly bequeathed according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will & testament.

And I hereby make & ordain my worthy friend Joseph Banner Sr. Charles Banner my son in law Joshua Banner & my Daughters Mary & Elizabeth Bittling Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I the said Anthony Bittling have to this my last will & testament set my hand and seal the day byear first above written

Sign. Seal published & declared by the said Anthony Bittling the testator as his last will & testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & reading thereof

Charles Banner }  
Joseph Bittling }  
Adam Geyer. } Surants

Anthony Bittling

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Stokes County September term 1884

The execution of the last will and Testament of Anthony Bitting Du? of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Charles Banner & Jasper Stotly and ordered to be recorded  
done accordingly

Robt Williams C  
J<sup>ts</sup> Tho. T. Armstrong Clk

August the 27<sup>th</sup> Day 1884

William Beasley's last will and Testament is that at his Decease that his wife should keep his Children together & raise them also his living to be kept by his wife to be disposed of for the good of he & the Children

Jest Tyre Middlebush Secy  
William Burris  
mk

William<sup>his</sup> Beasley  
mark

Stokes County December term 1884

The execution of the last will &

Testament of William Beasley of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open court by the oath of Tyre Middlebush & ordered to be recorded  
done accordingly

Robt Williams C  
J<sup>ts</sup> Tho. T. Armstrong Clk

The Nuncupative will of Ruben Dodson late Deceased the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant which is in substance and form as follows declared in presence of Oby Dodson & Mrs Ann Vaughn when on his Death bed viz:  
Oby Dodson personally appeared before me James Martin one of the Justices for the County of Stokes & made oath that it was his will & desire that his wife Agnes Dodson was to have a lot of land including the plantation together with the house and appurtenances wherein she now lives the land to extend down the Creek to the second Ford near the upper end of said Oby Dodson's plantation during her widowhood or life time and the whole of his other lands to be equally divided among his Children surviving at same time that Oby Dodson should have the lot including the plantation wherein he now lives & further that his wife Agnes was to have all the Hacks Horses and cattle & hogs or that he then owned and belonged to the plantation together with all