

149) State of S. Carolina
Stokes County

I Catharina Blum being sound in
Body but of sound mind and memory do this day July 6th 1827
make and declare this to be my last will & Testament hereby
revoking and declaring all others by me made prior to this date
to be null & void and request my Executor hereinafter mentioned
to have my body decently buried according to the custom of
the united Brethren Church and the Property by me owned
& devised in manner and form following

- 1) I will that after all my debt to be paid and all my
debt collected that my son John Henry Blum shall have
& hold to his own use in fee simple all that tract and parcel
of lands lying on the Middlefork of Muddy Creek &
which is laid down in a certain Deed of Conveyance
made by Theo. Shultz as agent of Lewis Dehewmule to my
late husband John H. Blum vested in me by his last will
& Testament on the following condition that is to say to the said
John Henry Blum shall pay unto my Executor the sum of One
Hundred thirty seven dollars & fifty cents being at the rate of
of five dollars per acre for said tract of lands and which
sum shall be disposed of as directed in article second of
- 2) I will have that my daughter Elisabeth shall receive of the
above mentioned sum of One Hundred & thirty seven dollars
& fifty cents the sum of One Hundred Dollars her own
use for ever and the residue of this sum shall be equally
divided between my four sons David Jacob John Phillip
and John Henry Blum to their use for ever
- 3) I will that my personal Estate shall be divided in manner
& form following I give and bequeath unto my son John
Henry Blum the One Half of the this years Crop of Hays
One Cow two of my large hogs my Dutch Oven and the One
half of my interest in the crop of Oats growing on my home-
place I give unto my daughter Elisabeth the Whole of my Crops
heretofore not bequeathed One Cow One Wash with my Bed &
furniture with Bedstead together with all my Clothing the whole
of my live stock heretofore not bequeathed also my Bureau
Arm Chair and sitting chair also in addition to John Henry
Blum I give him my large Walnut Table and the residue
of my Estate not divided shall be equally divided between
all my children share & share alike And I do hereby
Appoint my worthy friend & Relation John Saloth
Blum to be the Executor of this my last will &
testament

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I Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal the
day & year above written

Signed sealed & declared in the
presence of us
John C. Blum
Hase & Bane Jurors.
Catharina Blum
Mark

Stokes County September Term 1827 The execution of this
last will & Testament of which the foregoing is a true
copy was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of John C.
Blum & Isaac Bane the subscribing witnesses their accounts being
forwarded to be recorded R. D. Solary Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Henry Watts of the County of
Stokes and State of North Carolina being sound in body but of
sound mind and memory do declare this to be my last will
and Testament as follows

In the first place I give unto my wife Nancy and my
son Lewis James the tract of land & house here on including
the House and premises it is my desire that he maintain
her during her life time if she remains a widow on said land
and after her death to remain my son Lewis James and give
him also a more settled life and direct my executor to pay
over to my wife Nancy & son Lewis James One third of the whole
amount of sale of my personal property being in consideration
of her maintaining my wife Nancy But should I remain in
debt it is my desire that after my death my wife Nancy and
son Lewis James shall pay all such claims out of my the third
part which they receive

It is my desire to make equal distribution of the remaining
two thirds of my Estate as near as may be convenient I
therefore charge my children each with the following sums
to wit Elisabeth who intermarried Isaac Speare fifty dollars paid
in various articles Nancy who intermarried Jonathan Speare forty five
dollars in various property Henry James seventy dollars in more and less
Mary who intermarried the late David One hundred dollars in the purchase
of Land two hundred dollars I wish them to be charged with and to be
deducted from their shares Whereas I hold a note on my son-in-law
Thos. W. Davis for three hundred dollars which will not be due
till 1st of May 1830 unless he should remove from the State it is my
desire that my daughter Rebecca Nancy & Elisabeth shall each
receive One hundred dollars therefor. It is my desire that my
executor immediately after my death make Public sale of my personal
property and divide the proceeds of the same