

1881

In the name of God Amen!

I Catherine Rich of Salem N.C. Stokes County  
 being of sound and perfect mind and memory do this day make  
 this my last Will & Testament in manner & form as follows  
 1<sup>st</sup> I will that all my just debts be paid & all my dues collected  
 2<sup>nd</sup> I will that after my burial expenses are paid & all my debts adjusted  
 that my estate be distributed as follows -

3 I give & bequeath unto my son John Philip Rich the sum of fifty dollars  
 4 I give unto my daughter Catherine Clowell the sum of one hundred  
 dollars & my white Peans which is the property of my said daughter  
 5 I will that all my clothing &c shall be equally divided among my  
 three daughters Louisa & Henrietta,  
 6 I will that my Jacob shall have the refusal of my house  
 and lot in Salem paying for it Eleven hundred dollars but if  
 he should not be inclined to take said house and lot at  
 the price mentioned my Executrix shall sell the said property to  
 the best advantage they can under the lease I hold -

7 All the household furniture including an iron stove shall  
 be sold by my executrix either at publick or private sale  
 as they may think fit but it is expressly to be understood that  
 the beds of my children Louisa Edward & Henrietta or all those  
 who are not of age are not considered as my property but exclu-  
 sively theirs & out of my bed I will that my son Edward &  
 my daughters Louisa & Henrietta shall have their beds respectively  
 8 All the proceeds of the sales to made & all other property not  
 herein named shall be equally divided between all my children  
 (to wit John Philip, Jacob, Emanuel, Edward Catherine, Catherine  
 Louisa & Henrietta) share & share alike And I do hereby appoint my  
 son John Philip & Jacob Rich to be executors of this my last will and  
 Testament hereby revoking all others by me made prior to this present date  
 In witness whereof I have this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1828 at my house in

Catherine Rich

made

I  
C. P. Bazege

John L. Brown Notary Public Stokes County Septembar 1828  
 This last will and Testament of Catherine Rich of said place to  
 foregoing is a true copy was taken in open Court by the authority of John L.  
 Brown Clerk to be recorded

M. A. Moore  
 By D. C. Warren J.C.

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I Christine Bilingham of Salem Stokes County & State of  
 North Carolina being weak in body but of a sound & perfect mind  
 and memory do make this my last Will & Testament in the following  
 Manner, 1<sup>st</sup> I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Bilingham twenty dollars  
 one long bed pillow & my new bed cover bed four yards gingham my  
 green calico gown & my black Muslin cloak 2. To Charity Grindis  
 Twenty dollars further my Beams two bed sheets, two towels & my new  
 white gown, 3 To Christine Spack I give & bequeath ten dollars -  
 4 To Frederica Ruckel I give & bequeath ten dollars  
 5 To Johanna Spack I give five dollars & a grey Callic gown  
 6 To Doretta Warner I give & bequeath fifteen dollars my estate  
 & my new feather bed & two cotton bed sheets -

7 To the fund for the support of the Ministers of the United Brethren  
 among the Western I give & bequeath twenty dollars  
 8 To the fund established for the support of the poor sick living  
 in the single women's house in Salem I give and bequeath  
 twenty dollars & likewise, should after the payment of all my just  
 debts & funeral expenses & all the money I have settled & all  
 bequeathing or paid any sum of money be left not settled herein  
 but sum what ever it may be shall also belong & I bequeath  
 it to the fund for the same mentioned purpose for the support of  
 the sick in said young women's house. Mary Fishell of Salem I give  
 7 to Charlotte Boring I give two bed sheets & my new quilted  
 counterpane & a blue shawl To Mary Smith two of my best  
 shirts & my gray homespun gown & my new morning gown  
 To Mary Fishell of Salem already before mentioned I give in addition  
 one Morning gown & one white shawl & my flea spinning wheel  
 To Polly Basbold my black bonnet bezeeth To Elizabeth Skinner  
 my red Calico gown & my white gown to Justice Gaff I  
 give my calico Morning gown & my brown gown one towel  
 & one every day wearing handkerchief its Margarette Keigh  
 my large white shawl - To Rebecca Holden my black gown  
 & my bandan no handkerchief to Susan Philip a coarse large  
 shawl & to Doretta Kremer one silver table spoon -

The little furniture I am possessed of such as cups, plates, spoons  
 plates & shall all fall to the legacy of Elizur Shire in addition to  
 that bequeathed to her above Every one of the sister who dwelt  
 with me in the room I give & bequeath each of them three  
 aprons & one handkerchief & should any thing of my clothing either  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>