

9) Volusia County December Term 1837.
The Execution of the last Will and Testament of William Spurgeon
deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven
in open Court according to Law by A. Williams and ordered
to be Recorded.
Richard D. Golding Clerk

In the Name of God Amen
I Christopher Stanley of the County of Volusia in the State of North
Carolina being weak in body but of perfect & sound mind and disposing
memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same this death day of
February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty
six Do make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner
& form following (that is to say) First of all at my death
I recommend my soul to God who gave it And my body to
the earth from whence it came to be buried in a Christian
like manner; And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith
it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give bequeath
& dispose of as follows To wit.
I Will that all my Lawful & Just debts shall first be
paid & discharged out of my Estate & the residue thereof
I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit -
I Will to my beloved wife Martha during her natural life
or widowhood that portion of the tract of land wherein I now
live lying on the South side of Buffalaw Creek containing as I
suppose about Eighty Acres including the dwelling house &
improvements wheron I now reside And at her death or
intermarriage I Will the same to my daughter Margaret Elliot
to have hold & enjoy during her life & at her death to go to the heirs
of her body (to see the bottom of the tract here for this clause of bequeath)
I Will & bequeath to my son Thomas Stanley fifty Acres of Land
wheron he now lives lying on both sides of the main Road leading by
A scales & on the waters of Buffalaw Creek & at his death I Will
that it belong to his wife Elizabeth Stanley during her natural life
or widowhood & at her death or intermarriage to go to my Grand son
Christopher Stanley his heirs and assigns forever
I also Will to my son Thomas Stanley fifty dollars in cash to be paid by
my Executors hereinafter named
I Will and bequeath to my son William Stanley one hundred thirty eight
Acres of land on the waters of Buffalaw Creek adjoining the lands
of Nathaniel Deas & others named to him

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But the said land is to remain in the hands or under the care
of John Barmar as Trustee for the use & benefit of my said son William Stanley
who is to have the liberty of raising & cultivating the same during his life
and at his death it is my Will that it belong to his legal heirs
I Will to my son John Stanley one hundred dollars in cash to be paid
by my Executor out of my Estate to him or his heirs etc
I Will and bequeath to my daughter Abby Coalson one hundred dollars
in cash to be paid in like manner by my Executor out of my Estate to her
or her Children
I Will & bequeath to my daughter Martha Rittenham
Elizabeth Smallman Tabitha Vickers Nancy James and Polly Smas each
one dollar in cash
I Will and bequeath to my beloved wife during her life one cow
one Bed & furniture & one woman's saddle & at her death to be sold by my
Executors & the proceeds thereof to be divided among my two sons
Thomas & William Stanley & my daughter Margaret Elliot to them & their heirs forever
It is my Will that all my Estate both real
& personal with the exception of such as is otherwise disposed of as above stated
at my death shall be sold by my Executors & the proceeds thereof after paying
the debts & legacies before named to be equally divided among my three children
namely Thomas, William & John Stanley Abby Coalson and Margaret
Elliot to them & their heirs forever And lastly I do hereby nominate &
appoint my friend John Barmar Executor of this my last Will & Testament in
Witness whereof I the said Christopher Stanley have signed my last Will
& Testament at my hand & affixed my seal the day & year first above written
The above last Will & Testament of Christopher Stanley was signed
sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us the subscribing Witnesses
who were present and saw the Testator & each of us sign our
names to the same
A scales John E. Cole William Padgett
State of North Carolina Volusia County Be it known that I Christopher
Stanley of the County & State aforesaid have this day thought proper & do by these
present words make the portion of the above last Will & Testament heretofore
made & published by me which provides for my Executor to pay to John Henry Deas
the sum of fifty dollars out of my Estate hereby declaring this clause in my said last Will
& Testament to be null & void & I do hereby give & bequeath to my beloved wife
Martha Stanley the said fifty dollars to be paid by my executor above named out of my
Estate in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18 day of Sept 1836
I test A scales A scales William Padgett
I Will & bequeath to my said daughter Margaret Elliot fifty five acres
of land on the North side of Buffalaw Creek including my mill
and the dwelling house and improvements where the mill dam
the dam is to be the dividing line from the west dam to the head of the mill
pond and thence down the West side of said pond along the high water
mark to the said mill dam & thence down the creek to south the lower
line to have hold and enjoy during her life and at her death to belong
to the heirs of her body

Stokes County Court Decr Term 1837.
The Execution of the Last Will and Testament of ~~John~~ ^{John} ~~Ray~~ ^{Ray} ~~late~~ ^{late} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Stokes~~ ^{Stokes} ~~County~~ ^{County} ~~North~~ ^{North} ~~Carolina~~ ^{Carolina} ~~whereof~~ ^{whereof} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~foregoing~~ ^{foregoing} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~a~~ ^a ~~true~~ ^{true} ~~copy~~ ^{copy} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~duly~~ ^{duly} ~~proven~~ ^{proven} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~open~~ ^{open} ~~court~~ ^{court} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~Abraham~~ ^{Abraham} ~~Seales~~ ^{Seales} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~ordered~~ ^{ordered} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~recorded~~ ^{recorded}

R. D. Golding, c. l. c.

In the Name of God Amen

I Mary Ray late Widow of George Ray Deceased In Right and by Virtue of my beloved Husbands last Will and Testament and fourth clause of the same giving me the Right of disposing or selling of one fourth part of his Estate as bequeath me at my own Discretion now being at present of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God do this first day of June One thousand Eight hundred and thirty one In the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina Do make Ordain and Establish this my last will and Testament That is to say first of all Which I depart this life I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came To be Buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I Give bequeath and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First that all my Just debts may be paid to those whom I may be indebted to at the hour of my death.

Secondly I Give and bequeath to my youngest Daughter Ruth who is married to William Baker (with whom I now live) and to the heirs of her Body any or all my Estate (Except the sums or sums herein after named) that I now have or hereafter may acquire or be intitled to either by virtue of the before recited will of my beloved husband George Ray Deceased or in any way to me belonging or appertaining or namely that I am now in possession of that is to say one Negro boy named Teller and a Negro boy named Starting one Bed and furniture one cow & calf one head of hogs one Babster Bacon one pair of dogs a Flax wheel and Baskles and two Walnut Chests

Thirdly I only Give to my Daughter Anna who is married to John Barr fifty cents this shall be her full share of my Estate
Fourthly I only Give to my Daughter Rebecca who is married to William Barr fifty cents this shall be her full share of my Estate

Fifthly I only Give to my Daughter Elizabeth who is married to John Vest fifty cents this shall be her full share of my Estate
Sixthly And Lastly I nominate and appoint my Son-in-law William Baker Executor and my Daughter Ruth Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Intestamentary whereof the said Mary Ray late Widow of George Ray deceased hath hereunto set her hand and seal and acknowledged the same before us the subscribing Witnesses who were present at the subscribing and acknowledging thereof

John Clayton
Deputy B. F. H. H.
Fountain W. H. H.

Marv + Ray
Mook

Stokes County Court December Term 1837

The Execution of the last will and Testament of Mary Ray late of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open court by the oaths of John Clayton Deputy B. F. H. H. & Fountain W. H. H. and ordered to be recorded

R. D. Golding, c. l. c.

In the Name of God Amen

I Jacob Lunsin of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect memory blessed be God do this day the Twenty first of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty six make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following to wit

I Give and bequeath to my dear wife Anna Catharine Lunsin the whole of the plantation whereon I now live adjoining the Lands of Jacob Lunsin Eli Phillips & Levi Phillips containing one hundred and Eighty acres more or less with every thing thereunto belonging as cattle Horses Hogs Sheep with all other property now at this time on the plantation belonging to me during her life time Further a Negro woman named Sela with her Child named Susan Morgan to remain the sole property of my wife Anna Catharine & during her life time provided the parties Anna Catharine & Sela & Susan Morgan should be willing to remain together If however on the contrary the above named parties Anna Catharine & Sela & Susan Morgan should not be able to agree together or if my wife Anna Catharine should find it necessary or convenient to sell one or other or both of the