

In the name of God Amen

I Christian Britts of the county of Stokes in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & memory at this day the 3^d of September 1844 - execute, make and ordain this to be my last will & testament hereby revoking all others hereto fore made. First I will that my body be decently buried in the usual manner of the United Brethern Church & my funeral expenses paid

2 I will that my executor hereinafter named shall collect all my notes, book account & other dues, & discharge all my debts,

3 I give and bequeath unto my son Levin R. Britts my house & out house when I now reside subject to a lease on the premises, and also my large house clock, to belong to him forever

4 I give & bequeath unto my daughter Lucetta S. Britts ten shares of Cape Fear Bank stock & the Fort Piano which she now claims to be hers forever.

5 I give & bequeath unto my grand son James G. Britts ten shares of Cape Fear Bank stock to him forever.

6 I give unto my son Charles G. Britts the sum of one thousand dollars to be collected out of my notes & other dues, and also my desk & book case to him forever.

7 I will that all my personal property consisting of household & kitchen furniture & other articles as well as my stock in the Salem Cotton Factory shall be sold at public sale with the exception of my clothing or wearing apparel, which my two sons Charles G. & Levin R. shall divide between themselves, and the proceeds of said sale as well as monies not heretofore disposed in this will shall be equally divided share & share alike between my sons Charles G. Britts Levin R. Britts & my daughter Lucetta S. Britts & my grand son James G. Britts

And I do hereby constitute appoint my son Charles G. Britts to be my executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have this day the date & year above written put my hand & seal signed sealed and acknowledged the presence of

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March term 1845

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Christian Britts one of (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open court by the oath of Mr. C. Drake & Mr. W. P. Peter subscribing witnesses, Read & ordered to be recorded

Mr. Hill

In the name of God Amen I Noble S. Patton of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina, being at this time in a low state of health in my body over come with time, yet still retaining by the Grace of God my powers of discretion and disposition of mind do make & ordain this my last will and Testament.

In the first place, to my God as I commit my soul from whom it emanates to dispose of at his own Good pleasure, and my flesh to its mother earth to await the resurrection morn.

In the second place to my wife Margaret S. Patton as I give all and singular in my estate of every description that out of said estate she may pay all my just debts of every denomination that are just then all the rest to be hers during her natural life or widowhood. I will that she my wife, out of the effects of said property, give to my only child Franklin Webb Patton a good & sufficient education for a profession, should he choose to make choice of the same. Should the profits of my estate be found insufficient for said purpose of educating my child then my wife may have it in her power to sell a negro or any other portion or part of my estate to continue my child's education. I will that should my wife Margaret S. Patton again marry then she then can have no farther controul over my property, it then being by the intimation of what is here written, my son Franklin Webb Patton to all intents and purposes, I will however that if my son die before my wife dies or marries then all the property is hers and entirely at her