

In the name of God amen

Christian Heinge of Salem, Stokes State of North Carolina being in perfect health & of sound mind memory & strength for which as well as for all money & favors received, God be praised, reflecting on the fragility of life & thought fit to make this my last will & testament.

I do hereby do becommennd my soul into the hands of my dear Creator & Saviour Jesus Christ & order that my body shall be interred in a decent & Christian manner. As touching my earthly estate wherein with it has pleased God to bless me, I desire & bequeath the same in following manner

1) I give & bequeath unto my dear son Christian Thomas Hoff on both sides for the use of his children, all my bed clothing & common household goods & chattels

2) I give & bequeath unto Samuel Thomas Hoff in Salem my God child the sum of thirty dollars in hand money my watch one large & small gun & one pair of silver knee buckles.

3) I give & bequeath unto the other five children of dear Christian Thomas Hoff of Bethlehem, that is to say, to his son Theodor Christian, the wife Jakob Benjamin Hoff & his daughters Sophie Elizabeth Hoff Charlotte Innesa Hoff & Caroline Sophia Hoff, each of them the sum of five dollars in hand money, that is to say in all twenty five dollars.

4) I give & bequeath unto my God child August Theophilus Gierling of Salem the sum of fifteen dollars hand money

5) I give & bequeath unto the Society of the United Brethren for the furtherance of the Gospel among heathens in Bethlehem the sum of ten dollars hand money

6) I give & bequeath unto Caroline Elizabeth Gots of Salem the sum of ten dollars in hand money.

And if thou shouldst, after all my just debts paid & this house mortgage & sums have been paid over & a portion of my remaining when it then it shall be divided among the house mentioned persons in equal shares & in case there should be a difference of claim then equal deduction shall be made of every person's share here named

And I do hereby & appoint my worthy friends Samuel Hoff & John Hoff Adam merchants both of Salem and President of this my last will & testament fully executing all former wills by me made.

In virtue whereof I have signed my hand & seal

this 12th day of February Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred & 24

signed & sealed & acknowledged

in our presence

Witnessed by us
Magistrate Nathan Frost

Christian Heinge & loved on his death bed that Thomas Hoff for shall receive the sum of eight dollars for attending him while sick Charles Huger shall receive three dollars & Mrs. Barlendenback shall have a new cover bed.

We the undersigned Nathan Wright & John C

Blum Esqrs. being appointed to translate the meaning & construction of the last will & testament of Christian Heinge from the German to the English language, do certify that the foregoing is such a one as conveys the true meaning & sense & intention of the aforesaid will of Christian Heinge.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals

John C. Blum

N. Wright

Stokes County

March term 1824

the execution of the last will & testament of Christian Heinge of which the foregoing is a true copy taken from the original, was duly proved in open court before the said of Magnus Nathan Frost to say so & certify

Noted & sworn to
by Magnus Nathan Frost

In the name of God Amen, I John Polak of North Carolina Stokes County, being in sound mind & memory (God be praised) do this twentieth day of May in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred & 24 = 24th make & publish this my last will & testament in the manner following = (that is to say)

First I give & bequeath my spirit into the hand of God that gave it & I give & bequeath unto my son John the plantation whereon I now live, & after all my just debts are paid, the remainder of my movable property