

Christian Lewis Bengein of Salem in Stokes County
in the State of North Carolina Clerk being in good
health and of sound memory do this day, being the
Twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred & four make and publish
this my last will and Testament in manner following,
that is to say.

First it is my Will that all my just Dots and Financial
expenses be duly paid.

Secondly I give and devise unto my dear and much
esteemed friends the Reverend Jacob Van Vleck of
Nagaweth in Northampton County in the State of
Pennsylvania his heirs & assigns forever all and
singular the Mepuagay Lands Tenements and Appurte-
nances in the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey
which were given and devised unto me by the last will
and Testament of the late Frederic William Marshall
of Salem aforesaid dated the sixteenth day of December
one thousand eight hundred and one and by the last
will and Testament of Hans Christian Alexander
Von Schwilgitz a Citizen of Pennsylvania dated the
twenty seventh day of September one thousand seven
hundred & ninety six, and all and every part or parts
thereof whosoever I am now or at the time of my
decease shall be and stand seized or possessed of
in any ways entitled unto, also all rents issues and
profits of the same together with all the remainder
and revenues accruing by future or otherwise
either by deed or act in law also all such real
estate in Pennsylvania and New Jersey aforesaid
which I since purchased or may yet purchase
or acquire by Will or otherwise with all and every

or appurtenances to the same and all the appurtenances
real estate Mepuagay Lands Tenements and Appurtenances
together with all and every part or parts thereof the improvements there-
on, woods, Waters and Water Courses &c. unto him the said
Jacob Van Vleck his heirs and assigns forever and to his and
their only use forever.

And Thirdly I give and devise unto my dear and much
esteemed friend the Reverend John Gebhard Canon of Bethlehem
in Northampton County in the State of Pennsylvania his heirs and
assigns forever all and singular the Mepuagay Lands Tenements
and Appurtenances in the States of North Carolina and Georgia
or else where in America not herein before devised given and
unto me by the said last will of Frederic William Marshall
and of Hans Christian Alexander von Schwilgitz aforesaid and
all and every part thereof I am now or at the time of my
decease shall be and stand seized or possessed of or in any way
entitled unto also all rents issues and profits of the same together
with all the remainder and revenues accruing by future or other-
wise either by deed or act in law. Also such real estate in these
two or any other of the United States (excepting as before excepted) which
I since purchased or may ~~hereafter~~^{yet} purchase or acquire by will
or otherwise with all and every part thereof Appurtenances and Appurte-
nances to have and hold all the said real estate Mepuagay Lands
Tenements and Appurtenances together with all and singular
the improvements ways woods Waters & Water Courses &c. unto him
the said John Gebhard Canon his heirs and assigns forever and to
his and their only use forever. Provided nevertheless
for and concerning certain tracts or parcels of a large tract
originally containing 98985 acres known by the name of
Tachovia and lying and being in the County of Stokes
aforesaid which tract or parcels of the said tract are
allotted for the Settlements of the United Brethren or
United Brethren their Churches schools the houses for
their habitations &c. that the said Tract for the
said United Brethren the said

12/ which and the Commission though by an act of the
Legislature of North Carolina passed in the year 1782
is amply stated and fully explained in the said last
will of Frederic William Marshall aforesaid, is and shall
be in no wise set aside or infringed by these presents but
that the said John Gebhard Cunow his heirs and assigns
shall and will maintain the said United Brethren
in possession of the said tract and parcels of land Church
=ch Meetinghouse Burying grounds Schoolhouse House for
the Chori of single Women widows and Children and
other public and private houses according to the true
intent and meaning of their first cession, to wit under
the direction of their several ministers and other directors
so that the whole Community may go on in the
order of things among used and approved, subject
however to Covenants and rents stipulated and
reserved from any of them by lease or parcel Contract.

Fourthly And whereas the said Frederic William
Marshall also ~~conveyed~~ conveyed unto my heirs and assigns
in trust for the United Brethren all his right title &c
in two tracts of land in Wilkes County in this State
the one containing 3840 acres and the other 4933 acres
which were originally conveyed by the late Earl Granville
to Henry Copart agent for the United Brethren in trust
for the same, the legal estate whereof was afterwards
by Virtue of a power of attorney from the heirs of said
Copart conveyed to Hugh Montgomery Esq: but which
said the said Hugh Montgomery did Mortgage to John
Michael Graff for the balance of the purchase money
which Mortgage was afterwards signed over to Frederic
William Marshall aforesaid. I therefore do devise

all my right and title ~~and~~ demand in and
to the said ~~land~~ unto the said John Gebhard Cunow his heirs &
assigns in trust as aforesaid together with all and every estate
that properly might accrue out of the above mentioned tract
originally residing in the said Henry Copart or by the above
recited act of the Legislature of North Carolina.

Fifthly And as to my personal estate I do hereby give and
bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Dorothea Sophia
Elizabeth formerly Botcher from my money in this State
the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars money of the United States
which is about the sum she owned before our marriage
together with any sum or sums of money which may come to her
share from the Estate of her late Uncle Benjamin Linger
of Essex deceased Further I give and bequeath to my said
wife all my plate linen Books Household furniture and
Wearing apparel fully leaving and confiding it to her own
discretion what part or parts thereof she may think fit to
give in due season to each of my Children. And to three
my dear Children William Lewis and Lydia Theodora I give
and bequeath from my money in this State one and
above what may be left to them or to me by their Grand
=mothers in Germany the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars
to be divided between them share and share alike

Sixthly All the real and personal of my goods chattels
effects and personal estate whatsoever may be found thereof in
the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey I give and bequeath
unto the said Jacob Van Neeck forever And all the real and
realities of the same whatsoever may be found thereof in
the States of North Carolina Georgia or any where else in
the United States out of Pennsylvania and New Jersey I give
and bequeath unto the aforesaid John Gebhard Cunow
for ever.

Seventhly And it is my express will that all debts
Dues and Duties within and out of the State of North Carolina

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specially or otherwise which were devised to me
by Frederic William Marshall and Hans Christian
Alexander Von Schuyning aforesaid are hereby devised
in the States of Pennsylvania & New Jersey to the said
Jacob Van Vleck and in North Carolina & Georgia
and any other of the United States to the said John
Gebhard Cunow, their heirs and assigns.

Eighthly And further my will is that no sale or
conveyance by me made after the date of this my will
shall in any manner or form annul destroy invalidate
or avoid or be deemed void abrogated or taken as a
revocation of this my will excepting only as to the part
or parts actually sold aliened or conveyed by me
within of real or personal estate.

Ninthly And I do nominate and appoint the
said Jacob Van Vleck and John Gebhard Cunow
and the renowned John Schropp of Bethlehem in
Pennsylvania and the renowned Samuel Stots of Salem
in North Carolina and the survivor or survivors of them
to be the executors of this my last will and Testament
And my said wife I do appoint and constitute to be the
Guardian of my said Children during their minority
giving her full power to lay out the monies bequeathed
to them at five per cent interest and to use the interest
for their education or as she may find necessary
subject to no annual or investigation.

Tenthly. Whereas I have entered with diverse
persons into agreements and Leases concerning Lands
and promised to convey to them after pay ment

as therein specified and received their bonds
for the payment thereof. And whereas also a number of
such Leases and bonds have been devised to me by Frederic
William Marshall aforesaid and others, I may enter
into the like engagements after the date of these presents.
Now I do particularly empower request and enjoin the
said Jacob Van Vleck and John Gebhard Cunow as
Devises of all my real estate to perform the Obligations entered
into by the said Frederic William Marshall or by myself
my Agents and Attorneys and to Convey the lands bargained
for as soon as the purchase money be paid and other
Conditions performed.

Lastly I do declare this only to be my last will and
Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore
made. In Witness whereof I the said Christian Lewis
Bengien have to this my last will and Testament set
my hand and seal the day and year above written
Signed sealed and declared Christian Lewis Bengien (Seal)

by the above named Christian Lewis
Bengien as Executor his last will and
Testament in the presence of us who in the
presence and at the request of the Testator
have hereunto set our hands as Witnesses
to the same.

Witness the Words "and other public and private houses, in line 20 page 2
were interlined before signing and sealing hereof.

Samuel Kramish
Benjamin Keeling
Frederick Ellington
Gottlieb Benj. Rachel

Lester County Court December Term 1811

The execution of the last will and Testament of
Christian Lewis Bengien and of which the foregoing is a true
Copy was duly proven in open Court by the affirmations
of Samuel Kramish and Gottlieb Benj. Rachel and ordered
to be recorded - some standing Robt. Wells and 22

179. Thomas & Christian Lewis Benguin of Lenoir in Stokes
County in the State of North Carolina have on the 12th
of June 1804 made and duly executed my last will and
Testament and have thereby devised & bequeathed
all my real and personal estate as therein specified
I do this day confirm and ratify the same by these
presents in every particular thereof save only that
in place of the late John Shroff deceased I do hereby
nominate and appoint the Rev. Andrew Bonad-
of Bethlehem in Pennsylvania one of the executors
of my said last will and Testament And I do
ordain and declare this present writing to be
a Codicill to my said will and to be taken as
part thereof. In Witness whereof I have to this
Codicill set my hand and seal this eighth day
of September in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred & seven. Christian Lewis Benguin

This writing was signed & sealed by the above mentioned
Christian Lewis Benguin by him published & declared as
a Codicill to be annexed to his last will and
Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed
our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of
said C. L. Benguin.

F. C. Williamson
Goldhold Berg. Ruchel

Stokes County Court December Term 1811.

The execution of a Codicill to the last will and
Testament of Christian Lewis Benguin of which the foregoing
is a true Copy was duly proven in open Court by
the Affirmation of F. C. Williamson and Goldhold Berg.
Ruchel and ordered to be recorded

Done accordingly Robt Williams &c
J. Tho. T. Attorney &c

Thomas & Christian Lewis Benguin of Lenoir in Stokes
County North Carolina have on the 12th June 1804 made
and duly executed my last will and Testament and also
on the eighth of September 1804 a Codicill to the same And
whereas the grandmother of my Children mentioned in the fifth
paragraph of my said will lately departed his life leaving
partly to them and partly to myself sundry dequacies. Therefore
I do hereby revoke the whole of the fifth paragraph and
in place of the bequests therein expressed do hereby give and
bequeath to my beloved wife Sontheas Lophin Elizabeth
formerly Bottlesher from my monies in this State the sum of
eighteen hundred Dollars together with all my plate Linen
Books household goods furniture and wearing apparel fully
having and Confiding it to her own discretion what part
or parts thereof she may think fit to give in due season
to each of my Children And to them my dear Children
William Lewis and Lydia Theodora I give and bequeath
from my monies in this State the sum of Two Thousand
Dollars to be divided between them and share alike

And I do hereby add my beloved friend Frederick
Christian Minnig of Lenoir to the executors by me appointed
in said will and Codicill confirming and ratifying every
Stipulation contained therein and not herein revoked
by these presents including expressly all the said Testaments
&c I may have purchased since the date thereof In Witness
whereof I have unto this second Codicill set my hand
and seal this fifteenth day of December in the year of
our Lord 1808.

Christian Lewis Benguin

Signed sealed and declared
by said Benguin to be a Codicill
to his last will and Testament
in presence of us.

Samuel Krassack
Goldhold Benjamin Ruchel

Stokes County Court Dumber Term 1841

The execution of a second Codicil to the last will and Testament of Sebastian Lewis Benjamin of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by the affirmations of Samuel Kramish and Gilbert Benjamin Nichell and ordered to be recorded — done accordingly

Robt Williams CC
 J. Thos. T. Armstrong DB

In the name of God amen: I Jacob Thos of Stokes County State of North Carolina yeoman being my sick and weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind to mortality of my body I make and Ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following I recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that give it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the direction of my executors and a teaching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First I give and bequeath unto Barbara my dear beloved wife the dwelling house where I now live the stable with the new meadow and orchard and lot below the road she is to have the third

of the wheat that is raised on the place all that is one fifteen bushels falls to the estate also fifteen bushels of corn per year out of the rent I also give her thing dollars in cash out of the estate one bed one desk one bureau the little table one picture basin three plates knives and forks large pot such oven washing tub bucket and pail two Copper pots one Copper mill five Tonges I should also two cows one sow and five pigs five Dogs all the floor and Cotton now in the house and she is not to give or sell any of this above named property she is to have his property as long as she lives in my name after that it is to be sold and the money equally divided among my Children as hereafter mentioned, the plantation is to be rented and all that is made one fifteen bushels of Corn fifteen bushels of wheat is to be sold annually and divided as follows (To wit) the whole of my household furniture and moveable property except what is before mentioned I leave to my well beloved wife during her natural life to be sold & divided into seven equal parts and also all bonds and notes and open accounts to be collected & divided as above into seven parts, and two seventh parts to be given by my executors to my well beloved son John Thos two seventh to my well beloved son Jacob Thos two seventh to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Thos the other remaining one seventh part to be given and paid to my well beloved grandson Jacob Thos son of my well beloved daughter Kate Thos and at the death of my wife all the property she may be possessed of that I leave her as aforesaid is to be sold together with land wherupon I now live & to be divided as above between my well beloved children and grandsons. I the said Jacob Thos do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the above and last will and Testament of the said Jacob Thos