

25 heretofore made by me and say the foregoing is my will
And desire in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of August
1832 —

signed sealed and delivered John ^{his} Wilkins ^(seal)
in the presence of us
Samuel Joyce
Daniel Hudson
Perrin Joyce

Stokes County Court June Term 1838 The Execution of the
last will & Testament of John Wilkins of which the foregoing
is a true copy was duly proved in open court by the oath of Samuel
Joyce one of the subscribing witnesses, & he also proved the handwriting
of the other subscribing witness Daniel Hudson and was duly proved according
to Law & ordered to be recorded
which is accordingly done Reuben J. Holdingbale

Translation of the last Will & Testament of
Christian Thomas Focke.

© Christian Thomas Focke of Salem Stokes County North
Carolina being by my tolerable advanced age reminded that the
days of my pilgrimage might perhaps soon draw to a close do
hereby in writing ordain what is to be done with my mortal
body & my very slender property & effects after my decease —
For the first & foremost I commend my poor soul into the
faithful hands of my gracious God & Savior for reception into
his heavenly Kingdom & my body unto the earth till the day of
resurrection but I do hereby expressly will that before the same be
committed to the grave it be opened by the Physicians in such a
manner as perfectly to convince them that not the least spark of
life is remaining in it

Next I will

1. That my dear wife Elizabeth (whose maiden name was
Focke) be the sole heir of my worldly property of whatever
kind & that she consequently pay all my lawful debts —
It is my will

2. That my dear wife Elizabeth do not take up any of the small sum
which is placed on interest at 6 per cent with the Sustentation
Society of Salem (except in case of necessity) but use only
the yearly interest, & that this small principal after both of us
shall have died be divided amongst our then living children
in equal shares by virtue of an agreement between myself
& my dear wife Elizabeth in the year 1827 in which we

resolved to give to each of our 7 children 4 sons & 3 daughters the
sum of \$25 from this principal upon their marriage or removal
from us to some other parts of the Country our 4 sons (viz) Samuel
Thomas & Theodore Christians when they were married and Gotthold
Benjamin & Charles Thomas when they left us did each receive
his \$25 but our 3 daughters who are still remaining with us (viz)
Dorothy Elizabeth, Charlotte Frederick, Caroline Sophia Mat
having as yet received any of it. I do hereby ordain that the sum
of \$25 be paid unto every one of our above mentioned daughters
immediately after my decease — in order that my beloved wife
may have the remaining principal at her sole disposal —

3. It is my desire that out of my books my dear wife select
such as she desires to possess, and that then the children divide the
remainder amongst themselves in such a manner as may be useful
to them, or perhaps in future to their children such books as they
do not wish to retain may be sold & the money derived from
them be added to the principal for the use of the mother —

4. Lastly it is my will that after my decease my dear wife
Elizabeth and my two sons Samuel Thomas and Theodore
Christians be the Executors of this my last Will & Testament
In testimony whereof I have signed & sealed this
my last Will & Testament with my own hand
in the presence of the undersigned witnesses at
Salem Dec 23rd AD 1836 —

Sister Theodore Shultz

G F P

Stokes County Court June Term AD 1838 The execution
of the last will and Testament of Christian Thomas Focke was duly
proved in open court by the oath of Theodore Shultz the subscribing
witness. The same being written in the German Language whereupon
Theodore Shultz and Emanuel Shobert & John C. Baum were qualified
to translate the same which they duly performed in writing
of which the foregoing is a true copy taken from the translated
copy which is filed with the original German will & is
ordered by the Court that the translation copy be recorded
according to Law which is accordingly done

Reuben J. Holdingbale