

In the name of God, Amen. I Weatherington Preston of Stokes County and State of North Carolina, being of lawful mind & memory, do this 03rd day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six make, make & ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following Viz: -
 1st I will that my last debts and funeral charges be paid by my executors out of my cash-in hand movable & real Estate.
 2^d I will that my beloved wife Patsy, possessor and enjoyer my plantation whereon I now live, with the profits thereof, together with my household and kitchen furniture with all such tract of land (except what may & will be herin otherwise mentioned and appropriated), during her natural life and widowhood, that if she die my widow, she may, will and bequeath said land to whomsoever she pleaseth, and also my negro man Lewis & a horse plough & gear in like manner.

3rd I lend unto my beloved Wife Patsy Preston all my slaves and all my movable or Perishable estate of every description during her natural life, or during her widowhood.

4th I bequeath to my son Nathaniel Preston and to his children after his death, fifty acres of land to be taken off of the land mentioned for my wife, taking it next to and adjoining said Nathaniel's herman's acres which I have already given him, also two Iron wedges: and unto said Nathaniel and his brother Allen Preston, I bequeath my crop out saw equally between them, and after my wife's death, I will to Nathaniel Preston my son, my negro boy, named Ned, & to his children after his death to them and their heirs forever.

5th After my wife's death, I will & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth wife of Bartlett Cranger a negrowoman named Printer, and the negro child Rhoda, to her and her children forever.

6th After my wife's death, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally, wife of Michael Shulp, a negrowoman named Grace, and a negro child named Lucy, to her and her children forever.

7th After my wife's death, I will and bequeath to my daughter Patsy, wife of Aaron Linville, a cupboard and a two comb, having heretofore given her considerable -

8th After my wife's death I give and bequeath to my daughter Simpson, wife of William Brown, a negro girl named Delphy to her and her

9th After my wife's death I give and bequeath to my son Allen Preston a negro girl named Perna -

10th I give and bequeath to my son John Preston, one dollar to be paid to him by my Executors and nothing more as I have already given him considerable

11th I do hereby nominate, appoint & ordain my wife Patsy executor and my son Allen Preston Executor of this my last will and testament to carry the same into effect, and I do hereby revoke and make void all former wills by me in any time heretofore made, ratifying & confirming this, and no other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written

Witness my hand, sealed, published and declared by the said Weatherington Preston the testator, at his last will & testament, in the presence of us, who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof -
 D. Linville & J. Wicker & Gordon
 Attest

Stokes County June 18th 1826 -
 The execution of the last will and testament of Weatherington of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proven in open court by the oaths of D. Linville & J. Wicker & Gordon to be recorded -
 Done accordingly
 M. H. Ruffner
 By H. P. Mox

Conrad Lewis Will
 In the name of God, Amen. I Conrad Lewis of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina do make and ordain this as my last will and testament in manner and form following
 1) It is my will and desire, that all my lawfull debts be paid out of my Estate
 2) I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Anna Supanna ten acres of land, including all the build ings and sufficient firewood and hay to support five head of cattle, to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood, and after her natural life or widowhood, to be John Christian Gambles whole and sole property -

150 3) I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Anna Susanna, all my personal estate consisting of Hogs Cattle Horses Sheep Waggons and guns, all my farming utensils my stall with cut and appertinences belonging thereto all my household furniture of whatever kind it may be all the grain which is on hand at my decease and all my money remaining after my lawfull debts are paid, are to be and remain her sole property forever.

4) I also give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Anna Susanna as her sole property forever, my negro girl Eliza about ten years old. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my dearly beloved wife Anna Susanna Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament - whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of December A.D. 1825

Witness Frederick Gambold Jurat. Conrad Green ^{Edict}
Clerk of the Peace
Jacob Reed Senior -

Staten County June 1st 1826

The execution of the last will and testament of Conrad Green, (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proven in open court by the oath of Frederick Gambold, Jurat and to be recorded - Done accordingly -
Matt R. Moore cl
By M. T. Ward

Thomas Shultz's will

The following is the last disposition & Testament of Thomas Shultz shoemaker of Staten County - Being weak in health but still sound in mind, I do make the following disposition of my worldly effects - It is my wish that my beloved friend Johanna Browning daughter of Anna Parsching have one hundred and fifty dollars, and Johanna Elizabeth Shultz daughter of Samuel Shultz senior one hundred dollars, and Louisa Manning daughter of Lucretia Manning one hundred dollars, and Edward Emanuel Esq, one hundred dollars, which is my wish that it shall be put on Interest until he is an age, and Catherine Esq, wife of John Esq, fifty dollars, and Sara Rich daughter of Matthew Rich, I want to have my desk; and Dorothea Shultz, daughter of Christian Shultz, I want to have my watch and Chain; and Gertrud Shultz and William Shultz

and Antulke Amelia Shultz, I want ^{to have} each of them fifty dollars, and the balance of my Estate, I want that my dear beloved mother Dorothy Shultz, shall have and keep forever. And I do appoint my brother Samuel Shultz Executor of my last will and testament for the 30th of April 1826
Witness in the presence of
John Henry Shultz Jurat
Thomas Shultz Esq

Staten County June 1st 1826

The last will and testament of Thomas Shultz (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proven in open court by John Henry Shultz Jurat and to be recorded - Done accordingly -
Matt R. Moore cl
By M. T. Ward

Henry Shore's will

In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Shore, living in the County of Stokes, and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but perfect in mind and memory, thanks be given to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all me once to die, do make and ordain that my last will and Testament that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: First all my just debts to be paid. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved son John Shore, seven hundred dollars, which I have paid for that tract of land wherupon he now lives. I also give and bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Shore five hundred dollars, to be put the use of paying for that land wherupon he now lives. I also give and bequeath to my son Jacob Shore forty four acres of land, to be taken off of the North end of the tract of land wherupon I now live, to run a East and West course, in order to make him and John equal. I also give and bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Shore the tract of land and plantation wherupon I now live, and also his bed and furniture, and Chariot and what is in it at this time.