

In the name of God Amen, I Constantine Ladd of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind & memory, blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will & testament in manner and form following. (that is to say) First of all it is my will and desire that my executors hereinafter mentioned should pay all my last debts out of the moneys arising out of the sales of my property which has been sold & bond deposited on Credit And my executors hereinafter mentioned is hereby authorized & empowered to make a reasonable deduction to any person who will advance cash for any of the bonds of my estate, which is not yet due also to have full power and authority to indorse the same provided that my executors should be straitened for their money and necessity should require it.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Ladd Two hundred & forty acres of land adjoining the lands of Gray Pyburn & David Pitzer during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between my three sons Milton & Newton Ladd. I also give and bequeath to my wife all my plantation tools or tools of husbandry, all my stock of sheep cattle hogs & two horse creatures to wit Dick & the Sorrel Colt. one featherbed & furniture for chairs Two tables one pot. one Dutch oven, one loom & all the weaving utensils & furniture belonging, one dozen of plates one dozen of spoons three dishes one set of knives & forks three negroes to wit Will Belle & Pyburn Two chests & one corner cupboard. It is further my will & desire that my wife should maintain my three youngest children Milton Maria & Mary Reynolds untill they arrive to lawful age & not charge the residue of my

estate with their maintenance (this condition to be at her full choice) It is also my will & desire that my executors hereinafter mentioned (if my wife should decease before my said children arrive at lawful age) do sell all the property bequeathed in aforesaid and apply the amounts of sales towards the maintaining of the aforesaid children.

I give & bequeath unto my three ~~daughters~~ (sisters) Milton Newton & Mary Reynolds each to have one feather bed & furniture to remain in the care of my wife untill they arrive to lawful age then to be delivered by her to each of said children as when they marry if any of them should before they obtain to lawful age - with as good furniture as when she receives them of my executors hereinafter mentioned.

I give & bequeath unto my eldest daughter Judith Barron & her husband John Barron one feather bed & furniture which they have already received & further it is my will & desire that the children of my said daughter Judith have one negro woman named Hester the said negro woman & her increase to ~~share~~ descend & to be equally divided between her children after my daughter's death. it is to be considered that the said negro slave above mentioned & her increase if she has any is to be & remain in the possession of my daughter Judith Barron during her natural life for the support & maintenance of her children and after her death to be equally divided between her children & if she should die without issue the property to descend to Belkiah Foyth's children. I also give & bequeath unto my daughter Belkiah Foyth all the property she received of me after she married Benjamin Foyth. Also I give unto my said daughter Belkiah Foyth Two hundred Dollars which sum it is my desire that my said daughter Belkiah & Benjamin Foyth to the special purpose of purchasing a likely young Negro Girl

between ten fourteen years of age for their own use
to keep &c My executor is to deliver the above sum of
Three hundred Dollars to my Daughter Bethecia Foyth or her
husband as soon as convenient to be collected

It is further my will & desire that all the remains
of my property should be sold by my executor on such
Credit as they may think proper to raise the Value thereof

Further it is my will & desire that my Brother
Joseph Ladd should have the only Care & Direction of my
two sons Melton & Newton Ladd &c so that they have
proper care taken of them in bringing them up &c.

I give unto my Daughter Mary Reynolds Ladd
one silver Spoon Weighing Eight Dollars & about fifty Cents

It is my will & desire that my executor hereafter
mentioned should pay all my Just debts out of the
monies arising from the sales of my property & those
which be first due And the balance of the monies of
sales that is not already disposed of if any to be let out
on Interest or disposed of towards the Education of my
two sons Melton & Newton Ladd &c to be deposited in the hands
of my Brother Joseph Ladd. If either of my three
youngest Children should die without issue that their share of
my estate should return to the survivors of them said youngest
Children

I hereby Constitute & appoint my beloved Brother
Joseph Ladd, son in law Benjamin Foyth & my friends
Nathan square fellow Executors of this my last will
& Testament hereby revoking all former Wills & Testaments by
me made In Witness whereof I Constantine Ladd hereunto
set my hand that this twenty fifth day of October in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & one

Signed sealed published and declared
by the above named Constantine
Ladd to be his last will

Constantine Ladd

and Testament in the presence of us
who have hereunto subscribed our
names as Witnesses in the presence
of the testator and of each other

L. Bannan
J. Evans
D. Bannan
John Hall

Stokes County December term 1881

The execution of the last will & Testament
of Constantine Ladd Dec of which the foregoing
is a true copy was duly proven in open Court
by the oath of John Hall one of the Witnesses
thereunto & was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly
done

Robt Williams C
J. R. Armstrong

In the name of God Amen

I Matthew Moore of the County of Stokes State of North Carolina
being of sound & perfect mind & memory but calling to mind
the frailty of my body & knowing that it is appointed for
all men once to die, do on this day of October in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & one, make public
or again confirm this my last will & Testament in manner
form as follows

I bequeath to my beloved wife Bethecia all that part of the tract
of land purchased of John Walker lying on the south side of Swan
river in the County of Stokes & on the double forks including