

foregoing is a true copy was proved
 in open Court by William Hagblitt &
 Joseph Millams in the following manner
 that they are well acquainted with the
 hand writing of said Martin & that
 they do verily believe every word
 thereof was written by him the said
 Martin Armstrong, whereupon it was
 ordered to be recorded which is accord-
 -ingly done by

The Armstrongs
for Robt Millams

In the name of God amen, the lastest day
 of October in thousand seven hundred and nine
 then I Edward Bowman of the County of Stokes
 North Carolina being somewhat sickly but of
 sound mind and memory thanks be to God for
 it but calling to mind the mortality of my body
 and knowing that it is appointed unto all
 men to die do make and ordain this my last
 will and Testament

I give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret
 all my Lands and Tenements lying on the south
 branch of Blue Creek with all my Chattels houses
 and all my farming Utensils to be equally divided
 among them my four sons to be possessed by them
 and their heirs forever But I will that George
 & Archibald my two youngest sons is not have their
 share of the Estate till they come of age but is
 to be kept in the hands of my executors till they are
 of age then to be delivered to them in full without
 fraud or delay for them and their heirs to possess
 forever

William Richard George & Archibald Bowman my sons
 all my Lands and Tenements lying on the south
 branch of Blue Creek with all my Chattels houses
 and all my farming Utensils to be equally divided
 among them my four sons to be possessed by them
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I will that if any one of my sons do improve any part
 of my Land the improvement that he does or work to be his
 own and not to be called any part of my Estate but
 he is to have and hold it him and his heirs forever
 and his lot of the Land shall be where he has
 improved

I give to my loving wife Margaret all my house and all
 my household furniture

My Executors may let my sons George and Archibald to
 learn a trade if it shall be judged good

I give to my loving wife Margaret her Linn and all that
 furniture that she has good hours one fourth of household
 furniture to be enjoyed and possessed by her and her
 heirs forever

54th I send to my loving wife Margit one half
all my household furniture and a privilege
of living on the aforesaid place with
my sons & there to be supported by my
four sons and nourished with a reason-
able livelihood as long as she remains
widow but if she marries again then
my four sons is to find her no longer
she is to move off of the place & have
no more privilege therefrom and is to give
my four sons all that I lent her to
be divided among them

I sum I nominate and appoint my loving wife
& my two sons William & Richard to be my
only and sole Executors of this my last
Will and Testament recalling and dis-
annulling all other Wills legacies & bequests
made by me before now, ratifying and con-
firming this and no other to be my last
Will and Testament In witness whereof
I have set my hand & seal the Day &
Year above written Signed Sealed published
Proclaimed and delivered in presence of
Michael McGinnis { Surety
Edmond Down

54th
Stokes County June term 1796

The execution of the last will and
Testament of which the foregoing is an
true Copy was proven by the Oaths of
Michael McGinnis & John Westmon &
ordered to be recorded which is accordingly
done by
Thos Armstrong
for Robt Witham CC

A continuation of the Inventory of the
Estate of Joseph Swarton deceased which came
to hand since last Court but before the sale
One pair of boots one stock three pair of shoes one
bottle one stick of twist one dog button four pair of
Iron tongs one chest lock several bell plates
a little box with lumber a pair of Shovel
hoop iron for a Wagon a bible table stand
Scales and Weights a bag five spearmint four
Cane boxes four hobb bands a know bare a coffee
hugg one Lamp for one whole steele a pair of
Copper hoes a sh. holder a hand full of chain
links one old hat a Cabinet Box a tobacco
one furniture seven Augers three hoes five bills a Book
Sixth Copy

Stokes County Sep: term 1794

An Inventory of the Estate of
Joseph Bently Decd of which the
 foregoing is a true copy was taken
by the Adm^r and ordered to be
recorded which is accordingly done
by

Thos Armstrong
for Robt Williams &c

An Inventory of the Estate of Edward
Dorman Deceased both real and personal
377 acrs of Land, 2 Cows and a feather bed
and furniture given to the widow, a feather
bed and furniture a wheel a drum
wheel a Walnut Table a Chest, 5 Chairs a
Owl a Copper 2 pewter Dishes 6 pewter plates
2 pewter Basins 4 glassware plates a Tea
Canister a Sugar Box some old pewter
2 Earthen Dishes 4 Tea Cups 2 Bottles 6
Earthen Crocks a Tea Coffee pot 10 pewter
Spoons 5 steel knives 10 forks an Iron
Candlestick 2 Straws a horse a half

a pair of Stutgarts a Bible a common prayer book
a Spelling book a new Testament an Hymn book
2 sermon Books a Bushel Basket 2 meal tubs
a firkin a quill wheel a half Bushel 2 biddeads
2 Iron pots an Iron Kettle a Dutch oven a frying
pan an Iron Griddle 2 fl. pitchforks a pair of Iron
Tongs a padlock 2 cedar Buckets 3 cedar tubs
a kneading trough 2 Ouzels a Churn a Copper
tea Kettle a peck of Salt 4 Bags a Iron
Hammer an Horse - Sent to the widow during
her widowhood -

20th picked Cotton a quantity of Cotton unpicked balled
to be about 80th weight 11th Washed Flax 7th Tow
4th Flax thread ath Cotton thread 4th Tow thread
9 Barrels of Indian Corn 2 Bushels of wheat 120th Corn
2 Cows a penstock a large Cow bell 11 acrs of
wheat growing on the ground 8 acrs of oats 10
acrs of Flax 20 acrs of corn planted a side
of Soli Feather a pair of shoe tools a
pair of shoes a pair of a great coat
a Velvet Vest and Breeches a broad cloth
coat a Wool Vest & Breeches of Cotton cloth
a pair of Cotton Stockings White Drimly Vest
and Breeches 2 shirts a pair of Silver knee
buckles a small quantity of Flax in
the Sheaf 4 Yards a Dungill Cook &
also here a small quantity of broken Flax

The following Articles were sold at public
Vendue July 22nd 1794

Arnul Thomas a pair Hens and Truss	8
..... a Mallock	4
Bowman Margaret a Sell shoe makers tools	16
..... a pair Iron Truss	11
..... an Axe & Wedge	15
..... an hoe & Harris Swinglathus &c	13
..... a Bull & blind bridle	8
..... a Sheep Counter holder & whd	15
..... a red and white Steer	21
..... a Callio Hopper	27
..... a Spotted Steer	48
..... a Bay Mare	21
..... an Hoghead	3
Bowman Richard an hand saw & a very large	24
..... a hide big Ox and broken	4
..... hop harrow & plough	9
..... a glass brake harrow & the hind	16
Campbell Dick & Auger	2
Dolan John a bay Horse	7
Erdly Hugh a brown Steer with a white face	17
Fain John an Ox Wedge & a very fork	10
Furston William a Saddle and bridle	19
..... a bridle Steer with a white face	2
Griffin Gabriel a Sleigh and bridle	11
Gordon & Hyman a Low & High Hays	5
..... a low & High Hays	1
..... a low & High Hays	11
..... a low & High Hays	0

Elum Hogg	5	16	6
2 Shoats a low & High Hays	3	7	..
a white cow & half a bridle Steer	9	7	..
	28	12	6
Woodell James a Bull & Horse holder		14	..
Dr Dormontellihal a Sleigh & bridle		13	..
Workman William a low a set of Swinglathus &c		12	6
..... a blind bridle & Wood plough		16	6
..... a black & white pided cow & half	4	11	..
	6	..	..
Whicker James a bridle a pided Steer	1	16	..
William John (Guilford) a pided Steer	2	19	..
	103	17	2

I do protest the above Debts as desperate Debts
Neither will I as executor be accountable for them
further than I am able to collect

Richard Bowman
Executor

Stokes County Sep. Term 1794

An Inventory of the Estate
of Edmund Bowman of which the
foregoing is a true copy was returned
by the Executor & ordered to be recorded
which is accordingly done by

Thos. Armstrong
for Robt Withings &c