

The last will & testament of Thomas Brandon Stokes County.  
I Thomas Brandon consider the uncertainty of this mortal life & being  
of sound mind & memory (Blessed be Al-mighty God for the same) do  
make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form  
following (that is to say). I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife  
Jane Allen Brandon a sum of money in Thomas Brandon hand con-  
-sisting of Three hundred & fifty Dollars. And lastly as to all the rest  
residue & remainder of my personal estate, good & chattels of what  
kind & nature soever, I give & bequeath the same to my said beloved  
wife Jane Allen Brandon whom I hereby appoint my sole  
Executrix of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all  
former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand & seal the 6th day of January in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred & thirty three.

Signed, sealed, published & declared.

Thomas Brandon

by the above named Thomas Brandon  
to be his last will & testament in the  
presence of us who to his request &  
in his presence have subscribed  
our names as witnesses thereto

J. Larver,  
Benjamin Edicote  
mark

Stokes County March term 1834

The Execution of the last will & testament of Thomas Brandon  
of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court  
by the oath of Benjamin Edicote one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
ordered to be recorded

Int. Hill. c.c.

In the name of God Amen,

I Elisha Lawson of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being  
weak in body but of sound mind & disposing memory blessed be God for  
the same do this fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred & thirty three, make & publish this my last  
will & testament in manner & form following (to wit)

First. I will that all my just debts be paid out of my personal estate.  
Secondly. I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Lawson during  
her natural life or so long as she shall live the tract of Land whereon I now live  
containing one hundred acres more or less, & at her death or intermarriage  
it is my will that, the said Land be equally divided among all my  
children namely: Ambrose, Elisha, Leah, Jesse, who intermarried

to Thomas Nicholson. Mary who intermarried to George Colling & Patey,  
who intermarried to John Dick, to them & each of their heirs forever.

There is one thing however that I particularly will & desire in regard  
to the disposition of my Land above alluded to. (that is) should my wife  
Mary Lawson become dissatisfied & wish to dispose of the Land &  
remove from it, that she shall have full power & I do hereby bequeath  
that power & authority to her, to sell & dispose of the said one hundred  
acres of Land to any person or persons who may think proper to  
purchase at a fair & valuable consideration & to execute a good  
& lawful right & title in her simple to any such purchaser or  
purchasers. And I also will that my said wife Mary shall  
apply the proceeds of the sale of said Land in such a manner  
as she with the advice of some two discreet & honourable freeholders  
may deem best calculated to promote her own, as well as the  
interest of my children above named, and at her death I will  
that the proceeds of the Land as aforesaid in the event my said  
wife should sell & dispose of it in the manner above described  
to be equally divided among my children as before named.

I also will to my said wife Mary Lawson all the residue of  
my personal estate after my debts are paid & at her death or  
intermarriage to go to my son Elisha Lawson.

It is also my will that at the death or intermarriage of  
my said wife Mary, that my son in law Thomas Nicholson who  
intermarried my daughter Jesse shall pay to the bellman of my  
children the sum of Twenty Dollars to be equally divided amongst them  
or their heirs: This is on account of the horses which the said Thomas  
Nicholson now has in his possession — I will & bequeath to  
my son Ambrose Lawson one chestnut saddle horse which he now  
has in his possession — And lastly, I do hereby appoint my beloved  
wife Mary Lawson Executrix & my son Ambrose Lawson Executor  
to this my last will & testament, to do & act in my stead when I am  
no more. In testimony whereof I have said Elisha Lawson to this my  
last will & testament have set my hand & seal the day & year first  
above written.

Signed sealed published & declared by the said  
Elisha Lawson to be his last will & testament  
before us who were present at the time of the  
signing & sealing thereof

his  
Elisha Lawson  
mark

Benjamin Edicote  
Stokes County March term 1834

The Execution of the last will & testament of Elisha Lawson and of which the  
foregoing is a true copy was duly proved by the oath of J. B. Banner & J. B. Hill