

Hotter County September Term 1828

The last Will and Testament of John I. Haven of which the foregoing is a true copy being offered for probate was duly proven by Benjamin Bittling who likewise swore that Mary Nolder the other subscribing witness signed the same in his presence and in the presence of John I. Haven and was ordered to be recorded

M. R. Moore c
By C. C. P. Mason d

In the Name of God Amen!

I Elizabeth Bittling of Hotter County & State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God, but weak in body, do this 17th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight make & publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say,

First I give & bequeath unto my sister Mary my plantation with the crop thereon my negro boy Elias one cow and calf also my horse and all my plantation utensils during her life time and I will that my sister Mary give my negro woman Din a house and home on the aforesaid plantation as long as she shall live

Second. I give and bequeath to my sister Martha my negro boy Lewis, one bed and furniture,

Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my brother John my negro boy Winston -

4th I give & bequeath unto my brother Anthony my negro woman Ciddie one bed & furniture -

5th I give & bequeath to my nephew Anthony Mearns one third of a lot in the town of Germantown lying on the south side of the street at lot given my sister Mary by my Father

6th I give & bequeath to my nephew Walter Bittling one lot in the town of Germantown on the south side of said street adjoining the lot of my sister Mary and the one third that I have given to Anthony Mearns

7 I give & bequeath unto my nephew John Melkinson Bittling half an acre of land to run a North & South line & to divide on the line of my brother John what land he shall have

possession of at the death of my sister Mary -

8th I will at the death of my sister Mary that the negro boy Elias and twenty one acres of land the balance of the taking off the fifty acres which I willed to John W. Bittling be equally divided among my sister Martha & my two brothers John & Anthony

9th I will my beaver to my niece Elizabeth Bittling

10th I will that my sister Mary take such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may think proper to dispose of as she may think fit -

11th I will that the balance of my household and kitchen furniture together with my stock be sold on credit & the proceeds thereof to pay my just debts & if there should be an over plus it shall be equally divided amongst my two sisters & two brothers

12th I nominate my two brothers John and Anthony my Executors of this my last Will and Testament

I further request that the negro which I have willed be left on the plantation with my sister Mary until he crop shall be taken care of. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written

I, your sealed, published & declared
by the said Elizabeth Bittling the testatrix
as her last Will & Testament in the
presence of us who were present
at the signing & sealing thereof

Adam Gager }
Elias Gager } Seal

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The execution of the last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Bittling of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven by Adam Gager & Elias Gager sworn to be recorded

M. R. Moore c
By C. C. P. Mason d