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- In the name of God - Amen,
- I Elizabeth Christman, of the town of Salem, Stokes County,  
a State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of  
sound Mind & Memory, on the sixth day of May in the  
year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred & forty six,  
do make and publish this my last Will and Testament,  
in manner & form following:-
- My soul I recommend to God who gave it; my body to  
the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in a  
decent & Christian like Manner.
- I will that my just debts be paid & all monies due me,  
be collected by my Executor.
- I will that an instrument of writing executed by me to  
my grand son Peter Fitter to the amount of Two Hundred  
and Fifty Dollars, shall first be paid the said Peter Fitter,  
before any division of my estate as herein after directed shall  
be made.
- I give and bequeath unto my daughter Benigna Fitter, wife  
of Jacob Fitter a whole good Bed, consisting of a Bedstead,  
Cleff bed, a feather bed with tops case, Six of the best sheets,  
five pillow cases, a Quilt, a new blanket cloak, Drapes,  
one diaper Table-Cloth, one new flannel Sheet, 3 Chair  
six Laundry, same Scaps, one Dutch-Oven & some iron  
articles, to be selected by my grand daughter Belinda, below  
Table Spoon, & 3 Silver Tea Spoons, the small Cup-board,  
the Kitchen Table, the Chest, 5 Chemins a large wash-tub  
Shovel & long & a silk Banquet.
- I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law, Jacob Fitter,  
the sum of Ten Dollars, and my Kitchen Table.
- I give and bequeath unto my son James Christman, my large  
Table, and 3 Chairs - and further I will that my Executor  
receive and lay out for the article of Clothing for my said  
son, the amount of Thirty Dollars, when needed by him  
out of my estate, I further give unto his wife Dorothy Christman,  
one Bureau, a Bedstead, a feather bed, 3 Sheets, 1 pillow and  
case, 1 Blanket, 1 Spred, 1 Table cloth 3 Chemins 3 silver Tea  
Spoons, 3 Cup & saucers, 6 Plates, a silk Shawl, 1 Gates Drap  
& 2 small Tubys.
- I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Belinda  
Fitter, the sum of Twenty five Dollars, a Kitchen Cup-board  
& coffee-roaster, a copper Tea kettle, Bed curtains, Table Cloth,  
Muslin, a Linen Chapel & crepe Shawl, a Spred, 3 Silver Tea  
Spoons & an Umbrella to be her & her heirs forever.
- 9<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to Peter Fitter my Book case, a  
large copper Wash-kettle, and to his wife Sarah Fitter,  
I give my black silk Shawl, 1 large Bowl, a half dozen  
Tea-cups & saucers, 6 doy. Plates, a Table-cloth & a large  
red painted Cup-board.
- 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto Augusta Fitter 1 Shawl &  
1 Tea-Spoon.
- 11<sup>th</sup> I give to Charles Fitter 1 Tea-Spoon  
do do Rebecca Remminger 1 Tea-Spoon  
do do Olivia Remminger 1 Tea-Spoon  
do do Laura Remminger 1 Tea-Spoon  
do do Sophia Remminger 1 Tea-Spoon
- 11<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to Sophie Fitter, one Silver Table-  
Spoon, a crepe Shawl, and a Spred.
- 12<sup>th</sup> To Henrietta Fitter I give a Silver Table-Spoon, one Spred,  
1 silk Chapel & a parasol.
- 13<sup>th</sup> I give to Mr. Benjamin one Silver Table-Spoon
- 14<sup>th</sup> - do a C. Benjamin a woolen Shawl a water can
- 15<sup>th</sup> All the articles not named are to be left to the disposal  
of my grand-daughter Belinda Fitter.
- Finally, after the death of my daughter Benigna Fitter, the  
lot & house wherein they now live (in Salem) one mile north  
of Salem shall be sold by my Executor to the highest bidder,  
& the proceeds thereof divided between my said daughter, nine  
children Belinda, Thomas, Rebecca, Peter Augustus, Sophia,  
Henrietta, Henry & William to be their, & their heirs forever  
& until then the house & premises is to be kept in repair by  
Jacob Fitter for the use or rent thereof.
- For the true performance of the above I appoint John  
Vogler, of Salem, as the Executor of this my last Will  
& Testament, revoking all former Wills made either  
by word of mouth, or by writing, ratifying this & no other  
in writing whereof I have set my hand & affixed my  
seal in the presence of the testators & of each other.
- E.A. Vogler }  
A.C. Vogler } Testator.      Elizabeth Christman *Hand*  
Mark
- Whereas I, Elizabeth Christman, having made & duly executed  
my last will & testament in writing above, do hereby  
declare this present writing to be a Codicil to said Will,  
& direct the same to be annexed to, & taken as part  
thereof. I will that One Hundred Dollars of my  
estate be placed upon interest at 5 or 6 per cent, so the inter-

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255 Annexed to be paid to my son James Christman,  
during his natural life, then the same hundred dollars  
to be divided between his four children, Almon, Abner,  
Allen, & Henry, to be their & their heirs forever.—

In witness whereof I, Elizabeth Christman have to this  
covenant set my hand & seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1845—

E. A. Wagner } Estate...      Elizabeth Christman *her* *mark*

A. C. Sage }                  Mark

September Term 1848.

The Execution of the last will and Testament of Elizabeth Christman  
and, with the bodily annexed seals (of which the foregoing is a true copy)  
was only proved in open Court by the oaths of E. A. Wagner, one of the subscribing  
witnesses to the same, who also proved that A. C. Sage the other subscribing  
witness to said will & codicil, first annexed, subscribed the same in his  
presence & in the presence of the Testatrix, and ordered to be record.

Mrs. Hill. ex.

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State of North Carolina Takes County December 5<sup>th</sup> 1839

I Mary Reminger make this my last will and Testament  
I give and bequeath all my personal property of every  
description unto Jacob Hare and his heirs, and my  
tract of Land lying on the waters of South Fork in  
this County I give unto said Shore to bear the tempests  
of the sea during my lifetime,  
Signed sealed and  
delivered in the  
presence of  
+ W. L. Swain

Mary Reminger *her* *mark*

September Term 1848.

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Mary Reminger  
See D. (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was only proved in open  
Court by the oath of W. L. Swain & ordered to be record.

Mrs. Hill. ex.

December 36<sup>th</sup> One thousand eight  
hundred & forty six

In the Name of God, Amen

I Elisha Meredith, of Stokes County & State of North  
Carolina, being of sound Mind and disposing  
Muniment, and knowing there is a time for all Men  
once to die, do Make & Ordain this my last will  
and testament, in Manner following (43)

First, I will that at my decease, my body be turned  
to the dust from whence it came, and my soul to  
God who gave it.

2nd, I will that after my decease all my just debts  
be paid out of my Estate.

3rd, I will that my wife Sarah Meredith after my death  
have & possess all my Estate both personal and real during  
her natural life, with the privilege of disposing of such  
property as is not really needed either at public or private  
Sale, and after her death, all and every part of my  
estate, then remaining, both real & personal to be sold,  
and the proceeds disposed of in manner following,  
amongst my lawful heirs.

To my Son Jonathan Meredith, I will One dollar  
to the heirs of my daughter Eliza Hitchcock, I will  
as follows: to her son Elisha Hitchcock, I will twenty  
Dollars: to her grandson Edward Wesley Smith I will  
One dollar & to my daughter Mary C. Meredith I will  
fifty dollars.

4th. All the remaining part of my estate after  
making the above bequests, I will to be equally divided  
amongst my three daughters and two grandsons  
Mary Meredith, Jane Edwards, Sarah Stanley, Elisha  
Meredith & Cyrus Meredith.

5th. And lastly, I constitute my Son in law Richard  
Stanley my Executor.

Elisha Meredith.

Witnesses } George W. Bowman  
              John Reffo

December Term 1848.

The Execution of the last will and Testament of Elisha Meredith and  
(of which the foregoing is a true copy) was only proved in open Court by the  
oaths of George W. Bowman and John Reffo, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and  
ordered to be record.

Mrs. Hill. ex.