

and enjoy all the profits arising therefrom and all
 the remainder of my perishable property during her
 natural life and after her death I give & bequeath
 the said lands and moveable or perishable property
 unto my son John to him & his heirs forever, and
 in case the said John should die before he comes of
 age and in my wife's lifetime I will in such
 case that my wife be at liberty to bequeath the
 said Estate both real & personal among & between
 my other children as she may ⁱⁿ think proper
 & I give & bequeath unto my son in law Willey
 Wright a Walnut Chest & five Dollars
 & I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah
 five Dollars

Lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my Neighbour
 Aray Baker Dobson Esquire & John Embury Executors of
 this my last will & Testament and I do hereby
 utterly revoke & annul & make void all former wills
 and Testaments by me at any time herebefore made
 ratifying confirming & establishing this & no other to be
 my last will & Testament

Signed sealed published & declared by
 John Dollen the testator at his last
 will & Testament in the presence of us
 the Subscribing Witnesses who were
 present at the time of signing & making
 thereof

John Dollen (Seal)
 mark

Arch^d Campbell Jurat
 Thomas Graham
 William P. Dobson

Stokes County March term 1802 154

The execution of the last will &
 testament of John Dollen Esq^r of which the
 foregoing is a true copy was proven in open
 court by the oath of Archibald Campbell one
 of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto & read & be
 recorded which is accordingly done

Robt. Williams CC
 J. P. H. Armstrong Esq

The last Will & Testament of one Frederic William Maun
 of Salem in Stokes County in the State of North Carolina viz:

It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses
 duly paid And as to my worldly estate I find it first of foremost
 incumbent upon me to see that sacred trust reposed in me by the
 people known by the name of Madas Fraternity or United
 Brethren with respect to all the lands which I have & hold for them
 in the State of North Carolina upon which the temporal happiness
 of Numbers of their families as well as of their latter dependants
 depend & established in such a manner that the original bene-
 ficial intention for this Country - in the person whom of
 we do find grace - as well as of the in any creditors
 who are in advance may be obtained even after my decease

And whereas the late John Earl Esquire then proprietor
 of a certain part of the then Province now State of North
 Carolina in America by nineteen indentures all dated the
 1st day of August 1753 did give grant bargain sell and
 confirm unto James Hatton of Colledge Street Westminster

gentle Secretary of the United Brethren or united brethren
 nineteen tracts of parcels of land then in the County of
 Mason New Stokes County in North Carolina containing
 in the whole 98,985 Acres of land known by the name
 of Wachovia to hold to him the said James Hutton his
 heirs & assigns forever - And whereas in and by a
 certain other Indenture bearing even date with the
 aforesaid 19 indentures made between the said John
 Earl Granville of the one part & the said James Hutton
 of the other part it is declared by the parties thereto
 that the said James Hutton shall & will hold all and
 carry the lands and premises aforesaid in Trust and for
 the use benefit & behoof of the United Brethren. And whereas
 previous to the said purchase, by the Colonization and
 on the Credit of the then Lord advocate, the Chancellor
 and agent of the United Brethren a Subscription was
 opened for the support of so expensive an undertaking
 among a Society of Brethren and Friends of the said
 United Brethren in Europe & America who have
 advanced considerable sums of Money not only for
 locating & surveying the said 98,985 Acres of land for
 the payment of the purchase Money & the yearly
 quitrent of \$148.9.2¹/₂ Sterl. and the Compensation money
 for extinguishing the same, but still larger sums for
 the transportation of Settlers from Europe, Most of them
 Germans, over sea to Pennsylvania and from thence
 by Land to North Carolina, as well to settle & stock
 the tracts.

And in order that the large sums of Money
 so advanced for the purposes aforesaid might in propo-
 tion be repaid, It was agreed by and among the said
 Subscribers and Contributors that after running out

lands sufficient for the intended Colony the residue
 of the same lands should be laid out in lots for the said
 Contributors in expectation that the rising price of those
 lands in a neighbourhood of the United Brethren's settlement
 might compensate the expense of their Early assistance
 And whereas I the said Fredric William Marshall
 by the appointment of the said United Brethren expressly came
 to reside in North Carolina in the year 1768 to administer
 the said Wachovia and other tracts purchased in like
 manner for the use of the United Brethren and pertaining
 to reimburse by the sale the Creditors for the monies
 advanced being thereto legally empowered by the said James
 Hutton by a certain Power of Attorney dated the 7th
 day of September 1767 in consequence whereof I then
 sold a good many parcels of the Wachovia tract till the
 time of the Revolution, when the said James Hutton being
 unable to come over as the act of Confiscation of the
 State of North Carolina requires, the said Wachovia
 tract was by indenture of lease & release from the said
 James Hutton bearing date the 27th & 28 day of October
 1778 conveyed to me & my heirs, but when some legal
 doubts had arisen whether upon certain revolution principles
 - especially the Confiscation act of North Carolina - the lands
 and tenements having been held by the said James Hutton
 who had not been a Citizen of the United States since the
 revolution, his Grant & conveyance thereof made to
 me the said Fredric William Marshall, was good &
 valid in law, the legislature of the State of North
 Carolina by an act of the assembly passed in the year
 1782, ~~and~~ entitled "An act to that in Fredric William
 Marshall Esquire of Salem in Surry County the lands
 of the United Brethren in this State for the use of the
 said United Brethren & other purposes," did enact

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that the said James Muttons Intentions of Lease & Release should be Valid in Law & the Lands & Tenements thereby conveyed & some other Lands and Tenements by Deed of Bargain & Sale of the 20th of April 1764 between William Mutton and Charles Mutton should be Valid in Law the said Fudric William Marshall in trust as aforesaid and all conveyances of the above mentioned Lands or any of them already made or hereafter to be made should be good & Valid to all intents and purposes as if the Consecration act had never been passed.

And for the better executing the said trust so committed to my Care I do by these presents give & devise unto my dear & much esteemed Friend the said Christian Lewis Benjamin of Salem in Stokes County in the State of North Carolina his heirs & assigns forever all lands not sold or conveyed at my decease of that tract of 98986 acres of land in the County of Stokes by the said John Earl Granville to the said James Mutton and by him to me the said Fudric William Marshall granted & conveyed. Also all other lands conveyed by William Skipton to Charles Mutton from him to me as mentioned in the said act of assembly passed at Hillsboro' in 1702 and also all Rents issues & profits of all and every of the said tracts together with all the remainders & Reversions accruing by forfeiture or otherwise within by deed or act in Law.

In trust nevertheless to wit, as far as concerning certain tracts & parcels of land in the Watauga District, allotted for the behoof of the United Brethren their Churches Meeting Houses, Schools the Houses for the Habitation of Single Men, Women Widows and Children and all other Public Buildings as well as private Houses of the tradesmen & other house-keepers in their towns that the said Christian Lewis Benjamin his heirs & assigns shall & will maintain the said United Brethren in possession of the said tracts & parcels of land & Churches Meeting houses & Dwelling

Grounds School houses for the Chori of Single Men Women Widows and Children public and private houses according to the true intent and meaning of their first establishment under the direction of their several Ministers and other Directors so that the whole Community may go on in the order of things and among them undisturbed of subject however to Conditions & Acts stipulated & reserved from any of them.

And whereas two tracts of land in Wilkes County, the one containing 3840 and the other 1933 acres were originally conveyed by the late Earl Granville to Henry Copart agent of the United Brethren in trust for the same, the legal Estate whereof was afterwards by power of attorney from the heir of the said Copart assigned & conveyed agreeable to the above act of Assembly - conveyed by me as - which is the same - by my attorney John Michael Graff to Hugh Montgomery Esq. And whereas the said Hugh Montgomery did Mortgage the same lands to the said John Michael Graff for the balance of the purchase money & Transoll Bagge esq. administrator of the said John Michael Graff assigned the said Mortgage to me in form of Law. I do therefore hereby devise all my right title Interest Claim & Demand in and to the said lands unto the said Christian Lewis Benjamin his heirs & assigns in trust as aforesaid together with all & every estate that possibly might accrue out of the above mentioned trust originally residing in the said Henry Copart or by the above recited act of assembly.

I further give and devise unto the said Christian Lewis Benjamin his heirs & assigns forever all such lands as I have purchased besides in this State. And I do give & devise all and singular the Mehagen Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Pennsylvania West-Lessey North Carolina or elsewhere

in America not herein before particularly described which were bequeathed to me by the last Will & Testament of the late Nathaniel Sidel of Bethlehem in the County of Northampton in the State of Pennsylvania Clerk, registered both in the registers office of the said County of Northampton & also in the County of Luzerne in the State, unto Christian Lewis Benjamin aforesaid his heirs & assigns forever also all rents issues & profits of the same together with all the Remainder & reversions accruing by forfeiture or otherwise either by deed or act in Law.

Also all those tracts in Pennsylvania which I since purchased then to hold to him the said Christian Lewis Benjamin his heirs & assigns forever.

And as to my personal Estate in the North American parts I do hereby give & bequeath the same unto my two Grand Children viz. Johanna Elizabeth von Schwanitz wife of the rev. John Frederic Truinauff at Philadelphia and Frederic Christian von Schwanitz Schwanitz of Salem in North Carolina Esq. their heirs & assigns share and share alike And all my plate Silver, Books Household & other Furniture and every Apparel I have to my said Grandson Fred. Christ. von Schwanitz.

And as for and concerning all the rest of and residue of my Goods Chattels Effects & personal Estate whatsoever I give & bequeath the same unto the aforesaid Christian Lewis Benjamin. And it is my express will that all debts Rights and duties either due on my decease or accruing are hereby devised to the said Christian Lewis Benjamin his heirs and assigns.

I also give & devise to the said Christian Lewis Benjamin all real Estate which I have purchased or may yet purchase or acquire by Will or otherwise before my decease and that no further purchase shall in any wise defeat my Will.

And further I do hereby declare that I do not make a conveyance in

by me made after the date of this my Will of any estate real or personal in any wise belonging appertaining or accruing to or out of the last Estate or for simple estate unencumbered with any trust vested in me shall in any manner or form annul or destroy invalidate or avoid or be deemed and adjudged or taken as a revocation of this my Will excepting only as to the part or parcel actually sold aliened or conveyed by me.

And I do nominate and appoint the said Christian Lewis Benjamin and the rev. Jacob van Vliet and the rev. John Gebhard Cunow both of Bethlehem in Pennsylvania and the Survivor or Survivors of them to be the Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made & declaring this to be my last Will & Testament only.

And whereas I have entered with several persons in to agreements and loans concerning Lands and promised to convey to them after payment as therein specified and have also received their bonds for the payment thereof Now I do particularly empower request and enjoin my said Executors or either of them to see all these engagements bonds Notes and book debts properly paid and to procure to them legal conveyances.

In Witness whereof I the said Frederic William Marshall have hereunto set my hand & Seal the twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

Done
Signed sealed published & declared by the above named Frederic William Marshall as and for his last will & Testament in the presence of us who in the presence and at the request of the testator have hereunto set our hands as Witnesses to the same
Jacob Blum
Gottlieb Stuber
Frederic Schwanitz
John Schwanitz

Frederic William Marshall

Stokes County March term 1802

The execution of the last Will & Testament of Frederic William Marshall of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Joseph Shober & James Houser two of the subscribing Witnesses to the same & was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done

Robt Williams Ck
J. H. Marshall Secy

In the name of God Amen This Twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty four, I John Majors Sen^r of Stokes County, North Carolina State Shop being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say Principally of spirit of all I give & recommend my soul unto the hands of God that give all & for my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate which with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise & dispose off the same in the Manner & form following that is to say

beloved wife her thirds of my plantation together with my stock & household furniture to be for the use of my beloved wife her lifetime except room & furniture that I shall mention by I give & bequeath to my son Benjamin Pollard Majors Two hundred & thirty acres of land being the plantation where I now live together with the house that he now owns & some hay mow of my property likewise the fatted Stock a part of the Stock as now belongs to him together with increase to be my son Benjamin Pollard Majors own property likewise I give & bequeath to my son Benjamin one feather bed with its furniture also one Walnut chest and table & all the tools & Implements that I have to work the said plantation with - likewise I give & bequeath to my three sons (viz) Robert Majors Eleazer Majors & Benjamin Pollard Majors all and every one of my Joiners & Carpenters tools to be equally divided among my three sons that I just before mentioned likewise I appoint & constitute my beloved son Benjamin Pollard Majors sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament. Also I give & bequeath what part of my property that I have not given to my son Benjamin Pollard Majors & to my son Rob^t & Eleaz^r Majors at my beloved wife's death to be equally divided amongst all every one of my Dear Children that is to say the part that I give to my wife, which I desire my son Benjamin should take particular care of his dear Mother in during her life & then her thirds of said land to be my son Benjamin at his Mother's Death & I do