

114 In the name of God amen. I George Grimes  
of the state of North Carolina & Wilkes County being  
of sound and perfect mind & memory do testify  
God to this 12th day of December in the year of  
our Lord 1813. make and publish this my last  
will and testament in manner following that  
is to say first I will that all my just dues & demands  
against all and every person to collect and all my  
just debts be paid and discharged by my executors  
having due notice.

Secondly I do will and bequeath unto Deak  
my dearly beloved wife the sum of Fifty pounds value of  
Property of the household furniture and so she shall have  
and also the small more and cattle and one Cow  
and whatever I have a bond on John Foster for the  
sum of 300 Dollars in consequence of the land said  
Foster lies on. It is my will that the interest of said  
bond be paid to my wife yearly during natural life  
and at her decease the said bond to be paid  
also has a bond on Horatio Burne for the sum  
of 430 Dollars for the land I sold him and  
it is my will when that bond becomes due that the  
interest of that bond also be paid yearly to my wife  
during her widowhood and after her decease the  
said bond shall not bear interest during the  
natural life of my daughter Elizabeth and at her  
decease said bond shall be paid to her brother him  
it is also my will that there shall be a convenient  
house built for my wife with the money arising  
from my estate in any part of the lands I sold  
when she shall chuse for her to live in during  
her widowhood it is also my will that my  
negro girl Anna be set free and the interest of

of the money laid yearly to my wife during her  
widowhood

Thirdly It is my will that the two daughters of my  
daughter Mary shall namely Nancy Briggs and Elizabeth  
Briggs shall have a tract of land containing 15 acres  
on the waters of Crooked river adjoining others  
land to be equally divided between them and  
each of them one dozen sheep.

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my son Charles my books  
which are in print. And I give unto his son George the land  
which I purchased of Thomas East containing 67 acres.

Fifthly It is my will that all my remaining property of  
any description be sold and after deducting out the expense  
of building the before mentioned house and also all other  
necessary expenses then the remainder to be distributed between  
my two daughters Catherine and Elizabeth except ten  
pounds be added to the part of Catherine.

Sixthly if Horatio Burne shall take possession  
of the land he purchased of me before my death which  
is the time his bond is due then there shall be fifteen  
Dollars deducted out of his part also and paid to  
my wife. And let it be observed that it is my will  
that Horatio Burne have the title as it is mentioned in  
the deed I gave him for the land. And also at the  
decease of my wife the money that remains of the  
sum of 5<sup>0</sup> Negro girl be divided between my two  
daughters Catherine & Elizabeth

I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends  
John Stone and John Foster executors of this my last  
will and testament in witness whereof I the said  
George Grimes have to this my last will and  
testament set my hand and seal the day  
and year above written

Geo. Grimes  
Signed sealed published and declared

100 the said George Grismon the Testator as his  
last will and testament in the presence of  
of us who were, present at the time of signing  
and sealing thereof,

Thos. Smith

Wm. Jones

Stokes County Court House Term 1811

The execution of the last will and  
testament of George Grismon deceased was  
duly proven in open Court by the oaths of  
Thomas Smith & Wm Jones and ordered to  
be recorded — done accordingly

Robt Williams esq  
P. Thos. T. Downing Esq  
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In the name of God amen I Thomas Gaines  
of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being  
in a low state of health but of sound mind  
and memory do this day bring the Eighth day  
of January and in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and eleven do make  
ordain and constitute this to be my last  
will and testament in form and substance  
as follows to wit

And first I recommend my soul unto God who  
gave it through Jesus Christ amen, and secondly  
I do bear my worldly estate in the following  
manner vizt. I give to my beloved wife Sarah  
Gaines in case she survives me the whole

of my estate both real and personal during  
her natural life or so much thereof as she shall  
choose for her support if she shall make choice  
of the former made my desire is that my executor  
immediately after her death, provide to appoint three  
just men in order to allot of my estate as shall  
hereafter describe otherwise if she shall make choice  
of the latter mode that is only a part of my estate  
my desire is that my executor provide without delay  
as soon as such choice shall be made to make  
the necessary arrangements agreeable to the mode  
already pointed out for dividing the balance  
of my estate in the following manner and since  
my will and desire is that my son Phillip  
Gaines have no part of my estate for the following  
reasons, I wish it understood that I have as much  
real love and affection for him as any of the rest of  
my children but having at his first setting out done  
more for him than the others and as he has since  
told me that he was satisfied without having  
any more I have thought myself justifiable in  
leaving him no part of my estate either real or  
personal as it has been a long time since I  
have seen my son Richard Gaines and as I know  
not whether he is dead or alive my will and  
desire is that he shall have no part of my  
estate either real or personal but I give and  
bequeath to his daughter Anna Gaines one horse  
bridle and saddle worth eighty dollars and  
two hundred dollars in money the balance  
of my estate I desire to be equally divided  
between my following children to wit