

In the name of God Amen. I George Hume
 Sen^r of the County of Litchfield State of Massachusetts
 being weak in body but of sound mind
 & memory thanks be given to God for it, think
 proper to make and ordain this my last
 Will and Testament in manner & form
 following: That is to say

First I give my soul into the hands of almighty
 God who gave it and my body to be
 buried in a Christian like manner at
 the discretion of my executors hereafter
 named hoping to have a happy resurrection
 through the Merits of my Lord and Saviour
 Jesus Christ

Item It is my will that my Just Debts and
 funeral Expences be duly paid as well as
 my outstanding debts which are due me
 be collected by my executors.

Item I will that an inventory shall be taken immediately
 after my decease of all my property real
 & personal And then I will that my executor
 shall have possession of my present dwelling house
 & lot in case he can be admitted as an
 Inhabitant of this town, and in case he is
 not admitted to possess a house and lot
 in this town, then in such case any other

of my sons who may be admitted shall possess
 the same along with my Wife Barbara who shall
 also have possession of the same during her life
 or Widowhood & they shall keep the same
 in the same good order & repair and after
 my wife decease the said house and lot
 shall be Valued by indifferent Citizens of
 this town then my son which will be in
 possession shall pay to my executors the Valuation
 of said house & lot including the improvements
 after deducting his share of Inheritance.

And whereas I am possessed of one fourth part
 of a Grind Mill near Bethany I will that such
 share shall be Valued by the other three partners
 of said Mill & then if any of my Children
 chooseth to possess the said share in said Mill
 it shall be given to such as can be admitted
 according to the rules of this town and such
 as will give the highest price - And the
 Money arising therefrom shall be distributed
 amongst all my Children share alike - And
 in case none of my Children may choose to
 possess my part in said Mill said share
 shall be sold to the other three or any one
 of the present partners or any other individual
 purchaser for the best price that may be

obtained and the money distributed as
before said -

Item

I will that my wife Barbara shall receive
one hundred pounds to be paid by my
executors when convenient also one
Man one Cow one Sheeps one Bed
of furniture one Saddle & bridle and
one spinning wheel and such other
Household articles as she may necessarily
want (at the discretion of my executors)

Item

I will that my negro Slave by name of
Ralph shall be Valued by good &
indifferent men & then he shall be at
liberty to choose his Master amongst
my Children and such of my Children
with whom he chooseth to live shall
be charged with the sum of such
Valuations and be accounted as part of his
share of inheritance. I also will that my
negro Wench called Betty shall be sold
for the benefit of my Children Also
two Tracts of Land in Stokes County one
Water of Townfork and five Hundred acres
of Land on the Western Waters of the

Water of the Mispippie it is my Will that
said Land shall be sold as soon as conveni-
ent and the money arising from the sale
thereof be distributed among all my Children
share alike

And as for the residue of my said Estate
as is not herein specified it is my will
that the same shall be sold at Public Vendue
and the money arising from such Sale be
distributed among my Lawful Children or the
Heirs of their Bodies (viz) Henry George
Sara or her heirs Anna Catharina Gertraut
or her heirs Elizabeth Fridric Hanna Henry
Peter & Loring share and share alike. My
Daughters Sara and Gertraut being deceased
I will and order that their Shares be given
to their Children whenever they attain their
lawful age.

Item I also will that my House and Lots in
Germananton shall be sold as soon as convenient
for the benefit of my Children aforesaid
and the money applied as aforesaid
and lastly I appoint & nominate my Brother
Peter Hauser my son in Law Christian Bach
& my son George Executors of this my last

Will and testament and thereby
 disannull and make void all my
 former Wills hereof by me made
 and declare this to be my
 last Will & testament. In Testimony
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my seal this 28th Day of
 February AD 1800

Signed Sealed published and
 declared in the presence
 of Jacob Lark

George Houser *Seal*

Joseph Houser Trust.

Stokes County March term 1800

The execution of the last Will and
 Testament of George Houser Sen. Dec^d
 of which the foregoing is a true Copy was
 proven in open Court by the oath
 of Joseph Houser Do^{or} to be recorded
 which is accordingly done

Rob^t Williams

J. P. Robertson

An Inventory made this third day of the month
 March one thousand Eight hundred 1800 of the good and
 Chattels of John Henshaw Deceased
 Land Two hundred & Eight acres
 Cash on hand thirty two Dollars, or sixteen pounds paper
 currency, and apparel, Note on Evans and John Cannon
 dated 25th of the 7th month 1798 due 25th of the 7th month
 1799 for two Dollars, Note debts and debts dated 25th
 of the 7th month ~~1798~~ for 1798 due 25th of the 7th month
 1800 for 20 Dollars, debts & debts dated the 20th of the 7th
 month 1798 due the 25th of the 7th month 1801 for
 20 Dollars, debts and debts dated the 25th of the 7th
 month 1798 due the 25th of the 7th month 1802 for
 seven and a half Dollars. Note on Gabriel Wittels
 for ten Dollars dated the 2^d day of the 5th month
 1800 on demand, due to the Estate on book
 amount as the now stands, three pounds nine shillings
 Three hors belonging on thirteen year ^(of) one 9 years
^(of) one 3 year ^(of) Three feather Beds and furniture
 one other bed & furniture, one Case of Drawers, one
 Chest with drawers and one other Chest, one handing
 trough table and two other tables, one large iron
 pot, and two other small iron pots Skillet and
 Dutch oven, and another broken one, Two frying
 pans, giddle two trawels fire shovel and two pairs
 of Tongs, three smothering Irons Two flesh forks
 one broken brass Kettle, three pewter
 Dishes, Two basons, seven plates five of a