

73 In the name of God Amen I George Hoffman being
of sound and perfect mind and memory before God do
this fifteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord One
thousand eight hundred & one make and publish this my
last will & testament in manner following that is to say
First that all my debts shall be paid and all accounts
notes bonds due me shall be collected

2, My three sons Lewis George & Henry shall have the
land we live on that is to say Lewis one half and
George & Henry the other half Should they not agree
in dividing it Lewis is to choose two men and George
one & Henry one and with the Surveyor the shall
divide the land equal in Quality & quantity

3, My wife shall have possession of the house & land I
now hold as long as she lives.

4, My three sons Lewis George & Henry shall have all
the Stock & property I have heretofore given them &
they shall claim no more of any part I now own or
now possess

5) My wife shall have all the property I now possess
that is to say the Stock of all kind & household furniture
Plantation tools & all notes bonds due me as long as she
lives and after her death it shall be equally divided
between my two daughters Abby & Barbara

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends
George Haun & Jacob Lash executor of this my last will
& testament. In witness whereof I the said George Hoffman
have to this my last will & testament set my hand seal
day & year above written.

George Hoffman Seal

I signed, sealed, published & declared by the said George
Hoffman the testator as his last will & testament in the presence
of us who were present at the time of signing sealing thereof

Joseph Haun Seal
Frederick Haun

Stokes County March term 1807.

The execution of the last will & testament of George
Hoffman dec^d of which the foregoing is a true copy was
duly proved in open Court by the oath of Joseph Haun
& ordered to be recorded - done accordingly

Rob Williams cc
Probating Dec

In the name of God Amen I George Brathage of the County of
Stokes & State of North Carolina being now in the decline of life &
in a languishing state of body and knowing that it is soon appointed
for all men to die & being now of sound mind & memory have
made and ordained this my last will & testament in
manner & form as follows

I will that my executors shall sell as much of my purchasable estate
as will be sufficient to pay all my just debts

I will that my wife Melly Brathage shall live on the
best of land wherow I know her until my youngest son
shall come of age except my executors shall think it more
advantageous to sell said tract of land than the profits
arising from such sale to be equally divided amongst my
children Nancy who intermarried with William Edgerton
Bird Brathage Anna Brathage Anne who intermarried
with George Blund Polly Brathage Melly who intermarried
with Abby Johnson John Brathage Phillip Brathage James
Brathage William Brathage Solomon Brathage George
Brathage & Schillias Brathage in proportion to what
they have all ready had & if my wife Melly Brathage