

337 Such articles as she may need purchase with the interest of the above named sum. I earnestly wish my executors to attend to the interest of my wife & children & also to the habits & morals of my children. At the death of my wife the sum \$2500, above named & the property reserved as common property, ~~remained~~ be disposed of as before directed & out of said money be equally divided among my children, I appoint my friend Genl John F. Pinckney and my brother Joseph A. Bittling Executors of this my will and request that they will ~~not~~ act as such giving themselves as little trouble as possible by employing a party, and as I have the fullest confidence in them that they will watch over & protect the interest of my wife and children, I also request that they act as Guardians of my children and I hope they may not think I am asking too much of them, Not having made any other will I have no other to revoke. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 4th day of October A.D. 1846

Signed & sealed in the presence of

Reuben S. Golding
Riley F. Petre

John A. Bittling

June Term 1847

The Execution of the last will and Testament of John A. Bittling deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Reuben S. Golding and Riley F. Petre the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

M. S. Lill. c. c.

In the name of God Amen I George M. Knight 233 of Stokes County State of North Carolina, being of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed be the Almighty God, do this 24th of March 1847 Make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner & following (to wit)

- 1st I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly M. Knight all the property she brought with her when I married her her & the half of all the holding she has made since, and a year provision that is to say seven hundred pounds of Bacon, thirty barrels of Corn, 50th of coffee, 25th of sugar & bushels of salt, 1th of spice, pepper, ginger & Tea & twenty bushels of wheat.
- 2nd I give & bequeath to the children of William M. Knight &ally &ally Twenty five dollars a piece on condition the sign a legal conveyance for a tract of Land of sixty three acres for which I was security for their father W^m M. Knight to the Moravians & which money I had to pay as security and the due was made to W^m M. Knight, in case the refuse to sign a legal conveyance, ~~one~~ one dollar a piece.
- 3rd I give & bequeath unto my son Isaac M. Knight an equal share of my personal Estate he having got his share in land on condition that his share is to be left in the hands of my Executors hereafter named in trust, who is to put the said sum on interest & pay him yearly the 10th part that is to say to pay it to him in ten payments & if he should die before it all is paid, then it is to be paid in equal shares to his children.
- 4th I give & bequeath unto the children of my daughter Rachael and who was intermarried to Obadiah Vest also an equal share of my personal Estate first deducting three hundred dollars for money I paid have advanced to Obadiah Vest.
- 5th I give & bequeath unto my daughter Polly Norman an equal share of my personal Estate & also I give her an equal share of my ~~share~~ in land with my three sons that is to say she is to have an equal in value with three part of Land.
- 6th I give & bequeath unto my son Joshua M. Knight the land whereon he now lives & an equal share of the balance of my Estate, But in case no good title can be obtained for said tract of land, then he is to be made up to be equal with the rest of my children who have said given share.
- 7th I give & bequeath unto my son George M. Knight thirty three acres of land on the North ~~and~~ East corner of my land to include his improvements whereon he now lives & an equal part of my Estate.

357th It is my will & desire that my plantation whereon I now live shall be sold to the highest bidder by my Executors hereafter named when and where they think proper & the proceeds thereof to be divided as above stated,
9th It is my will & desire that my five slave be hired out yearly till all my just debts be paid then the shall be equally divided amongst my four children, that is to say, Polly Norman, Adam M. Knight, George M. Knight and Joshua M. Knight is each to have an equal share, But Adam M. Knight is to have the use of said negroes as long as he lives & after his death his children is to divide the negroes or the value in equal shares among.
10th I do appoint my beloved sons George M. Knight and Joshua M. Knight as my executors of this my last will & Testament & I do hereby revoke & make void all former wills & testament by me made, In testimony whereof I the said George M. Knight have to this my last will & testament set my hand & affixed my seal the date above mentioned & signed, sealed & acknowledged, published & declared by the said George M. Knight as his last will & Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing & sealing thereof & who were called to witness the same

John Butner
Silas Phillips

George M. Knight

June Term 1847

The Execution of the last will & Testament of George M. Knight deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of John Butner and Silas Phillips the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

W. H. Hill

In the name of God amen
I Harmon Redmon of the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound & disposing mind and memory, do this 3rd day of May A.D. 1847 make & ordain publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament (To wit)

First It is my will & desire that after my death all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid better out of the monies which I may leave on hand or which may be due and owing to me, or if insufficient by the sale of such of my property, negroes excepted as my Executors hereafter named, may think necessary for that purpose

Secondly I will bequeath and devise unto my sister Elizabeth Hyatt to her and her heirs forever fifty acres of land including the dwelling house in which she now lives to be conveyed and laid off as soon as convenient after my death under the direction of Philip Davis and Griffin Hyatt according to a contract between myself and said Griffin Hyatt but which was not completed

Thirdly It is my will and desire, that Philip Davis be and he is hereby appointed Guardian to my unfortunate son Gabriel Redmon who shall be required to maintain & keep him my said son in a proper and suitable manner for and during his natural life

Fourthly That for and in consideration of the care and attentions which may be necessary to maintain & keep my said son Gabriel and as some compensation for the same, it is my will and desire that the said Philip Davis at my death shall come to and live in the house where I now live, and take into his possession all the residue of my estate, both real and personal and freely use and enjoy the same during the lifetime of said son Gabriel Redmon

Fifthly At the death of my son Gabriel it is my will & desire that Philip Davis have all the Saver of which I may die

Legal and proper, except the fifty acres given to my sister Elizabeth Hyatt, and I hereby devise and bequeath the same to the said Philip Davis to him and his heirs forever, I also will my negro woman Cisca and all the residue of my estate, but specially bequeath in this my last will & Testament except the slaves hereafter named and bequeath to my sister and brother to the said Philip Davis to him and his heirs and assigns forever after the death of my said son Gabriel