

In the name of God Amen! I George Thompson
of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory but calling to
mind and considering the uncertainty of this transitory
life and knowing it is appointed for all men once
to die do make publish and declare this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following.
First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of
almighty God who give it and my body to the earth
to be buried at the direction of my executors hereafter
named not doubting but at the General resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God. And as touching my worldly Estate I give
and devise as hereafter directed.

Then after all my just debts being paid I leave
unto my loving and faithful wife Eliza Thompson
all my living of every description during her natural
life or widowhood to support herself and children
and to dispose of as she thinks to the best advantage
and as the children arrive to age my will &
desires is that they shall be furnished with a
cow and calf a Bed & furniture and a saddle
each Edy Mary and John they have had their
saddle, and Nancy has had her bed and furniture
and her cow & calf A.B. my will and desire is
that if it is not convenient to furnish the children
as they come of age they shall wait until they
can be made without trespass to their mother

It is my will and desire that after the

decease of my loving wife that every thing
left of my Estate if any shall be equally divided
among all my children

I do appoint my loving wife Eliza Thompson
and my son John Thompson my whole and
sole executors of this my last Will and Testament
Signed Sealed and Delivered
in presence of us
Samuel H. Lee Junr.
George Bowman } Witnesses
George Thompson (Test)

Stokes County December Term 1846

The Execution of the last Will and Testament
of George Thompson last of which the foregoing is
a true Copy was duly proven in open Court by Samuel
H. Lee and George Bowman and ordered to be recorded
and Recorded

Not William C.
by Thomas C. Armstrong

In the name of God Amen I declare Hannah of the County
of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of sound and
perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) though weak and
feeble in body do this 21st day of June in the year of our Lord
1846 make and publish this my last will and testament in
manner and form following, that is to say after recommending
my soul to God who gave it and my body to its mother Earth
to be buried in usual Christian burial by my executors
hereafter named. I will in the first place that my beloved
wife Leah Hawes remain and continue to remain
in the possession of the House and plantation where I now
live together with my children during her natural
life or widowhood in order to raise the children
and give them as much schooling as the nature of