

74 And it is also my will and desire that all the residue of my estate be equally divided between my five sons Elizer, Jacob, Moses Thompson & John & my four Daughters Martha, Mary, Leah, & Rachel Shaw and share and alike

And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my loving wife Rachel & my trusty sons Elizer, & Moses joint Executors to this my will hereby ratifying & confirming ~~making~~ this and no other to be my last will and testament in manner and form aforesaid. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th of April 1815 -

Signed seal & acknowledged  
in the presence of

John Shield  
John Sell Sweet

Thompson Smith

Stokes County September term 1821.

The last Will and testament Thompson Smith of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by John Sell and ordered to be recorded.

Matthew Moore C.C.  
By R. D. Russell J.C.

In the Name of God <sup>amen</sup> I Gottlieb Rank of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being at present very sick and weak in body but yet of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same considering and calling to mind the mortality of my body do now ordain and declare this to be my last Will and Testament as specified in these Presents I will that after my Death all my just debts shall be paid and all my claims or credits be recovered and collected by my herein named Executors as soon as possible it can be done and if any balance remains I hereby give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Mary

I will that my share in the Bethany mill shall be sold by my Executors to the best advantage and for the sole benefit of my beloved wife Mary

75 I will that my Bethany town lot with its improvements shall be sold by my Executors as soon as it can be done after my decease in such a manner and on such terms as they think <sup>best</sup> and most suitable the times and circumstances will admit -

I will that my land lying in Stokes County as well as that tract of land lying in Rockingham County shall be sold by my Executors as soon as possible after my decease and in what manner my Executors shall think best I further will that such of my house furniture and other property shall be sold at private or public sale by my Executors as my beloved wife Mary wishes to have sold either on account to pay my just debts, or on her own account

Lastly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all the rest and residue of my personal and real Estate with all its income and profits from Notes bonds Book account or in whatever manner or way any money or money are coming to me or due me and hereby declare her my beloved wife, as my sole heir, and I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary my friends Abraham Lash and Joseph Beckenrger Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and declaring this and none other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th Day of January - Anno Domini 1822

Signed, Sealed published and delivered in the presence of us

P. Hausser }  
Christen Crabs } Witnesses

Gottlieb Rank  
marked

Solomon Trause

Stokes County Court March term 1822.

The execution of the last Will and Testament of Gottlieb Rank and of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by P. Hausser & Christen Crabs & ordered to be recorded

Matthew Moore C.C.  
By R. D. Gilking J.C.