

In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Hauser of the county of Stokes and State of North Carolina, Farmer, being weak in body but of sound mind, memory and understanding (blessed be God for the same) and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following to wit, Principally and first of all, I commend my immortal soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and christialike manner, at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named and as to such worldly affairs or estate it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner to wit—

First, I request my executors to pay all my just debts out of my Estate as also the burying expences &c. and collect what debts may be due to me.
Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Henry the upper half or moiety of a tract of land which I bought of James Franklin, and for which moiety, Jacob Conrad of Stokes County (North) made a Deed in fee simple unto my said son Henry, by my consent, valued at five hundred dollars—

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Frederic, the lower half or moiety of a tract of land, joining the moiety bequeathed as above to my son Henry, and for which Jacob Conrad, aforesaid, made a Deed in fee simple unto my said son Frederic, by my consent, valued at five hundred dollars.—

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son George a tract of Land which I bought from George Hauser Esq^r joining John Hull and others as registered in the registers office Book No. 6. fol. 286. containing eighty eight acres more or less on which he now lives, and I further give and bequeath unto my said son George a tract of Land joining the above at one corner, registered in the registers office Book No. 6. fol. 388 containing one hundred acres more or less, which both tracts are valued at five hundred dollars.—

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Bertrant, (at present the lawful wife of Jacob Threlkeld) the sum of five hundred dollars which said five hundred dollars shall by my

Executors be laid out in the purchase of a tract of Land, for and to the use of my said Daughter Bertrant—

Item, It is my will, and I do order that my executors, shall cause the plantation (on which I at present reside to be valued by two or three good and lawful freeholders of Stokes County, which said plantation I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary, provided she shall be willing to take it at the above valuation— If she so take it and the valuation amounts to more than five hundred dollars the balance over and above said sum, shall by her be paid to the Executors, to be disposed of as hereinafter directed— Should my daughter Mary not be willing to take said plantation at the valuation, it shall by my executors be sold to the highest bidder, and out of the proceeds of this sale they shall give my daughter Mary five hundred dollars, or if the Land should not sell for this sum the deficiency shall be made up to her out of my other property.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Henry, my Negro Girl (slave) named Patey, and I give and bequeath unto my son George my negro boy (slave) named Dick, which negro Girl and Boy my executors shall have valued by two or three good slaveholders, and it is my will that my son Henry shall pay the yearly interest of the valuation of said Negro Girl, and my son George the yearly interest of the valuation of said Negro Boy to my Wife Ann Mary annually during her natural life. After the death of my Wife Ann Mary said Negro Girl and Negro Boy shall remain and continue the property of my son Henry and George as above bequeathed, but the amount of their valuation shall be added to the proceeds of the sale of my personal property and dealt with as that is herein ordered to be dealt with, then however either of the above bequeathed Negroes Patey and Dick and Dick, die, before the death of my Wife Ann Mary, then or either of their valuation shall not be added as above directed—

Item, It is my will, and I do order, that my executors shall sell my Negro (slave) Jacob at private sale, permitting him to

chose a Master, and they shall out of the proceeds of this sale take the five hundred dollars above named to purchase a tract of land for my Daughter Serah to the best of their judgment, should said negro sell for more than five hundred dollars the balance shall be added to the proceeds of the sale of my personal property and dealt with as that is herein ordered to be dealt with—

Item. It is my will that my beloved wife Ann Mary shall have liberty to choose whatever article she may think proper to make choice of of my household and kitchen furniture, which articles shall be her property during her life—

Item. It is my will that all the remainder of my personal property shall be by my executors sold at public sale to the highest bidder the proceeds of which sale after my just debts have been discharged shall by my executors be loaned out on interest to safe persons and so much of the yearly interest thereof as my wife Ann Mary may want for her decent maintenance shall be at her disposal during her natural life, and after her death the proceeds of this sale and such interest as may not have been wanted as above shall be equally divided among my five children, Henry, Frederic, George, Serah & Mary share and share alike—

Item. It is my will, that should the plantation on which I at present reside, be valued at more than five hundred dollars, or be sold for more at public sale, the sum over and above shall be added to the proceeds of the sale of my personal property and be dealt with as that is ordered to be dealt with—

Item. I give and bequeath unto my four children by my first wife viz, Anna (wife of Valentine Diehl), Christine, Elizabeth, and John, one dollar to each of them, and no more—

And lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my son Henry, my son George, and my friend Jacob Conner (son of) to be the executors of this my last will, hereby revoking all other will, legacies and bequests, by me heretofore made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

the seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one—

Signed, sealed, declared and acknowledged in presence of

Christian Lash, Swat

Wm. F. Lash

William Hunter

Heinrich Hauser

Stokes County September term 1821.

The last will and testament of Henry Hauser of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by Christian Lash and ordered to be recorded—

Matth. Moore C.C.

By Nathaniel J. C.

To all to whom these presents may come Greeting know ye that I Thompson Smith of Stokes County & State of North Carolina calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all men once to die & Being blessed with some worldly property which I desire to be disposed in the following manner by my Executors hereafter mentioned— First of all I desire my funeral charges with all my just debts be discharged by my Executors—

Item. I give and bequeath to my five sons Elizer, Jacob, Moses, Thompson & John Smith all my land where I now live computed to be two hundred and ninety acres to be equally divided between them share & share alike reserving to my beloved wife Rachel my Dwelling house & her living of my plantation as long as she shall live—

I also give to my loving wife Rachel her choice of my horse creature one cow & all my sheep two feather beds and furniture also all my kitchen furniture at her disposal as long as she may live—