

In the name of God Amen I Henry Carter of Wake County and State of North Carolina being far advanced in years but in sound mind and memory thank God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and declare this to be my last will & Testament in manner and form following (to wit)

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Carter all the property of every description I now own during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between John M. Carter, Nancy Payne, Mary Payne Childers, Marston Carter, Anderson Carter, and George M. Carter, my sons & Daughters above named and their heirs forever, and lastly I hereby make and appoint my sons Anderson & George M. Carter my whole and sole Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said Henry Carter have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the 19th day of January 1838. Signed sealed published and declared to be my last will Testament in presence of us

W. H. Mitchell
Pleasant Fry
Henry Carter Test

March Term 1843.
The execution of the last will and Testament of Henry Carter deceased, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court by the oath of William H. Mitchell one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, some accordingly

W. H. Hill, c. c. c.

In the name of God Amen I Ruben Zimmerman Son of Stokes County and State of North Carolina, being with common health, sound mind, memory and understanding, praised be God for it, and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and to the end I may be better prepared to leave this world, so however it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner following, that is to wit, first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator, hoping for your pardon and remission of all my sins through the merits Jesus Christ my Saviour, my body I commit to the earth at the discretion of my executors, herein after named. I wish that all my just debts as shall be by me owing at my death together with my funeral expenses, and all charges touching the proving of or otherwise concerning this my will, shall in the first place out of my personal estate and effects be fully paid and satisfied, and soon and after payment thereof and subject thereto then my will is, that all the residue of my goods, stocks, chattels, merchandises and house hold furniture together with all my lands tenements and Negroes and all other property whatsoever belong to my loving wife, and I do hereby give & bequeath the same unto my wife Elizabeth for and during the term of her natural life, and at her death, my will is, that the

lawful heir of my son John Zimmerman Dead, shall receive the sum of One Dollar and no more to be paid by my executors out of my estate, and the residue of my goods, stocks, chattels, merchandises & house hold furniture, together with my lands, tenements & Negroes shall be disposed of in the following manner.

Item. My Negroes shall be impartially appraised, and after such appraisement made, the same shall be divided equally between my five children Thomas Ruben Susanna Susanna and Elizabeth. Said Negroes to be equally part & divided among them share and share alike, for the term of their natural lives, and at death, said Negroes with all their increase of body to belong to their heirs forever.

Item. All the residue of my property, goods, stocks, chattels, merchandises, and house hold furniture together with my lands, shall be exposed to public sale to the highest bidder as by law directed in cases of administration and after the collection of the money due or produced by the above named sale of said