

17 In the name of God amen!

I Henry Petrie of Stokes county in the State of North Carolina being in good health and of sound mind and Memory thanks be given to almighty god calling into mind the mortality of Man & knowing it to be the Vocation of All men once to die Do make & ordain this my last will & testament, that is to say Principally & first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of my Creator Jesus Christ & my body to be interred in Decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased god to bless me in this world I give hereunto & devise the same in Manner & form following

1. I give & bequeath unto Margaretha my dearly beloved wife all my estate both real & personal to her & to hold the same as long as she shall live a widow and it is my will that if any of my eight Children named John, Catharina, Solomon, Henry, Mary, Barbara, Ann, Margareth Elizabeth & Ann Eva shall begin to keep house for themselves then she shall give unto each of them out of this estate so much for a beginning as she is able to do, provided however, that one child shall always have equally as much in value as another which shall always at every time be fixed & established by my executors hereafter named as they shall jointly agree

2. But in case she should marry again then all my land and plantation with my personal property shall be publicly sold by my executors & then she shall have the third part of the whole estate as her own sole property forever & she shall likewise have over & above this said third part, one horse Creature one Cow & one Iron pot

all this at her own choice as also her own Bedding & her chest as her own sole property forever The remaining after things shall then be equally divided amongst my abovenamed eight Children share and share alike to have & to hold the same as their own sole property forever each of them one equal share

3. And I do hereby make ordain constitute and appoint my dearly beloved wife Margaretha & my trusty friends John Zimmermann & Peter Fieger executors of this my last will & testament who are hereby empowered to pay all my lawful Debts and settle all my accounts And I do hereby disannul and make ~~void~~ utterly void all my former wills & legacies done by me either in writing or by word of mouth ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & three.

Henry Petrie

Sign^d Seal^d Delivered Pronounced
& Declared by the testator as his
last will & testament in the presence
of us who at his request Subscribed
our names in the presence of each
other.

John Wright Jun^r

John Wright Jun^r Suret^y

Stokes County June term 1804

The executors of the last will & testament of Henry Petrie
Due of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven
in open Court by the oath of John Wright Jun^r & ordered
to be recorded which is accordingly done

Robt Williams C^l
J^{es} T. Armstrong D^c