

Stokes County December Term 1839

A copy of the Last Will & Testament of Thomas Carthage of Albemarle County Va together with a probate of the same & of which the foregoing is a true copy was produced in open Court from the Clerk's office & it was ordered by the Court that the same be permitted to be recorded whereunto accordingly done
R. D. S. Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I B. your Blackburn being of sound mind and memory but low in bodily strength do ordain this my last will and Testament as follows to wit I will and bequeath to my beloved wife all & singular my private and personal property to dispose of as she thinks proper I further will and bequeath to my son William Twenty six Acres of land to maintain my children & further will and bequeath that if there is any remainder after satisfying my son William for maintaining my Mother and defraying of our funeral expenses that it be equally divided between my son William my son Robert my Daughter Anna Felt and my Grand Daughter Helen & I further ordain and appoint my son William my son Robert and my son in law Daniel Felt Executors to this my last will & Testament signed with my hand and seal July 18 to 1837. In the presence of
Jed. Edgar Harper
John Blackburn
Bryson Blackburn

Stokes County March Term 1840

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Bryson Blackburn was duly proven in open Court by the oath of John Blackburn, of which the foregoing is a true copy & ordered to be recorded.

R. D. S. Clerk C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I Horatio Hamilton of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make this my last will and Testament first & principally recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it & my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent & Christian manner nothing doubting but I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of in the following manner and form.
First I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Holland wife of John Holland of Salus the Plantation on which I now live lying on the middle fork of the Roanoke River adjoining the lands of Widow Winters George Hays and others containing Two Hundred and fifty Acres more or less belonging to her the said Mary Holland and her heirs & I do hereby give unto my said Daughter Mary Holland & her heirs my negro man Wm & Two Hundred and fifty Dollars to be paid to her out of the money that arises from the sale of my personal property I also give unto & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Sarah Fisher wife of George Fisher a Tract of Land on theuddy Creek formerly owned by Michael Miller deceased adjoining the lands of Valentine Miller and others containing One Hundred & Two Acres more or less & another tract of Ninety six Acres more or less lying on Sparks Creek of which I am adjoining Christian Hays John Spaulding & others to have & to hold the said two tracts to her & her heirs for ever these tracts on both in the County of Davidson & State of North Carolina I also give unto my beloved Daughter Sarah Fisher my negro Boy Will & my negro Woman Anna & their infant child Caroline and all their increase all of which is to belong to the said Sarah Fisher & her heirs forever I also give unto my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Vogler wife of Phillip Vogler my negro Boy Lewis my negro Girl Malinda which two negro with their increase (if any) it is my will they shall belong to my true Grand Children Dandy Hobbs & Lucy P. a son & children of my said Daughter Elizabeth Vogler & her former husband at the death of their Mother but that the said Elizabeth Vogler is to enjoy the use of said negro during her natural life and after her death to belong to my true Grand Children aforesaid which three Grand Children will share & share alike that is to say the said Dandy

