

Stokes County Court Decr Term 1837.
The Execution of the Last Will and Testament of ~~John~~ ^{John} ~~Ray~~ ^{Ray} ~~late~~ ^{late} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Stokes~~ ^{Stokes} ~~County~~ ^{County} ~~North~~ ^{North} ~~Carolina~~ ^{Carolina} ~~whereof~~ ^{whereof} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~foregoing~~ ^{foregoing} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~a~~ ^a ~~true~~ ^{true} ~~copy~~ ^{copy} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~duly~~ ^{duly} ~~proven~~ ^{proven} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~open~~ ^{open} ~~court~~ ^{court} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~Abraham~~ ^{Abraham} ~~Seales~~ ^{Seales} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~ordered~~ ^{ordered} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~recorded~~ ^{recorded}

R. D. Golding, c. l. c.

In the Name of God Amen

I Mary Ray late Widow of George Ray Deceased In Right and by Virtue of my beloved Husbands last Will and Testament and fourth clause of the same giving me the Right of disposing or selling of one fourth part of his Estate as bequeath me at my own Discretion now being at present of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God do this first day of June One thousand Eight hundred and thirty one In the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina Do make Ordain and Establish this my last will and Testament That is to say first of all Which I depart this life I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came To be Buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I Give bequeath and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First that all my Just debts may be paid to those whom I may be indebted to at the hour of my death.

Secondly I Give and bequeath to my youngest Daughter Ruth who is married to William Baker (with whom I now live) and to the heirs of her Body any or all my Estate (Except the sums or sums herein after named) that I now have or hereafter may acquire or be entitled to either by virtue of the before recited will of my beloved husband George Ray Deceased or in any way to me belonging or appertaining or namely that I am now in possession of that is to say one Negro boy named Teller and a Negro boy named Starting one Bed and furniture one cow & calf one head of hogs one Babster Bacon one pair of Dogs a Flax wheel and Spindle and two Walnut Chests

Thirdly I only Give to my Daughter Anna who is married to John Barr fifty cents this shall be her full share of my Estate
Fourthly I only Give to my Daughter Rebecca who is married to William Barr fifty cents this shall be her full share of my Estate

Fifthly

I only Give to my Daughter Elizabeth who is married to John Vest fifty cents this shall be her full share of my Estate
Sixthly And Lastly I nominate and appoint my Son-in-law William Baker Executor and my Daughter Ruth Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Intestamentary whereof the said Mary Ray late Widow of George Ray deceased hath hereunto set her hand and seal and acknowledged the same before us the subscribing Witnesses who were present at the subscribing and acknowledging thereof

John Clayton
Deputy B. F. H. H.
Fountain B. H. H.

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The Execution of the last will and Testament of Mary Ray late of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open court by the oaths of John Clayton Deputy B. F. H. H. & Fountain B. H. H. and ordered to be recorded

R. D. Golding, c. l. c.

In the Name of God Amen

I Jacob Lunsin of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect memory blessed be God do this day the Twenty first of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty six make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following to wit

I Give and bequeath to my dear wife Anna Catharine Lunsin the whole of the plantation whereon I now live adjoining the Lands of Jacob Lunsin Eli Phillips & Levi Phillips containing one hundred and Eighty acres more or less with every thing thereunto belonging as cattle Horses Hogs Sheep with all other property now at this time on the plantation belonging to me during her life time Further a Negro woman named Sela with her Child named Susan Morgan to remain the sole property of my wife Anna Catharine & during her life time provided the parties Anna Catharine & Sela & Susan Morgan should be willing to remain together If however on the contrary the above named parties Anna Catharine & Sela & Susan Morgan should not be able to agree together or if my wife Anna Catharine should find it necessary or convenient to sell one or other or both of the

13. Show named Negroes Sela & Susan Georgian she is at full liberty to effect the sale & to receive the money ~~deriving~~ derived from said sale for her sole benefit during her life time After the death of my dear wife Anna Catharine there shall be a publick sale of all the property remaining together with the plantation & all thereunto appertaining bequeathed to my dear wife during her life time and the money to be equally divided amongst my children Jacob Lannis George Lannis his heirs Mary Lannis John Lannis Elizabeth Butner Salome Holder Magdalene Swaim and Novina Swaim her heirs Further I hereby make and ordain my wife Anna Catharine & Jacob Lannis my son Executors of this my last will & Testament In Witness whereof I the said John Lannis set my hand & seal this the 24th day of July 1836

Signed in the presence of us

Samuel K. Dubiner

Levi Phillips

John Lannis (Seal)

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The execution of the last will and Testament of John Lannis deceased duly proven in open court by J. B. Fitch that Samuel K. Dubiner one of the subscribing witnesses is not an inhabitant of this State & that he knew his proper hands and by the oath of J. B. Fitching who proved the signature of the Testator is in his proper hands writing and ordered to be recorded

R. D. Golding Clerk

The execution of the last will & Testament of Edmund Selley deceased duly proven in open court Exemplification of the records from the Superior Court of Rocking hand wherein the said upon the Court of said will was returned for trial together with an order of said Court commanding the Court to admit said will to record It is therefore ordered that said will be recorded in this Court & which said will is in the following words & appears to be

- In The Name of God amen I Edmund Selley Senior of the County of Stokes being mindful of my mortality but believing in a Resurrection to eternal life do this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Twenty nine make an publish this my last will and Testament in manner following I bequeath my Body after my decease to its native earth to be decently interred
- 2 Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son David Selley my Negro Boy Martin to him and his heirs forever
 - 3 Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son David Selley my Negro Girl Malinda and her Increase by paying two hundred and fifty ^{dollars} in three years after my decease
 - 4 Fourthly I will that my Negro woman Becky and my Negro Boy Jim be sold after my decease and the

Money equally Divided among my children
5 Fifth I will that all of my lands to be sold and the money Equally divided among my children
6 Sixth I will that all of my household property be sold and equally divided among all my children And I do hereby constitute and appoint David Selley and Mathew Redmon Executors of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Edward Selley Senior as his last will and Testament in our presence who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses
Thence

Thomas Martin
Phibe Selley

Edmund Selley (Seal)