

In the Name of God Amen.

I Jeremiah Gibson of Germanton, Stokes County North Carolina Being in perfect health, and of sound mind and disposing memory, and remembering that it appinates unto all men once to die, do This day make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows: (that is to say my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends. My soul I recommend unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it.

And as touching my worldly estate I give to my beloved wife Sarah During her Natural life, the room in my house which we occupy or wherein we now reside; also the furniture therein or whatsoever she may want or need to have said room furnished in decent order, and she be furnished with anything necessary for her comfort and support, (that is to say) that she be furnished with Bedding, Clothing, Doctoring, Nursing, Jewel, and everything necessary for her support so as to make her life as easy and comfortable as if I were living, and that she be furnished with a horse & by Burnish to use at her pleasure during her natural life and then all to be my son J. V. Gibson. Secondly I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Olivia C. Stidman now Olivia C. Stidman the tract of land lying on both sides of Buffalo Creek, containing about 400 acres being the land I bought at Joshua Banning etc subject to Mrs Barnes's power, and such sum as I may think proper to make for her benefit. I also give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter as apocrized, the house and lot or lots lying at the upper end of Germanton in Stokes and Yadkin Counties, and all the lands I purchased of Saet John Deppen, Sarah Eaton and H. J. Bentay, I also give and bequeath to the said Olivia the following slaves (viz) Catherine, and her two children, Caroline and Anderson Jefferson and his wife Venus, and their five children (viz) Milton, Harriet, Wily, Lucy Elizabeth, Shurtliff and Wiley, also hundred and their future increase, and after the death of my wife Sarah I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter as apocrized Lavinia and her two children James Rufus and Maria and their future increase. Also I give to my Grand Daughter Olivia C. Stidman the sum of Five thousand dollars to be paid in good Notes or Cash at the option of my Executor to be hereinafter appointed. But whether I may have changed to them, either Notes or any other articles, or Cash is to be a part of the five thousand dollars. But should the said Olivia C. Stidman die without issue then and in that case the land and property above will be to my Grand Daughter Olivia Stidman or Money will and not paid over by my Executor,

go back and be the property of my son Neal C. Gibson and his heirs forever. All the balance of my property both real and personal, I give and bequeath to my son Neal C. Gibson and his heirs forever. I hereby appoint my son Neal C. Gibson Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 9th day of May A.D. 1829

December term 1849.

J. Gibson

The execution of the last will & testament of Jeremiah Gibson and (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was made in open Court by the test of Matthew R. Barnes who made oath that said will was made after the death of the said Jeremiah Gibson among the valuable papers & effects of said and. It was also proved by the said Matthew R. Barnes that Hill, Hill & Hill, Attorneys & Solicitors to the testator that the handwriting of the said Jeremiah Gibson and is generally known by the acquaintances of this and that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of said and that they may believe that his name which is subscribed to said last will & testament is in his own proper hand writing & that said will & every part thereof is in the handwriting of said deceased. And that the same be recorded.

(See minutes for proceedings in full)

M. Hill. etc.

North Carolina Stokes County, Feb'y 7 1829

In the Name of God Amen, being in sound Mind and memory and knowing it is appointed for all persons to, I wish to dispose of my little property in the following Manner to (viz) - Good David and bequeath this my first will and Testament that my Grand Daughter Catherine Eaton a daughter of James Eaton have One Cow & Calf. - Second I will that my grand son James Moran Eaton son of James Eaton have his head ditch & furniture. I appoint my son James Eaton my Executor to this my last will & testament to see the two above named grandchildren gets the property. I have above will to them when they are able to take care of it themselves - Given from under my hand & seal the day & date above written

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Classroom Easton Field
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December term 1849.

The Execution of the last will & testament of Lavinia Eaton and (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was made in open Court by the test of Elias Ray one of the subscribing witnesses to the same. He also made oath that the other subscriber witness to said will, subscribed the same in his presence and in the presence of the Testatrix, and nothing to be recorded.

M. Hill. etc.