

I John H. Bittig, of Stokes County North Carolina make this my will, I will to my wife Catherine the negro woman called Lucinda and a yellow girl daughter of Lucinda named Lodia also a tract of land on the water of Neatman containing one hundred acres whereon William P. Perkins now lives called the Grauman place, I will that she also select & retain for her use and the use of my children as common property to be <sup>her share</sup> all such bedding house hold & kitchen furniture & provisions as she may need and any other personal property such as carriage horses &c. and it is my wish that she settle in some village or its neighborhood for the convenience of educating my children and during the life time of my father would prefer her to be near him, I will that my Executors whom I shall name hereafter sell all the balance of my property both real & personal (except such reservations as I shall hereafter make) to the best advantage, not forced to sell at public auction unless to bring its value that they use their discretion in disposing of my property & not be bound to sell at public auction if they can sell to better advantage privately. The body of land composing the plantation I live on containing 93 1/2 acres all adjoining the body of land composing the Scott land as it is called contains 700 acres all adjoining except 97 acres various memorandums with regard to my business will be found among my papers which I want attended to, particularly with regard to redemption of property belonging to me, but in the possession of others, I am Guardian of the minor heirs of Joseph Koller dec'd and exclusive of some bonds on Riley F. Petre last June there was a deficiency of \$155. I wish other bonds to be placed among those papers to that amt and that Riley renew his bonds to the Guardian of my children, I own the interest which Noah Marshall had under the will of the late Joseph Maggoner dec'd which my executors can dispose of or not as they may think best. I have a quantity of Leather on hand & in tan which if forced into market at public sale will at a sacrifice probably it will be better to either have it to western part of Va or to Iowa and dispose of it or get individuals to sell it allowing them a reasonable commission. It will be necessary to retain Marshall until the stock of hides in tan can be worked out unless it can be sold with the land the value of the hides can be ascertained by reference to my tan book. I also will that Mill wife Martino be removed keeping tools & that a Smith shop be put up convenient to where

my wife resides, believing their labor will be more profitable than to sell them, also that they can wait upon my wife & children & render them any assistance they may need, but should they become troublesome, negligent or difficult to manage or either of them that he or they be sold at once. The debts that are due & owing to me I want attended to and believing it will be easier for those indebted to renew their debts with good security payable to the Guardians of my children than to pay the money which will then have to be raised out, My Executors will employ some suitable person to take charge of the debts & attend to taking notes & security, I own about in Germantown if my wife thinks proper to build on it let it be mortgaged otherwise sold as directed heretofore. My will is that all my property & debts & money I may have (except such reservations as I have or may make) be placed on interest, that John be educated well & graduate at Chapel Hill & if he wishes learn profession and as I wish him to be raised with habits of industry & economy, I would prefer after he is prepared for college that he learn a useful trade before he enters college if he be not too far advanced in life so as to commence his college studies when he would prefer going into other business, then the trade must be abandoned, in no case let his education be neglected, Nicholas to have the same education as John - as to my daughter Elizabeth, Mary Ann & Louisa, I wish them to have a plain practical education, The aggregate amount of my estate which will be on interest & the property reserve, I wish considered the common property of my wife & children to live upon the interest and educate my children whenever my sons complete their education or my daughters get married or become of age that \$2500. be deduc'd from the aggregate amount & my executors pay to him a portion in bonds if more convenient to my executors or the Guardian as I wish to give them as little trouble as possible to be ascertained by dividing the whole amt by the number of children after making the deduction named above and that each as they become of age receive his or her portion should my wife live until all the children are of age & longer than my executors pay her annually the interest of the \$2500 named above or should she wish to marry again I want it paid to her, & that it be for her use alone & should she be as unfortunate as to marry a man who shall mistreat her or spend her substance, I wish my executors to furnish

337 Such articles as she may need purchase with the interest of the above named sum. I earnestly wish my executors to attend to the interest of my wife & children & also to the habits & morals of my children. At the death of my wife the sum \$2500, above named & the property reserved as common property, ~~remained~~ be disposed of as before directed & out of said money be equally divided among my children, I appoint my friend Genl John F. Pinckney and my brother Joseph A. Bittling Executors of this my will and request that they will ~~not~~ act as such giving themselves as little trouble as possible by employing a party, and as I have the fullest confidence in them that they will watch over & protect the interest of my wife and children, I also request that they act as Guardians of my children and I hope they may not think I am asking too much of them, Not having made any other will I have no other to revoke. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1846  
Signed & sealed in the presence of  
Reuben S. Golding  
Riley F. Petre  
J. A. Bittling

June Term 1847

The Execution of the last will and Testament of John H. Bittling deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Reuben S. Golding and Riley F. Petre the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

M. S. Lill, Jr.

In the name of God Amen I George M. Knight 233 of Stokes County State of North Carolina, being of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed be the Almighty God, do this 24<sup>th</sup> of March 1847 Make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner & following (to wit)  
1<sup>st</sup> I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly M. Knight all the property she brought with her when I married her her & the half of all the holding she has made since, and a year provision that is to say seven hundred pounds of Bacon, thirty barrels of Corn, 50<sup>th</sup> of coffee, 25<sup>th</sup> of sugar & bushels of salt, 1<sup>th</sup> of spice, pepper, ginger & Tea & twenty bushels of wheat.  
2<sup>nd</sup> I give & bequeath to the children of William M. Knight &ally &ally Twenty five dollars a piece on condition the sign a legal conveyance for a tract of Land of sixty three acres for which I was security for their father W<sup>m</sup> M. Knight to the Moravians & which money I had to pay as security and the due was made to W<sup>m</sup> M. Knight, in case the refuse to sign a legal conveyance, ~~one~~ one dollar a piece.  
3<sup>rd</sup> I give & bequeath unto my son Isaac M. Knight an equal share of my personal Estate he having got his share in land on condition that his share is to be left in the hands of my Executors hereafter named in trust, who is to put the said sum on interest & pay him yearly the 10<sup>th</sup> part that is to say to pay it to him in ten payments & if he should die before it all is paid, then it is to be paid in equal shares to his children.  
4<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath unto the children of my daughter Rachael and who was intermarried to Obadiah Vest also an equal share of my personal Estate first deducting three hundred dollars for money I paid have advanced to Obadiah Vest.  
5<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath unto my daughter Polly Norman an equal share of my personal Estate & also I give her an equal share of my ~~share~~ in land with my three sons that is to say she is to have an equal in value with three part of Land.  
6<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath unto my son Joshua M. Knight the land whereon he now lives & an equal share of the balance of my Estate, But in case no good title can be obtained for said tract of land, then he is to be made up to be equal with the rest of my children who have said given share.  
7<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath unto my son George M. Knight thirty three acres of land on the North East corner of my land to include his improvements whereon he now lives & an equal part of my Estate.