

My tools of every kind I will that they shall
be sold for the best price that can be gotten
be obtained and the monies arising from such
sale to be equally divided amongst my eight children
share alike
and lastly I appoint and nominate Samuel Stroop
Executor & my wife Ann Elizabeth Executor of this my
last will and testament and do herewith declare this
and no other to be my last will & testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this 1st day of July, A.D. 1801

Signed sealed published and
declared by the testator to
be his last will & testament
in the presence of
Christian Sash Jurat
Francis Stauber

Stokes County September term 1801.

The execution of the last will & testament
of John Seiler Du. of which the foregoing is a
true copy was duly proven in open Court by
the oath of Christian Sash & others to be sworn
which is accordingly done

Robt Williams CC
Pho. Armstrong &c

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The Municipalities Will of John Clayton desire that
County of Stokes State of North Carolina in the year of our Lord
first day of August in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and one he being of
sound & perfect mind & memory and calling on us in
his own dwelling house and in his last sickness to bear
witness to this his last will and testament which
in manner and form following that is to say:

First I give devise & bequeath all that Messuages & tract of
land situate lying & being in the County aforesaid known
by the open pond tract at the cross roads which I purchased
of William F. Marshall to my eldest son John Clayton his
heirs and assigns forever after he arrives at lawful age
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Charity
during her natural life as much of the land which I shall
have a just claim for at the hour of my death or will
be of equal value to the land devised as above to my
eldest son including my house and plantation last by
me occupied Thirdly I give devise & bequeath to my son in
law Nathaniel Davis who married my eldest daughter Mary
all that tract or parcel of land which they live on at
present agreeable to the lines which has already been described
& laid off by my directions Fourthly I give devise & bequeath
to my two younger sons Stephen & William as much land to
each as will be of equal value to that of my eldest sons part
as above mentioned to include the above mentioned down of
my wife, after her death and all or as much of the tract
of land which I due as my wife began of land from her
father's estate as will make each of my younger sons
share equal to my eldest sons share Fifthly the remaining
part of my lands & tenements which I have a just claim

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This County in different tracts it is my will & desire
My they be sold and equally divided share & share alike
between my dear wife Charity & mine Children viz Mary
Elizabeth, Eleanor, John, Stephen, Charity, William Ruth and
Nancy And also all my goods & chattels & personal estate
to be divided as nigh as possible it can be done. And for
them and each of my Children aforesaid respectively as they
may obtain to lawful age to receive said share which
division I will have to be made and done by three respectable
freeholders of this County who are to be nominated &
Chosen by the executors to this my last will & testament
& the court also. Provided always that my eldest daughter
Honora Lewis Nathaniel Davis having received and now in
possession of a negro girl named Fanny, the price of land
above devised to them and sundry other property. And my
daughter Elizabeth & son in law Martin Hyatt, having also
received a negro woman named Orell & other property & in
possession thereof, the whole of the Value of Three hundred
Dollars of the United States to each of the said
Children which sum I will and ordain to be deducted
out of each of their shares so as to give my wife &
other Children viz Eleanor John Stephen Charity William
Ruth & Nancy an equal part of my goods & chattels and
personal estate. And it is my will & desire that each of
my said children which are yet infants & under lawful
age to receive a good negro apiece towards making
up to each of them their share equal to that which
my two eldest children Mary & Elizabeth have received.
to which I wish to have done as they may arrive to lawful
age and in case any of them should not obtain lawful
age before they die that their such Child or Children
by dying their share or shares to revert to the remaining
Children & be equally divided among them or their heirs.
I further will & ordain that my executors shall sell
all such property (such as goods & chattels) as they may
think proper to be advertised & sold within nine

days after my decease at auction in public Credit &c.
the remainder part of my estate it is my will and desire that
my dear Wife have the only care of it to keep it together &
that it do not waste whilst such time as the Children
receive their parts And it is my desire that my wife have
the negroes Sam Samuella & Fanny in her possession &
for her use if she should die it during her life to have
her share and after her death all of her estate which
I have bequeathed and the increase thereof to be
divided among the whole of Children equally. And I
further desire that out of the whole stock and income
my estate such as rents of the open pond tract and others
I intend that my son be taught a good English Education
in reading writing & arithmetic and my daughter that he
receive any education to read & write & supported out of the
same untill they marry or obtain lawful age. And
I make and ordain my dear Wife Charity My son in law
Martin Hyatt & Nathaniel Davis fellow executors of this my
last will & testament

The foregoing Anticipation Will was published
& declared by the said testator John Clayton as
his last will & testament in the presence of us
who were desired by the testator to take notice
thereof the day & year first above written
Charles Banner

Hoke County September term 1801

The Anticipation will of of John Clayton
Deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was
duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Charles Banner
Benjamin Banner & David Hyatt & ordered to be
recorded which is accordingly done

Robt Williams &c

Jno Armstrong