

I John Francis Sr. of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this as my last will and testament making all wills & testaments by me heretofore made -

First. My will and desire is that all my just debts and burial expenses shall be paid by my Executor to be hereafter named, out of any moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate -

Secondly. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy R. Francis, the house tract of land on which I now live, consisting of four hundred and thirty eight acres, to have and to hold the same during her natural life, also the household and kitchen furniture of every kind or description. I also will her the present growing Crops -

Thirdly. I will and bequeath to my wife Nancy R. Francis my horses, mules, cattle, hogs & sheep or as much of said stock as she may desire to keep up the farm with -

Fourthly. I will and bequeath to my son Joel M. Francis, two hundred acres of land to be laid off at the north side of the tract, subject to the life estate of my wife as devised in a former will - and to hold the same in fee simple forever -

Fifthly. I will and bequeath to my youngest daughter Angeline S. Francis the sum of One hundred dollars -

Sixthly. My will and desire is that all the residue of my Estate, taking out the debts & legacies above mentioned shall be sold, and if there should be any surplus over & above expenses, debts, legacies or that such surplus shall be equally divided & paid over to my Children, in equal proportion share & share alike, to them & each of them, their Executors, Administrators and assigns absolutely forever -

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint Richard Smith my lawful Executor, to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof. In witness whereof I the said John Francis Sr. do hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of September 1864

Second sealed, published and declared by the said John Francis Sr. to be his last will & testament in presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

R. F. Moir
Ep Simonsons

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John Francis Sr. seal
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September Term 1864.

The Execution of the Last Will and Testament of John Francis Sr. (of which the foregoing is a true Copy) was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of R. F. Moir & Ep Simonsons the Subscribing Witnesses Thereto and ordered to be recorded & filed.

Joel F. Hall c.c.

In the name of Good Heaven.

I Nathaniel Moody of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory, but weak in body and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and declare this to be my last will and testament first I give my soul unto Almighty God who gave it and my body I desire to be buried in a decent Christian burial order at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named - 2nd That all my funeral expenses be paid by my Executor out of the first moneys which may come into his hands - I desire that my Executor shall collect all the fees that are now or may hereafter fall due to my Estate as Sheriff of Stokes County - some of these fees are due from the County of Forsyth Surry & other Counties in the State and where these fees are collected I desire my Executor to pay off the following persons Claims (to wit) a debt due Presley George Junr. for grain & bacon a debt due Jackson Moore for flour a debt due Ryerson Lawson of about seventy dollars a debt due Wm. T. Lash for flour & bacon after all the above debts are paid off and satisfied if there should be a surplus I desire my Executor to pay the same over to my beloved wife Elizabeth Moody to be kept absolutely, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly friend and relative N. M. Pepper to carry out and execute this my last will and testament hereby making all other wills by me made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal.

Signed sealed and delivered July 2nd 1864.

Nathl Moody seal

in presence of
A. H. J. J. J.
John Pepper

September Term 1864 - The Execution of the Last Will and Testament of Nathl Moody (of which the foregoing is a true Copy) was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of A. H. J. J. J. & John Pepper the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded and filed -

Joel F. Hall c.c.