

In the name of God Amen: I William May of of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina, being in Sound Sense & memory much afflicted in such, & calling to mind the mortality of life & the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form as follows, to wit: first I give to my two youngest sons namely Moses May & Laban May my slave with a lot of Land around it and bounded as follows - Beginning at John Vanders corner on the Creek and Running with his line up to the old mill race above described, thence with the mill-race to the ford of the Creek - below the mill thereby grazed, thence with the mill-race, to Reads old house thence from the house towards Chasnel Corner, thence North with his line to the beginning, containing twenty acres more or less to them three, here ~~the~~ begins further, over & above their equal parts in the remainder of my estate, and as for the ^{remainder} of my estate, both real and personal I give and devise as follows I leave to my wife to my wife, Mary May, the third part of my estate, to be, in during her life at her discretion to do as she pleases with, and the remainder of my estate after her death to be equally divided between my right children as the law directs, provided, that neither of them nor the legates to my estate even offers to break or interfere with a tract of land that I sold to Mr. Nathaniel Phenix, in order to draw part of a legacy from that; and, provided, that if any of them should attempt the same, they or either of them, are cut off with one dollar, from any part of my estate, and their parts of my estate, to be equally divided between the the remainder of my children, that does not act in that part contrary to my will -

I also constitute and appoint my wife, Mary May & Joseph Fordwell, Executors to this my last will and testament in which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-sixth of October, 1825, thousands eight hundred and twenty five. Interlinea before signa scilicet and acknowledge

Signa scilicet and acknowledge

in presence of

Russel Vanders - Jurat

William Milson

Rt Honorable Jurat Deum

Stokes County September Term 1825

The foregoing is a true copy taken from the original will, proven by Russel Vanders & Rt Honorable, and which is filed

Attest: Moore Cl.

By Th. P. Wood De

This Deed of gift, is made in year of the Eternal Lord 1824 Anno Domini on a plan that if my children or their heirs contend against the rules of my gift, then there shall be the most solemn & confidential men as of God chosen to settle any difference at issue, that might be through the will of every township, and, whatsoever, such like Christian judges, shall say in such case, as there can be no better law of justice or reason, than what such Christian judges, will decide on for brotherly love in friendship -

The line of division in my land, is with exception now more made I saw & give mill, on the East of my land, to Miller shall be equally owned of equal labour & expences by my son William Hestup and Henry Hestup, also Henry is to have an equal privilege in fishing the ~~the~~ perhaps to the mill, & a blacksmith shop on the East side of my land, with all the tools belonging thereto, Henry is to have equal share William - You be it known, that as long as my daughter Elizabeth Hestup, is unmarried, shall hold or have an share of my dwelling house, with one fire place & privilege of garden & two acres of ground, where may be chosen by her, and if not in person by a religious way it must be the dwelling house altogether -

To name on the west side of my land, the exception is, that if some dowers land, should be lotte in part to be on that side of the road adjoining a tract of land bought by William as far as to the road I give to William Henry - for the division like it begins at a rock in the line called Isaac Daddins, twenty nine perches from my north west corner in the line of William Harpman running by the middle of a partition fence to a peach tree then northward at the root of peach trees ~~run~~ are for a short distance to a turn by the middle of a partition fence running Southward to the Creek to a rock at the road thence northward as the road is to the South end of my land where it joins the Moravian line -

All the land lying on the West side of this aforesaid line I give to my Henry Hestup forever - except the fire privilege of a well known Spring near Gun to Henry - I give my son William Hestup all my land on the East side of the aforesaid line forever - I give my daughter Elizabeth Hestup, seven hundred dollars, if there be as much in moved property as a Negro, horses, cattle, sheep, all kinds, hogs, goods & when Elizabeth takes her portion, it shall be the privilege of William and Henry, to gather of cash, tools, iron, or any property other is mine as now I may own at the memory of - & William & Henry shall

choose one man, and Elizabeth choose one man, or if the two men chosen according to the above estate rule, then the valuation of property will be reasonably known, also William Hestup or Elizabeth shall gather the money that is due me & not or open a account, then if there be found, above seven hundred dollars, any sum, the same shall be equally among, William Henry & Elizabeth - furthermore the three names theirs, have to take all my wholen carriage, and when any of this same property is like to be damaged the shall deliver the property to the care of Elizabeth, at what may be found, a reasonable value

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of October 1825
John Hestup

Stokes County, N.C. Term 1825

The execution of the within will was duly
proven in court by Christian Beck & Co. - The foregoing
is a true copy taken from the original will, which is filed

March, 1825
By Th. P. Moore

Philip Rothrock's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Philip Rothrock of Stokes County
in the State of North Carolina, being sick and in a low state of
health, yet of sound and well disposing mind and memory, do make and
again this my last will & Testament in the following form and
manner - First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God, my Creator and preserver & secondly I commend my body to
earth to be decently Buried in a Christian manner, & finally as to
my worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in
his life, I dispose of it in the following manner

First I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Cor
Elizabeth, the benefit and use of my land and plantation, together
with my dwelling house, wherein I now live, as also my household and
kitchen furniture, which I now possess all to the benefit of said
wife in my possession, also a Negro woman named Rachel and one
child, and also one cow with the income thereof, all the above men-
tioned I will unto her during her natural life to have the proper use
thereof without molestation - Secondly it is my will that after
her decease, all my real estate, as also my personal property, then
remaining be sold at public sale and the money arising therefrom
together with the money due on notes, to be equally divided
among my nine children, namely, Frederick, E. George, John,
Joseph, Philip, Martin, Christian and Daniel, to have share and
share alike.

Thirdly - It is my will that the share or part coming to my daughter
Cor (wife of Philip Otter) be by my executors put in the hands of
the Rev Mr. Shovetty at Salem and his successor, and given to her as
she may need it and cater for it her self - Fourthly I constitute and appoint
my sons George Rothrock and Philip Rothrock, Executors of this my
last Will and Testament, to execute the same according to the meaning and
true sense thereof - In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this twentieth day of February A.D. 1824

Signes, and sealed in the presence of
the within witnesses, who my
words were done before the signing hereof -

John Long, Clerk

Jacob Miller

Philip Rothrock
his mark

Stokes County, N.C. Term 1825

The execution of the foregoing will the last will & Testament
of Philip Rothrock, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly
proven in open court by John Long, Clerk. The original is filed

March, 1825
By Th. P. Moore

John Miller's Will

In the name of God, Amen: I John Miller of the County of Stokes and
State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of perfect mind and
memory, being by Almighty God, for the same, do make, and publish
this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say
First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Cor, my house and
furniture, and plantation, so much she may wish taking, life long,
my estate, my further will is such that after my wife's death
giving to my son Jacob one tract of land at the price of three hundred
and fifty dollars, the said Jacob is to pay one hundred and fifty
dollars to the rest of the legacies heretofore to be mentioned I have
giving to my son John then the sum of two hundred dollars, heretofore
I have giving to my Philip, the sum of two hundred dollars, heretofore
dollar heretofore, by a tract of land, my further will is such, that
my three last mentioned is to have youse of my plantation, during their
live time after my death, and my wife's death, after their
death to have children of her body now living, also here pro-
posed, I have giving heretofore, to the said Cor, I give to her
heretofore over and above, that is to say, Abahally, Susan, Sally,
Nancy Jonathan, Grand children of mine, to them youse, and
benefit forever, my further will is such I give 50 acres of land
beginning, Frances Miller, to the said Grand children, heretofore
named of my Father's land, my further will is such the said Cor
shall have none of my estate as have heretofore mentioned
my further will is such, I give to my sister Margaret, 130 dollars
the sum of two hundred dollars my further will is such, I give
to my sister Elizabeth White the sum of two hundred dollars
my further will is such, that my last to pay to Margaret and
Elizabeth, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, my further
will is such for my children heretofore mentioned, share and share
alike, I hereby appoint my sons Jacob and Philip sole Executors
of this my last will and Testament hereby revoke all former wills
by me made - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 16th day of March A.D. 1825

In the presence of us, who have
hereunto subscribed our names
in witness in the presence of the testator

John Conrad

Jacob Miller, Clerk

Stokes County, N.C. Term 1825

The last will & Testament of
John Miller, was proven in court by Jacob Miller & Co.
The foregoing is a true copy of the same -

March, 1825
By Th. P. Moore