

Execution of the my last will and testament in writing whereof
I set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed
witness and acknowledged the testator in presence of us.

Thomas Cardwell

Joseph Taylor

John ⁱⁿ Pillard
mark

Alexander Joyce

Stokes County Court March Term 1819

The execution of the last will and testament of Alexander Joyce
deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly
proven in open court by Joseph Taylor and ordered to be
registered

Matthew Moore Clk
by Ed Banner D.C.

Be it remembered that John Norton of Stokes County
now State of North Carolina being weak in body of good mind
& memory and knowing there is a time that all men must die
do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner
and form as followeth (Wit)

First, I will to my beloved wife Martha the whole of my
estate both real and personal

First I will that all my lawful debts and funeral charges
be paid. 2^d I will to my beloved wife Martha the whole of
my estate both real and personal during her widowhood but if
it be that she marry it is my will that she have an equal
share with as one of my children. 3^d As there are seven of
my children and all have got their dowry except Polly Mcken it
is my will that she receive fifteen dollars from my Executors
hereafter to make her equal with the others that are married -

4th It is my will my children that are not married namely
Nathaniel, Benjamin Martha & Betsey each of them receive one
hundred & twenty at the expiration of my said wife's widowhood
to be paid to them by my executors to make them equal with
those that are married

5th It is also my will if there be any thing remaining after
the above bequests are complied with that the remainder be
equally divided among the whole of my children.
And lastly I do constitute and appoint my sons William & Robert
Norton Executors to this my last will and testament as witness
my hand & seal this seventh day of the first month in the year
of our lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen

signed & sealed in the

presence of us

Latham Folger Juror

B. Watson

John ^{the} Norton
mark of

Matthew Moore Clk
by Ed Banner D.C.

Stokes County Court March Term 1819

The execution of the last will and testament of John Norton
deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven
in open court by Latham Folger & ordered to be registered

Matthew Moore Clk
by Ed Banner D.C.

State of North Carolina Stokes County

In the name of God amen. I Isaac Norton being in perfect
mind and memory declare as follows. On the 12th day of March
in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen
do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner
following that is to say Item 1st I devise my Executors to sell at public
sale one horse, two cows, and calves and out of the money arising
from said sale to pay all my last debts if sufficient if not, to sell
to sell as much of my other property as will satisfy all just debts
Item 2^d I bequeath my land to my beloved wife Polly Norton
during her natural life or widowhood and then to descend to my
four children equally divided provided that the eldest daughter
Penny shall live with her mother until she becomes of age