

Know all men by these presents that I Jacob Shantz of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina on this the nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, make & ordain this my last will & testament and hereby revoking all former wills & testaments made or executed by me.

Fiftieth. It is my will that my body receive a decent Christian burial and that all the expense be defrayed out of my Estate.

Second. That all my just debts be paid.

Third. That all my land be sold as soon after my death as may by the Executor be considered advisable & that the Executor sell them at private or public sale as he may consider proper, and in such quantities as he may believe most advantageous.

Fourth. That my negro woman named Mary be sold at public sale & if she the said negro woman shall choose to have her children sold with her then all shall be sold together & if not sold separate.

Fifthly. That my beloved wife Maria Salome have one bed & bed case two tables her choice, one chest, one fancy bed & one single bed and furniture, one set of tea cups & saucers, one set of knives & forks, one set of earthen plates, one sugar Bowl, one cream cup, one set of tea spoons, one coffee can & four chairs. And I further will that she shall be supported out of my Estate as long as she may live & that during the settlement of my Estate & her education require it that the Executor pay over to her at different times sufficient for her comfort & that at the final settlement of my Estate my children bind themselves for her support before they receive their equitable portion of my Estate. Also to pay all necessary expenses for her comfort.

Sixthly. That my daughter Betty have one bed & furniture, one cotton wheel, one flax wheel, one pair of card & one cow & calf over her equitable portion.

Seventhly. That my son Jacob have fifty dollars over & above his equitable of my Estate, to be paid to him or his guardian at the final settlement of my affairs.

Eighthly. That all the balance of my property be sold at public sale on such credit as may be deemed most advisable by the Executor & that an equal division be made between my five children viz: my son Samuel, my daughter Rebecca wife of Clark Spanishor my daughter Elizabeth (Betsey) & my daughter Polly (Mary) wife of John H. Waterman & my son Jacob. I hereby will & appoint his T. Wilson my Executor in the settlement & management of my affairs.

At the request of
John Jacob Shantz
Signed, sealed & delivered on the day & in the year first above written
John Jacob Shantz

John Jacob Shantz

* Interlined between twentieth & eighteenth line from top with the word "that say..."

In relation to the clause in the above will & testament touching the fate of my negro woman & children it is my will that the negro boy named Charles should be sold separate & by himself & that the said negro woman have no choice in relation to said boy, but retain the privilege as it relates to the girl as stated in said clause.

Signed, sealed & executed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, May the ninth.

In the presence of
M. Doubt.
Sam'l Stepha

John Jacob Shantz

June Seven 1837.

The execution of the last will & testament of John Jacob Shantz of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open court by the oath of Samuel Stepha a subscribing witness thereto who saith that he saw Peter Pfaff the other subscribing witness subscribe the same in the presence of the Testator whereupon it is ordered that said will be recorded

M. Hill esq.

In the name of God Amen

I John William Jacob Cook of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory & calling to mind the mortality of man so make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following that is to say.

First. I give a bequest unto my friend Lewis Livingood my tract of land situated in

Landson County containing 50 1/4 acres more or less.

2d. I likewise give a bequest unto Lewis Livingood all the rest of my property of whatever kind. The foregoing bequests unto the aforesaid Lewis Livingood are made under the express stipulation that to the aforesaid Lewis Livingood after my death pay all my just & lawful debts. I do hereby constitute John Hines (son of Frederic Hines) Executor of this my last will & testament whom I hereby empower to convey my land & make right & title to the same.

In witness whereof I the said John William Jacob Cook have to this my last will & testament set my hand seal this the ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven.

Signed, sealed, published & delivered by the said John William Jacob Cook as his last will & testament in the presence of us who are present at the signing thereof

Jacob Livingood
Philip Linder

John William Jacob Cook
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