

In the name of God Amen

I John King of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being at present of perfect mind & memory, do this fourth day of December A.D. 1831 make, ordain & publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form as follows (to wit)

First. I will a bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly on my girl named Amelia all my plantation, tools, stock of horses, cattle sheep pigs, hounds & kitchen furniture forever. Also all the Land which I may die seized & hopeless of, at the day of my death for & in natural life or widowhood & the remainder of my slaves during her widowhood after first paying all my just debts to those to whom I may be indebted. — It is further my will that my wife Polly aforesaid shall collect & receive all the debts that may be due to me or that may become due, & pay all the contingent charges for settling my Estate &c. And furthermore I will to my wife all my blacksmith tools & her own use during her widowhood

And Secondly. It is my will that all my real estate & slaves except Amelia aforesaid, shall be & remain as the property of my wife Polly for & during her widowhood & no longer, and after her intermarrying or decease then the Land & slaves & their increase (to wit) Mary & Tom to be divided in the manner following — I will to my brother David King & his heirs (after my wife's widowhood shall cease to be my widow) my negro man Tom & his wife Mary, & Lewis & Charles, Henry said. Mary's children & all my blacksmith tools & Coopers tools & rifle gun & razors Lancets to be to the sole use of my brother David & his heirs forever. Thirdly. I will to my brother George King my 2 yrs slaves Ruth & Judith & Abraham to be & remain to him the said George King & his heirs forever after my wife Polly shall cease to be my widow —

In the third place. It is my will that after my wife remains no longer my widow, that my slaves Ruben & Robert shall be & remain the sole property of my brother Herbert King & his heirs & progeny forever. As respects the remainder of my brother if living in any State or Territory within the limits of the United States of America, each of them I will one dollar & no more, if they ever apply for it, to my Executor, say my sister Elizabeth Joyce for me sake.

Lastly. I constitute, nominate & appoint my beloved wife Emily & Sandy Matthews, her Esq<sup>r</sup>, of this my last will & Testament

In testimony whereof the said John King hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal to this his last will & Testament, revoking all former wills & Testaments by me heretofore made or done signed, sealed & acknowledged the foregoing to be the last will & testament of him the aforesaid the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December A.D. 1831 before me the subscriber witnesseth the same presents at the signing of the same to witness

March 19th 1835 Be it remembered that I being in my right mind though weak in body having purchased a tract of land after making my last will & Testament. I wish this to be annexed to the said will, that it is my wish & desire that all the land I purchased of John Lewis Senior be set up & sold to the highest bidder, the money accruing to go toward paying my debts, but 2 debts above mentioned signed in presence of

William Walker  
Andy Matthews

John King Esq

Stokes County June Term 1835

The Execution of the last will & Testament with the Codicil annexed of John King aforesaid of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open court (that is to say) the will by the oaths of Benj<sup>t</sup> Danner & John St. Vincent and the Codicil by the oaths of Sandy Matthews & William Walker & ordered to be recorded

Pro. Sill. ex

In the name of God Amen

I Barbara King of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being of perfect mind & disposing memory, though weak in body, but calling unto mind the mortality of the body & knowing that it was once appointed unto all men to die do make publick & declare this to be my last will and Testament.

First & principally of all I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial.

And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow me with First my will & desire is that all my just debts shall first be paid (if any I should owe) out of my estate.

And secondly it is further my will & desire that my son John Harmon King shall have all my stock of every kind & description & all my household & kitchen furniture, consisting of the following articles (viz) one loom, two feather beds & furniture, one black walnut chest, & all my kitchen furniture of every description & all other of my property of whatever kind or nature that I may die possessed of on account of his trouble & care toward me in my old age.

I further give a bequest unto my said son John Harmon King all & every article of the above mentioned property to be his own right property at his disposal forever.

I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my son John Harmon King Executor of this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty five.

Signed in the presence of 3 Barbara King Esq  
J. Boby King  
Charles King

Stokes County June Term 1835

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Barbara King aforesaid of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of the Boby King & Charles King subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded