

226 I Ruben Samuel of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina sensibly feeling that that my earthly journey will run, and that I must shortly go the way of all flesh do make and ordain this as my last will and Testament vizt I give and bequeath to my brother Larkin Samuels the joy or disposal of as he may think proper the tract of land containing fifty acres which I purchased of William Waggoner, and for which I have a bond for a title in said Waggoner and Thomas James

And all my other real and personal property I give & bequeath to my brother Larkin and my sister Susan and my, during their natural lives and on the death of the last survivor of the three, to be divided between my brothers Edmond and Henry or their legal Representatives

Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Larkin my Executor and Representative in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th February A.D. 1831.

Witness and sealed in presence of us
Joseph W. Winston }
W. H. Gibson } Encl

Stokes County March Term 1831.

The Execution of the last will and Testament of Ruben Samuel of which the foregoing is a true copy (being) offered for Probate was duly proven by Joseph W. Winston and W. H. Gibson the Subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be recorded

W. H. Moore Sec
G. E. Moore D.C.

State of North Carolina } In the name of god amen I John
Stokes County } know being of sound & perfect mind
memory (blessed be God) do this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five make & publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say.

First) I give & bequeath unto my son George Kruse three children one hundred acres of land & water fifty acres of land where I now live after my wife's decease. That is to say unto Rebecca fifty acres, unto Supanna fifty acres, unto Caliga fifty acres. But my son George is to have the use of said one hundred acres during his life time & if his wife should out live him she is to enjoy the benefit during her life time, of said one hundred acres.

I give & bequeath unto my son in law John Chittie the land I have given him a deed for & if said son in law should die I give & bequeath unto him and also unto his

land among him & John Cornaby which he has had the use for some time.

5th) I have also given unto my son Andrew one hundred and twenty acres, which I do hereby confirm.

6th) I have also given unto my son in law Jacob Chittie one hundred & twelve acres which I also confirm.

7th) I give & bequeath unto my son in law Dan. Betner all the money I have advanced or loaned to him and all the land I have given him a deed for.

8th) I give & bequeath unto Joseph Chittie one French cabin having built him a house in name for the other part

9th) I also give unto my beloved wife Dorethea all my plantation containing ninety acres where I now live for her own use during her life time, after her death said two acres is to be sold to the highest bidder by me Executor the proceeds is to be divided among my son in law John Chittie & Dan. Betner their shares alike

10th) I also empower my Executor hereafter to be named to sell all my personal Estate (such as my wife don't want to keep for her own use) and after her death such as remains on hand is also to be sold the proceeds of both after paying all my just debts is to be divided among my daughter Hannah Mary Children their shares alike.

11th) And I hereby make & ordain my worthy friend Peter Bluff, Jr. Executor of this my last will and Testament. I witness whereof I the said John Kruse have to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Signed sealed published & declared by the said John Kruse the testator as his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof

John Kruse
Joseph Kruse Encl

In my will above made the 30th day of August A.D. 1835 I have among other lands given to my son in law John Chittie three living down & out half acres of meadow land & garden then living down & out half acres of meadow land & garden then I have some sold of course that these are decided by the said lands to Chittie & his remains as decided with an explanation that my wife shall have the fifty acres of land mentioned where my house stands for life and after her death it goes to the three children & John & George Kruse. This I do hereby make public of sound mind the 30th day of October 1835. The land confirmed with a Cochran & Kruse Jacob Chittie I have made them a deed for signed sealed in the presence of John Kruse (Encl)

