

Germananton, North Carolina.
Stokes County.

I John L. Betting do make and ordain
this my Will.

1st, I gave to my wife Martha 4 beds made & furnished
two milch cows two barrels some chests she keeps her
clothing in my corner cupboard 1 doz chairs pots kettles &
cooking utensils of whatever kind she wants. I further wish her
to have plenty of grain & milk for 6 years. Should Lewis continue
with her furnish provisions for them also. I gave her the House &
Lotts where I now live or the lotts & house I lately purchased of Dr.
A Bowman whichever place she prefers she is to have her
choice of hard bargain or the peace on Buffalow of them is
many things about the house let her have what she wants
also gave her a choice horse & fifteen hundred dollars in
money all to be hers to do as she thinks except the house lotts
& lands after her decease to return back to my estate. I also
gave her negro Mary. I gave her besides coffee sugar & such
other things as we are & have been using besides the corn & meat.

2^d I gave to my son Samuel L. Betting his horse he calls
Henry & lay all pay to him two thousand dollars in money he
has been living two years or upwards since he was of age I allowed
him nothing for that believing his expenditures equal to his
services gave him & his wife one years provision also two beds
and furniture with beds.

3^d Martha Elizabeth & Ann Gertrude to have two ~~two~~ thousand
dollars each & the same to be put on interest for them until they
should marry or become of age also two beds furniture & beds
one hundred dollars a piece when they become of age to buy them
a horse & cow or cows a piece. brought over. They are to have
five hundred dollars towards schooling them and I further wish
my executor to pay particular attention to them after the sale of
my personal property & even before you will find plenty to fill
the above legacies in selling of my negroes & other personal property
No man is to bid say 50. 100. or no more than he bids he say he must
for the widow the bid is not good.

4 after paying the above legacies the balance of my estate is to
be equal divided except as to my wife she is to have no share
in the real estate more than I have willed her supporting my wife
Martha personal in the personal estate.

My daughter Polly Golding John H. Betting Walter R. Betting
Jos. & Betting - Lewis Betting Martha S. Betting - Ann
Gertrude Betting the last seven to have equal with each
other except my chest where I always keep the key given to Polly
Golding with instructions to take good care of the key the land
where I live box lines I want him to stay give years longer on
he pays for the land in that time let him keep the notes
I hold apt Walter R. & Jos. & Betting pays no interest on them R.
S. Golding likewise. as for the Land you must consult each
other & do what you think is best consult with my wife in her
arrangements I leave be up H. Matthews John H. Betting &
Rubin S. Golding my Executors with this express understanding
that they are authorized to bid & their bids to be good & valid
a debt is owing me from Jos. & Betting for Peter the debt was
one thousand dollars there is no debt taken of it you they for
demand in lieu of one thousand or by five hundred & I gave
him a bed & furniture.

March 20th 1846

J. L. Betting (Seal)

Germananton Sept 28th 1848.

John H. Betting has sick since I made this will but it is my
desire that his children receive his share that I willed to him
Samuel L. Betting has rec^d his two thousand dollars of me
I appoint Walter R. Betting in place of John H. Betting who died
as one of my executors
J. L. Betting

March Term 1851.

The execution of the last will & Testament of John L. Betting
deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open
Court by the oaths of John H. Betting, Marshall S. Benton & Wm. H. Lee
who proved that said will was all in the proper hand writing of the said
Testator, and ordered to be recorded.

M. D. Hill, c. c.