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They in their discretion shall find a sale to be the most beneficial
and transact all the business to the best of their skill and ability
for my estate -

11 I do hereby revoke all former wills confirming the to be my
last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have set
my hand & seal hereunto this twenty first day of March One
thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Signed sealed published &
declared by the testator in the
presence of us

Matthew Rights

John Steinbach
John Vogler

Stokes County September Term 1838

The last Will and Testament of all Matthew
Rights of which the foregoing is a true copy being offered for
probate was duly proven by the oath of John Vogler in open Court
and ordered to be recorded
Matthew A. Moore c.c.
By Constantine L. Warner D.C.

In the Name of God Amen! I John L. Hansen in the
State of North Carolina Stokes County being at present in a low
State of health though of sound and perfect mind and memory
but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to die do this last and
day of June in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& twenty eight Make ordain and publish this my last Will &
Testament, this is to say principally I part of all I recommend my
soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth
to be buried in a Christian burial - And as touching such
worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in
this world I give devise and dispose of the same in the following
Manner & form To wit
first It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid
and also all debts & duty justly coming to me shall be collected
second It is my will and desire that my wife Patsy shall have the
benefit of my mansion house & plantation, ex. apt. the Rind tract

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and all the negroes together with the increase and such other property as
she may think necessary to carry on the farm sufficient for the support of
herself and the children remaining with her and also the negroes & one
any of the negroes should misconduct them along she may hire them out
for her benefit all the property that my wife thinks that she can
spare shall be sold by my executor at public sale on Tuesday
morning next and the money arising from such sale shall be
applied towards the payment of my just debts in case any money
might be remaining in the hands of my Executor after the payment
of my just debts I desire him to pay it over to my wife for the
support of my children -

third It is further my Will and desire that the tract of land
I bought of John Rich commencing at Henry Mills corner
in the field and running a straight line in the lane totalling in
the five a cre of meadow land and about seven a cre of
bottoms including the improvement and wood land (but not
including the fifty a cre of wood land I bought of John Rank)
shall be sold by my executor at the best private or public sale
fourth, I further Will and bequeath that after the death of my wife
the negroes shall be equally divided by two share holding by
a fair Valuation among all my six children to viz: Lewis
George, Elizabeth, Maria Louisa, Martha E, and Mary Rebecca
who enter married with Absolun Shelly (It is my request that
Nancy shall enjoy the benefit of the negroes during her life
& after her death to the legal heirs of her body) equally share & share
alike it is also my request that my son Lewis shall take the
Negro boy named Handy at the Valuation -

fifth & lastly It is my Will and desire that after the death of my wife
the plantation wherem I now live together with all the personal property
which may then be shall be sold at public sale for the most that
can be had and the money arising from such sale to be equally
divided among all my children share & share alike or before
mentioned and in case any of them are not of lawful age to
have their proportional part put on in trust until they do arrive
at lawful age And I make and ordain my worthy friend William
A Cook Executor of this my last Will and Testament In witness
whereof I the said John L. Hansen have to this my last Will
and Testament set my hand and seal the day & year above written
Signed & sealed by the said John L. Hansen the
testator in his last Will and Testament in presence of us
who are foregoing set the time of the saying & writing thereof
John L. Hansen

Hotter County September Term 1828

The last Will and Testament of John I. Haven of which the foregoing is a true copy being offered for probate was duly proven by Benjamin Bittling who likewise swore that Mary Nolder the other subscribing witness signed the same in his presence and in the presence of John I. Haven and was ordered to be recorded

M. R. Moore c
By C. C. P. Mason d

In the Name of God Amen!

I Elizabeth Bittling of Hotter County & State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God, but weak in body, do this 17th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight make & publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say,

First I give & bequeath unto my sister Mary my plantation with the crop thereon my negro boy Elias one cow and calf also my horse and all my plantation utensils during her life time and I will that my sister Mary give my negro woman Din a house and home on the aforesaid plantation as long as she shall live

Second. I give and bequeath to my sister Martha my negro boy Lewis, one bed and furniture,

Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my brother John my negro boy Winston -

4th I give & bequeath unto my brother Anthony my negro woman Ciddie one bed & furniture -

5th I give & bequeath to my nephew Anthony Mearns one third of a lot in the town of Germantown lying on the south side of the street at lot given my sister Mary by my Father

6th I give & bequeath to my nephew Walter Bittling one lot in the town of Germantown on the south side of said street adjoining the lot of my sister Mary and the one third that I have given to Anthony Mearns

7 I give & bequeath unto my nephew John Melkinson Bittling half an acre of land to run a North & South line & to divide on the line of my brother John what land he shall have

possession of at the death of my sister Mary -

8th I will at the death of my sister Mary that the negro boy Elias and twenty one acres of land the balance of the taking off the fifty acres which I willed to John W. Bittling be equally divided among my sister Martha & my two brothers John & Anthony

9th I will my beaver to my niece Elizabeth Bittling

10th I will that my sister Mary take such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may think proper to dispose of as she may think fit -

11th I will that the balance of my household and kitchen furniture together with my stock be sold on credit & the proceeds thereof to pay my just debts & if there should be an over plus it shall be equally divided amongst my two sisters & two brothers

12th I nominate my two brothers John and Anthony my Executors of this my last Will and Testament

I further request that the negro which I have willed be left on the plantation with my sister Mary until he crop shall be taken care of. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written

I, your sealed, published & declared
by the said Elizabeth Bittling the testatrix
as her last Will & Testament in the
presence of us who were present
at the signing & sealing thereof

Adam Gugen }
Elias Gugen } Seal

Hotter County Sept: term 1828

The execution of the last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Bittling of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven by Adam Gugen & Elias Gugen sworn to be recorded

M. R. Moore c
By C. C. P. Mason d