

June Term 1844

The Execution of the last will & testament of Joseph Lusk Decd of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Geo. F. Wilson & Thomas M. Keaton the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

M. & Hill. c. c.

State of North Carolina Stokes County,
In the name of God Amen.

I John Null Senr being of sound mind & memory knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, make and ordain this as my last will & Testament in the way & manner following.

First That after my death, my body receive a decent Christian burial, and the expense thereof be paid by my executor out of my Estate.

2^d That all my just debts be paid by my Executors as soon as convenient after my departure from this world.

3^d I will that my home plantation on which I now reside, and all my personal property, here or elsewhere when be given to my beloved companion Catherine Null, during her natural life or so much of the personal property as she may choose to keep.

4th It is my will that after the death of my wife, all my property both real and personal, and not otherwise disposed of be sold by my executor, or such exact as he may think proper, and that the proceeds be divided into eight equal parts, or shares and that my son John Null for Isaac Null, Polly Beck wife of William Beck Harry Rapp wife John Rapp, Betsy Mosby wife of Nathaniel Mosby, & William Null each have one share.

5th It is my will that the remaining two shares and the plantation on which my son Henry Null now lives be given to my friend Henry Shouse, the said plantation is be valued at three thousand dollars and to be considered as so much paid of the said two shares, as the value now is considered so much of my Estate.

6th I will that the bond I hold against my son John Null be for the same.

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be considered as so much paid of his share, and that it should be more than his share, that he pay the difference to the other legatees.

7th It is my will and hereby so direct that so much and such of my personal property, as my wife may not wish to keep, be sold on such exact as shall be thought advisable, and as soon as convenient after my death, and that all debts due me in bond note or account be collected, and after paying all demands justly owing by me to pay the balance over to the legatees in dividing my wife as one of them.

Having full confidence in my friends Henry Shouse & William Beck Jr. I do hereby nominate and appoint them as my executor, and do further hereby declare this to be my last will and testament and hereby revoke all other will or wills by me made. Given under my hand and seal this the Twenty sixth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty four Signed & sealed in the presence of, and each in the presence of the, and Geo. F. Wilson & Thomas M. Keaton called upon to witness the same
John Clayton

John Null (Seal)

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The Execution of the last will & testament of John Null Senr of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Geo. F. Wilson & John Clayton the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

M. & Hill. c. c.

In the name of God Amen
I William Young Senr of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being at present of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God, do this first day of January one thousand eight hundred & forty one make and publish this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows to wit:
First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the Quaker Burial House it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors.