

The it unexecuted will of Ferdinand Prothier late of Stokes County died
as expressed before the subscribers who were called on by him at his own
dwelling house and in his last sickness a Witness Neg.

He said it was his will that his wife should keep the two negroes
Jenny & Kelly to help raise the children and that he wanted his land and
negroes to be rented & hired out for the purpose of paying his debts and an
equal division of his property to be made among his children

25th August 1824

David Dalton
Polly Cox
Mark

Stokes County March term 1825, Jm Blackburn

The execution of the last unexecuted will of Ferdinand
Prothier died of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open
court by the oath of David Dalton Polly Cox & Jm Blackburn & ordered to
be recorded

Matthew R. Brown, cl
By Matthew R. Brown, Sec

In the name of God Amen I William Cook of Stokes County State
of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory that the 6th
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & twenty three make and ^{publish} this my last will & testament
in manner & form as follows that is to say that I commit my soul to God
hoping that through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour that God will
make me so happy according to the end and purpose of his own
glory & secondly desire my body to be buried in a decent manner at the
disposition of my executors as touching my worldly affairs I will that all
my just debts be paid - secondly that my beloved wife Anne Cook
have & possess an enjoy all my estate both real & personal during her
natural life or widowhood and at her death the half of ~~my~~
the above named estate real & personal I will that my son William
Cook shall have and enjoy the same to him & his heirs for ever believing
that I have given all my ^{children's} lawful heirs their proportional part of my
estate notwithstanding if the ~~same~~ now in Stokes Superior Court should
be decided in favour of the heirs of my brother Thomas Cook then &
in that case only shall all my lawful heirs enjoy their proportional
part of said estate - and lastly I constitute my beloved friend
Saml W. Cook and my executors with my wife Anne Cook

signed sealed and pronounced as my last will and testament this
9th day March in the year of our Lord 1823

In the presence of
Richard Smith Jurat
Sarah Smith
Patsy Smith

William Cook
Mark

Stokes County March term 1825

The execution of the last will & testam
- ment of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open
court by the oath of Richard Smith & ordered to be recorded

Matthew R. Brown, cl
By Matthew R. Brown, Sec

I John Pitts of the county of Stokes and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and perfect memory, do this 3rd day of the first
month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three
make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following.

That is to say -

1st I will that my just debts be paid out of my estate -
2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth, all the household fur-
niture, that she brought from her Mother, and furthermore I will to my
beloved wife, my dwelling house, garden and patches of ^{potatoes} & corn
lands, and a part of the benefit of the archery - and I will to my
wife, my whole plantation, and I will that she have a sufficient sup-
port off of it during her widowhood. And I will that my beloved
wife have one of my horses, that she have her ^{care} of them - I
will that my wife have one pot, that she have ^{also} her ^{care} of
them - I will to her my largest pewter dish, three pewter plates,
one basin, six ^{tin} cups, ^{tin} saucers, and six knives and forks, and
I will to my wife two checked shells -
3rd I will that the rest of my estate be equally divided between my seven
children. Namely - James Pitts, Abigail Pitts, Sarah Pitts, Pegg
Henry Pitts, Andrew Pitts, John Pitts and Sarah Pitts - I will
that my three sons, James, Andrew and John, pay foreign dollars
each out of their part of my estate to my son Henry - I will my
youngest to my son John - I will that if any of my children should
die that his or her part of my estate should be equally divided among the rest
of my children -
And lastly - I ordain ^{constitute} one appointed, my trusty son John Pitts
and my beloved wife Elizabeth, joint executors of this my last will and
testament - And do hereby, testify and confirm this to be my last will
and testament - In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal
to this my last will and testament - the day and date above written.

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in the presence of us
Thomas Arnett Clerk
Andrew Pitts

John Pitts

Stokes County March Term 1893

The execution of the last Will & Testament of John
Pitts dec'd, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly
proven in open Court by the oath of Thomas Arnett Valiant
to be recorded

Matthew R. Moore
By Th. J. Moore

In the Name of God Amen - I William Probs of Stokes
County & State of North-Carolina, Thoroughly being of Sound
and disposing Mind and Memory, praise be God for the same, do
make this my last Will in manner following - I Will that
my Just debts be paid by my two sons, Christian Henry and
John Sattfrud, for which purpose and in order to enable them
so to do, I give & bequeath unto them all my interest I have in the
lot in Bethany, wherein at present my son Christian Henry lives
and what interest I have in the stock of Cotton. Further I will
and I do hereby give and bequeath unto each of my two sons, Christian
Henry and John Sattfrud, one Negro girl of my Negro family, to their
own choice left, in consideration that they have raised and shall continue
my Negro family until my decease, and with their own labors
and as a compensation I reward for the same, provided
that these two Negroes so by my two sons chosen, for the purpose herein
mentioned shall be by them and my herein named Executors, be made
convenient and just - I will, that the rest of my Negroes
not by this will or otherwise before my decease disposed off, shall
be made in three equal shares in value as near as possible, and I
do hereby give and bequeath unto my son Christian Henry
one share, to my son John Sattfrud one share and to my two grand
daughters of John Sattfrud (Dorothy Sattfrud and (Dorothy Sattfrud) the three shares, for each of
them their heirs and assigns forever

And, I do nominate and appoint my son Pittsfrud and my friends
Abraham Pash, Executors of this my last Will and Testament

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Nothing and annulling all former Will by me made, and acknowledging
this and no other to be my last will and testament - In witness
whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, this 27th day of June in the
year of our Lord and Threescore eight hundred and thirty three

Signe, seal, published and
declared by the testator William Probs
in his last Will and testament in the presence of
William Probs -
Wm Probs Clerk
Sattfrud

Stokes County September Term 1823

The execution of the last Will and testament of
William Probs, was duly proven in open Court by the oath
of Wm Probs, & ordered to be recorded - Matthew R. Moore
134 Th. J. Moore

In the name of God Amen - I being weak for body but sound in
memory, knowing, that it is appointed unto all men once to die, after
giving up my body to the Earth from whence it came and my soul to
God, that I do hereby, and all former charges paid - I make this my last Will
and Testament - I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Polly, my
one hundred and five acres of land situate, lying and being in
the County of Stokes on the western of Middle for Creek where
I now live, the whole tract of Land containing 100 acres together
with all my stock of every thing, horses, cows, sheep, hogs, with all
the house hold & kitchen furniture, and working tools of all kinds
during her life or widowhood if she marries she may take a child
part of the above mentioned goods & premises, that is of the children
lawfully begotten on her body - I give and bequeath to my dear
beloved children or the law nearest five shillings each those that
was begotten by my first wife her maiden name was Nancy Collins, she
children begotten by her, by name is Benjamin, Sam, Orlish, Elizabeth
Clyok, Pa brock, Thomas O Zaden & Nancy, and then my above
named children I give all and singular the lands that is coming
to me in the Western Company for my services on the Revolutionary
War - they are to see to the recovery of said land & mine's property
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of February 1825
Signe seal
Witness in presence of
John Whitworth Clerk
Christian Henry
Thomas Probs
I have my own self
Polly Probs as an Executor
to this my last will and
testament

Stokes County June Term 1825 - The execution of the last will
and testament of John Probs, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly
proven in open Court by the oath of John Whitworth & ordered to be recorded -