

11) In the name of God Amen

I Elizabeth Frost of the county of Stokes in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do this twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and forty make this my last will and testament in manner & form following That is to say First I Give and bequeath to my daughter Katharine Bittling my bed and furniture to her & her heirs forever further It is my will and desire that all the balance of my property of every kind whatever be sold by my Executors to be herein after appointed on a credit of Twelve months & that the proceeds of such sale together with the debts owing to me after paying my funeral expenses be equally divided between my son in law John H Bittling and my two grand children (namely) Elizabeth B Frost and James Frost (daughter & son) of my son James B Frost deceased. Excepting the sum of Three Hundred dollars which sum it is my wish and desire shall be loaned out on interest and the interest arising therefrom be paid or given to my sister Rebecca Peter yearly during her natural life and after her decease the said Three Hundred dollars to be equally divided between my son in law John H Bittling my son in law and Elizabeth B Frost & James Frost my Grand children It is further my will & desire that that part of my estate given to my grand children Elizabeth B Frost & James Frost be retained in this county in the hands of a Chosen Guardian on Interest until the said Elizabeth B Frost and James Frost become of Lawful age and to be equally divided between meaning the entire half of my estate I hereby appoint my son in law John H Bittling Executor to this my last will and testament in writing whereof I shew unto set my hand and seal this day and date first above written

Signum sealed & acknowledged

In presence of us

Riley F Peter

Sarah Gibson

J Gibson Lucas

Elizabeth Frost ^{sen} _{mark}

Stokes County March Term 1841 The Execution of the last will and Testament of Elizabeth Frost deceased was duly proven in open court by J Gibson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto according to Law and ordered to be recorded

Ed Golding Clerk

12) In the name of God Amen

I John Sprace of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being very weak in body but perfect in mind blessed be God do this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty one ordain and make this my last will and Testament as follows viz

1st I will that all my personal withs my land and ~~personal~~ be sold by my Executors at a credit of twelve months

2^d I will my servant girl be sold among my children the girl is named Sam Smith my servant boy be sold to the highest bidder at public sale

3^d I will that part of all that my Just debt be paid with all my funeral expenses

4th I will that all my children shall share equal except the difference hereafter stated say my son Solomon is to receive one hundred dollars less than my other children in as much as he left me two years or upwards before he was of age

also I wish my beloved daughter Katharine to receive fifty dollars more than my other children for her services rendered and that my beloved daughter Elizabeth now married to William Long receive twenty five dollars more than my other children for her services

5th I have advanced my beloved son Henry in a note wherein I was security due Adam Houser which note with some notes in my hands will tell the amount received

Also advanced Hurray mus ~~and~~ Peter with receipt to show

my beloved son Solomon received twenty dollars

Also my beloved son Isaac received in a debt I paid for him to Abram Coward Eight dollars thirty five cents in a receipt of thirty one dollars in a note of five dollars also paid at one time seventeen dollars at another time fifty dollars the the two latter sum I have no receipt for the above named notes advanced to the ~~legators~~ as Legacy advanced are to be charged with ^{with} interest charged on any of the notes

I recognize the following as my heirs viz Henry Sprace John Sprace Daniel Sprace Hurraymus Sprace Peter Sprace Isaac Sprace Jonathan Sprace Solomon Sprace Katharine Sprace and Elizabeth Sprace now married to William Long Lastly I nominate my beloved son Daniel with my beloved friend Michael Doolb my Executors to this my last will and testament revoking all others in testimony whereof I have her unto set my hand and appointed my ~~dear~~ ^{dear} friends to be the present of January 15th 1841

John Sprace
Thomas Mapenup
Isaac Shore } Amato

23) Stokes County March Term A.D. 1841

The Execution of the last will and Testament of John Shean and
of which it is certified the foregoing to be a true copy was duly proven
in open court by the oaths of Thomas Hancock and Jacob Shores witnesses
whom I think according to law and ordered to be recorded and
done accordingly by
R.D. Golding Clerk

I Thomas Cross of Stokes County and State of North
Carolina being in health of body and of sound and
disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the
uncertainty of life and knowing it is appointed unto all
men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and
testament in manner & form following First I will
that my body be decently buried at the discretion of my
Executors herein after named and my funeral expenses by
them be paid I will that my just debts which I may
owe at the time of my decease shall be well and truly
paid and discharged by my executors within convenient
time after my decease

Item I will and bequeath unto my wife Mary Cross all
my estate real & personal of ~~any~~ kind and nature
during and for the term of her natural

life. After the decease of my wife I will that all my
estate real & personal be sold in the common way by
my Executors and the proceeds be equally divided between
my children namely

Sally Jordan Patsy Duggins Ashley Cross Polly Warren
Mason Fry Tully Duggins Constant Wheeler Betsy
and Thomas Cross & Milley Fry

Milley Fry my daughter being dead I give and bequeath
unto her three children Lewis Fry Betsy Fry & Patsy
Fry all their mothers distributable share to them and their
heirs forever to be equally divided between them

the distribution that is above named to my children and is to
them and their heirs forever

Solemnly request my children and their companions to
purchase among them slaves so as to keep them in the family
a certain negro woman named Betsy & her children
as to a negro man named Nathan he is not my
property he belongs to my son Thomas Cross

And lastly I appoint my son Ashley Cross and my son in
law Solomon Warren Executors of this my last will and
testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and

affixed my seal this fourteenth day of May in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty

signed sealed pronounced and declared
by the said Thomas Cross to be
his last will & Testament
in presence of us
Geo Linville Suror
Demina Linville

Stokes County March Term A.D. 1841 The Execution of the last
will and testament of Thomas Cross of which I certify the foregoing
to be a true copy was duly proven in open court by George Hancock
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto according to law & ordered to be
recorded
Richard D. Golding Clerk

I John C. Gibbins of Stokes County North Carolina Planter
being weak in body but of sound disposing mind & memory
& understanding Considering the certainty of death and the
uncertainty of ^{the} time thereof and being disposed to settle my
worldly affairs and thereby to be further prepared to leave this
world when it may please God to call me hence do there
fore make and publish this my last will and testament
in the manner and form following

Item 1st my will and desire is that all my just debts
should be paid out of my personal estate

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary
Gibbins my plantations during her life with all the the
buildings her profits & her rents be longing containing
one hundred & twelve acres of land & also my mare named
Blaze & two cows & six sheep & half my hogs two beds & furniture
one horse and all the household & kitchen furniture

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter
Catharine one dollar in money Item 4th I give and
bequeath unto my daughter Christina one dollar each Item 5th
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan one
dollar in money Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Elizabeth one dollar in money

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter
Maryann Gibbins one bed & furniture one cow two sheep
one wheel and witham Gibbins to give her five dollars