

57 These include in each division as near as may be an equal portion of the good and bad land, meadow &c. and when any said division is made they are to charge the same to the free holden, to value each portion and they are to receive it at such valuation. My son Jonathan is to have that portion in which he has been improved and said improvement is not to be considered in the said valuation and my son Jonathan is to have that portion including the house wherein I now live. The whole plantation is to be sold to them at one thousand and fifty dollars and he who shall have that part which may be considered the most valuable, by the persons they may choose shall pay over to the other sufficient to make them equal. 8.th That my portion of the oil mill be valued at two hundred dollars and that if Jonathan & Timothy both or either wish to have it at that price at the death or marriage of my wife Catherine then they are to have it and refund back to each of my other children their equitable portion but if neither take it then it is to be sold to the highest bidder as my other property. 9.th I do hereby amend that part of the second paragraph relating to the oil mill and that part of the eighth paragraph in this will relating to the time of the disposal of said oil mill and make the same as follows that my beloved wife Catherine have the interest of the sum for which the said oil mill may be sold as long as she remains my widow and that if my sons Jonathan & Timothy or ~~either~~ either of them will not take it at two hundred dollars it shall be sold to the highest bidder the same and at the same time my other property may be sold. 10.th I further direct and wish that all my personal estate not disposed of as before mentioned at my death be sold by my executor on a credit of twelve months and that the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my beloved wife Catherine, my sons Solomon Christian Joseph Repe Lincolne Ephraim & Jonathan Conrad and my Daughter Hannah Rebecca Poff. 11.th I further direct and empower my executor to make my two sons Jonathan & Timothy a good and lawful deed for their portions of the land where division as before directed. 12.th I now nominate and appoint my sons Solomon and Repe Conrad to be my executors. To this my last will and testament, and hereby revoke

all former wills and testaments by me made done at my disaction and in obedience to my will and sign by my hand and seal with my seal the day and year first above written in the presence of who ever present and present to each other as witnesses to the same
Geo. H. Wilson
M^{rs} Conrad
his
John + Conrad
mark

December Term 1841.

The execution of the last will and testament of John Conrad dec^d of which the foregoing is a true copy was approved in open court by the Judge of George H. Wilson & William Conrad subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Done accordingly.

M. H. Hill. c. c.

In the name of God Amen
I John Ellett of the village of Bathania in the County of Stokes and commonwealth of North Carolina Native, being weak in body, but of sound mind & memory and understanding and considering the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end I may be better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping for free pardon and redemption of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting happiness in the heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ my saviour. my body I commit to the earth to be entombed in a decent & Christian like manner, and as to such worldly estate I give and dispose of the same as followeth. Secondly All debts which ^{may be} found legally against me I desire to have paid. Further I give and devise to my relations Simon Peter Stotts John Jacob Stotts Marie Trause or their heirs or the survivor or survivors of them as followeth. to Simon Stotts Stotts or his heirs one dollar to John Jacob Stotts or his heirs one dollar to Marie Trause or her heirs one dollar I term All the remainder of my estate real & personal of what kind kind, name or nature some the same may be in the County of Stokes or whomever that same may be situated, I give and devise to my Dear wife Christina Custard to her own use with full liberty to sell of the same what and whenever she please without being obliged to account for the same to any person hereafter full liberty being moreover given her to sell over all the remaining estate real and personal at the time of

her decease to whomsoever she please. And lastly I nominate
constitute & appoint my friend Phileas Transon of Bathurst
to be the executor of this my last will declaring this to be
my last will and testament. In witness whereof I John Statts
the Testator have to this my will set my hand & seal,
Signed sealed published and declared the by the above
named John Statts as & for his last will & testament in the
presence of us who at his request and in his presence have
subscribed our names as witnesses therunto

Elias Shaub

Abraham Conrad

John Statts

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December Term 1841

The execution of the last will & Testament of John Statts in
and which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court
by the oaths of Elias Shaub & Abraham Conrad the subscribing witnesses
therein and ordered to be recorded. Done accordingly.

M^r. Hill. c.c.

In the name of God Amen

I Nathaniel Preston of Stokes County & State of North Carolina,
Being of sound mind and memory do this 1st day of August in the
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, make
and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and
form following, viz. First I will that my just debts and
funeral charges be paid by my executor out of my cash in hand,
2^dly I will that my wife Elizabeth Preston possess and enjoy
my plantation whereon I now live including all the hundred
acres of land deeded to me by my father with the profits thereof
together with my house hold & kitchen furniture also
my stock and crop and farming tools of every description &
my tract of land on Bull Run containing 5000 acres beside by
my executor, and my wife Elizabeth Preston to have the money
arising from the same and also my two work horses and let
it be specially remembered that my wife Elizabeth hold and
enjoy all the above named property enduring her natural life
or enduring her widowhood & 3^dly I will that the money due on
bonds one on C. Blumhau for \$100. one on A. Wheeler \$100.
one on C. Quillen \$100. do on C. Quillen \$50. one judgment
against Peter Hulp for \$100. be and the same is to be equally divided
between my nine children namely Melvin A. Preston Dan
George M. Preston & John M. Preston & Nancy S. Preston & Mary
Preston & Minnie C. Preston & Charles S. Preston and

Nathaniel Preston & Charles R. Preston by my executor and I
also desire that my executor pay the taxes annually on the 31st acres of
land given me by my father will make otherwise provide.
4thly I do hereby nominate appoint and ordain my abiding friend
Nathan Preston executor of this my last will and testament to carry
the same into effect and I do hereby revoke and make void all
former wills by me at any time heretofore made ratifying
establishing and confirming this and no other to be my last will
and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the day and date above written signed sealed
published and declared by the said Nathaniel Preston the
testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us
who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Nathan

George Cook

Arion Linville

Nathaniel + Preston
mark

December Term 1841.

The execution of the last will and Testament of Nathaniel Preston
of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open
Court by the oaths of George Cook and Arion Linville subscribing
witnesses therein and ordered to be recorded. Done accordingly.
M^r. Hill. c.c.

In the name of God Amen

I Rosa Barbara Shott of Salom Stokes County State of North
Carolina, Spinster being weak in body but of sound memory
do this 31st day of September in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred & forty one, make & publish this my
last will & testament in manner following viz. First I
desire that all my just debts & funeral expenses be duly paid
secondly I give and bequeath unto my brother Solomon Shott
the sum of ten dollars which he has in hand from me for
some time past Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my brother
Henry Shott the sum of ten dollars, Fourthly I give & bequeath
unto my friend Sybilla Reich of Salom Stokes County the sum
of ten dollars Fifthly I give & bequeath unto my nurse Ama
Lohane Spanner of Salom Stokes County the sum of five
dollars & my new parcel. Sixthly I give & bequeath unto my father
George Shott my best wither spotted hand here kil & the pasture
of my mare should then be any. Seventhly I give & bequeath unto
my mother Mary Shott my pillow & pillowcase & my white
blankets. Eighthly I give & bequeath unto my sister