

In the name of God Amen

I Verona Reuch of Salem Stokes County State of North Carolina being at present weak in body, but of sound & perfect mind & memory do make & declare this my last will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say 1st that my Executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial according to the rites of the Church of the United Brethren & pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts hereafter & to whomsoever owing out of the money that may come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate

- 2d I give & bequeath to my 3 nephews Phillip Emanuel & Edward Reuch (children of Christoph Reuch dec'd) to each the sum of fifty Dollars; to my Niece Catharina wife of David Blwell fifty Dollars to be divided between her son Eugene & her daughter Amette to Louise Reuch fifty Dollars to Benette Reuch fifty Dollars & to Sybilla wife of Phillip also fifty Dollars
- 3d to my Brother Lewis & his wife fifty Dollars
- 4d to my Brother John forty Dollars
- 5d to my Brother Benjamin ten Dollars and also the land situated in Orange County North Carolina
- 6d to my sister Catharina ten Dollars
- 7d to my friend Moriah Elizabeth wife of Christ... ten Dollars
- 8d to my Niece Amy wife of Joshua Reight ten Dollars
- 9d to my friend Polly Magaman ten Dollars
- 10d to my friend Shopsy wife of Emanuel Reuch ten Dollars

12d to my friend Barbara Shuttle five Dollars
 14d to my little friend Emma daughter of Phillip & Sybilla Reuch one bed bedstead & furniture his bed & at present in the care of Moriah Topley widow

15 all the rest & remainder of my estate namely house & Kitchen furniture cloths Carpets bed & of whatsoever named & Description I give & bequeath to my Niece Louisa daughter & Sybilla wife of Phillip Reuch to be divided amongst them equally & in case that my Niece Catharina wife of David Blwell should have returned at or before my Decease to have one share also but in case she has not returned at the above mentioned time then my Niece Maria named may give to her whatever then may think proper

16d I do hereby appoint my friend Edith Reuch of Salem Executor of this my last will & Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal on the third day of August 1833.

Signed sealed & Delivered

in presence of
 John P. Reuch

Sybilie C. Reuch

Verona ⁱⁿ Reuch ^{and}
 Mark

Stokes County December Term Ad 1833

The executor of the last Will and Testament of Verona Reuch dec'd of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly sworn in open Court by the oath of John P. Reuch one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done

Reuben D. Golding Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I John Mark of Stokes County in the State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory do this second day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty five ordain publish and declare the following to be my last will & Testament to wit

1st I Will that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my estate
 2d Whatever property I may have herebefore given to any of my children where the same has been reduced to possession I do now confirm & make valid believing that

I have done them all equal Justice
 3^d In case I should die before my beloved wife Rachel
 it is my will & desire that she remain upon my plantation
 & enjoy the profits of the same during her natural life and
 that she also be permitted to relax and use at her discretion
 any part or portion of my personal property that she may
 think necessary for her support & accommodation But if at
 my death there should remain more property than may be
 required for the purposes above named then it shall be the
 duty of my Executor to see the said surplus according to her
 request & directions.

It is further my will that the money arising from the
 sale of property above directed if there should be any
 to sell together with all debts which may be owing me and
 also all the cash on hand at my death (except the sum of
 fifty dollars which I give to my beloved wife for her own
 shroud use & benefit) be loaned out on interest which
 said interest shall be paid annually to my wife if she
 desires it otherwise it shall be accumulated for by ^{my} executor
 in their general settlement of my estate

4th At the death of my wife it is my will & desire that
 my land together with all the property remaining be sold
 by my Executor at publick sale on a reasonable credit and
 that the money arising therefrom together with all sums which
 may in any manner be due to my estate be divided among
 all my children into twelve equal shares that is to say,
 to my daughter Betsey George one share
 to the heirs of my daughter Mary George ^{one} share
 to my son William Ward one share
 to my daughter Rebecca Jackson one share
 to my son Jacob Ward one share
 to the heirs of my son John Ward dead one share
 to my daughter Anna H Duncan one share
 to my son Ebenezer W Ward one share
 to my daughter Sally Williams one share
 to my son Melchell Ward one share
 to my daughter Rachel Patterson one share and
 to my daughter Judah L. Richardson one share
 Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my son William Ward
 & my son-in-law Charles Duncan Executors of this my last will
 & Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand & seal the day and date above written

Signed sealed published &
 declared by the said John Ward
 testator to be his last will &
 Testament in the presence of
 us who were present at the
 time of signing sealing the same
 Witnesses

John T Blackburn

John Ward Esq

Stokes County December Term 1839

The Execution of the last will & Testament of John Ward
 deceased which the foregoing is a true copy was duly
 proven in open court by the oath of John Will and
 John T Blackburn and ordered to be recorded
 which is accordingly done

J. D. T. Gidding Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I Timothy Roark of the County of Stokes
 and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind
 and memory blessed be God do this the seventeenth day of November
 in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight make
 and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following
 that is to say I first Give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife Mary
 Roark the house built for Sime Roark with Land thirty Eight acres
 & Improvements there unto belonging during lifetime or widowhood
 then to Mr. With the balance of the old tract also I give to my son John
 Roark the balance of the old tract except a small parcel sold to John
 Jackson which he has in cultivation also my above named wife
 & son to have each a horse head & two cows each house hold &
 kitchen furniture and farming utensils Equal divided with
 these the above named Mary & John Roark also I will that Mr.
 my son have my black Smith tools the balance of my lands
 and property to be sold and equally divided with my four
 children and I the said Timothy Roark do hereby appoint
 my worthy friends Mary & John Roark as my executors to this my last
 will and Testament in witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day
 and year above written

Timothy Roark
 William P. Jones Secy

Ruel Roark

Stokes County March Term 1839
 The Execution of the last will & Testament