

In the name of God amen.

I John W. Ashby of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being far advanced in life but of sound mind and memory thank be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit;

1st I give and bequeath all my property to my wife Mourning Ashby during her natural life or widowhood then after her death or remarriage to be equally divided amongst my children by dividing the land as near equally as can be, and selling also my other property of every description and dividing it equally among my living children and their heirs forever, namely Elizabeth Penner, Elijah Ashby, Jane Ashby, Nancy Ashby, Peter Woods, John H. Ashby and Pauline Ashby, the property to be sold on a credit of nine months. I further express that my daughter Indeh Penner dec^d has already had her part.

I further will & direct my beloved wife Mourning Ashby at any time to sell such of the stock or other property as she can best spare and apply the proceeds as she may think to be her best advantage - and lastly I hereby make and ordain my trusty friends Wm. A. Mitchell & Wm. Ashby my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I the said John W. Ashby hath to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal this 10th day of December 1845 -

Signed, sealed and published
and declared to be my last will
and Testament in presence of us.

William Young
Simon Woodall
mark

John W. Ashby *(seal)*

September Term 1857.

The execution of the last will & Testament of John W. Ashby dec^d (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in Term Court by the oath of William Young and Simon Woodall subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

M. H. Hill, c. c.

In the name of God amen.

I John Smith dec^d of the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of life, do make, ordain, publish and declare the following to be my last will and Testament, that is to say;

First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows;

To my son Henry Smith, Twenty seven acres of land adjoining the lands of Anderson Smith, John Warren & others including the dwelling house in which he now lives to have hold and enjoy the same during his natural life and at his death that the same be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided among my heirs.

To my son Anderson Smith thirty acres of land adjoining the tract he now lives on, to be taken from the West end of the tract bequeathed to my son Henry Smith for life.

To my son John Smith forty three acres of land adjoining the lands he now lives on and lying on the East side of the line running with S. B. Vaughn's line for complement, so as not to interfere with the lands & buildings hereinafter bequeathed to my daughter Mary Smith.

To my son Samuel Smith fifty acres of land adjoining the lands of Anderson Smith, the widow Warren and George W. Wilson, commencing at his North East corner, formerly the widow Smith's corner on the Germanton Road and running East to a point one hundred yards across the spring branch, thence North to a point, from which, running East to the lands given to Anderson Smith, will make the quantity of acres above named, by running South on his line to the Widow Warren's line, thence West on her line to George W. Wilson's line & thence North to the beginning corner on the Germanton Road; also one feather bed & furniture.

To my daughter Mary Smith all the residue of my lands including my dwelling house & all other buildings on the premises, supposed to be fifty acres more or less; also, one hundred dollars in money, two good feather beds and furniture of her own choice, one bedstead, one cupboard and furniture, & all my half of my present growing crop.

To my son Larkin Smith, one hundred dollars.

To my son Harrison Smith one hundred dollars.

To my son Solomon Smith one hundred dollars.