

23) Stokes County Court June Term AD 1831
The Execution of the last will & Testament of Thomas Butner is of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open court by the oath of Harman Butner Jr and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done

Ruben D. Golding Clerk

In the name of God Amen
I, Lewis Waggoner of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, being in Common Mind and Memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows
Item 1st My will is that all my just debts be paid out of my personal property
Item 2nd My will is that I Give and bequeath to my son in law Cadbury Edmon one hundred fifty dollars & no more
Item 3rd My will is that the remainder of my estate both real and personal be equally divided amongst my Children (to wit) Spencer Joseph Vally intermarried with Benjamin Coker & Delpha; and I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Salathiel Stone Executor of this my last will and testament
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of October A.D. 1835
Lewis Waggoner
J. C. Stone
Salathiel Stone

Stokes County Court June Term AD 1838
The Execution of the last will and Testament of Lewis Waggoner is of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open court by the oath of Salathiel Stone & John C. Stone and ordered to be recorded
done accordingly

Ruben D. Golding Clerk

State of North Carolina
Stokes County In the name of God Amen
I, John Wilkins of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina aforesaid being weak in body but of disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament
First I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate
Secondly I Give and bequeath to my son John Wilkins the following negroe girl Abigail and all her increase
Thirdly I Give and bequeath to my son in Law Benjamin Hutcherson and his wife Selena the following negroe woman & child (to wit) Cook and her youngest child Eliza and all their increase
Fourthly I Give and bequeath to my son in Law Richard Vernon and his wife Nancy the following negroe boy Mingo
Fifthly I Give and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Wilkins the following negroe boy David
Sixthly I Give and bequeath to my son Thomas Wilkins one Hundred Dollars in money to be made out of the sale of my land
Seventhly I Give and bequeath to my son in Law Jeremiah Hutcherson and his wife Elizabeth one Hundred Dollars in the same way as my son Thomas Wilkins is to have his
Eighthly I will that the remainder of any be equally divided between the following Children (to wit) my sons Jeremiah & John Wilkins & and my sons in Law and their wives (to wit) Richard Vernon and his wife Nancy and Jeremiah Hutcherson and his wife Elizabeth
Ninthly I further will that the whole of my Estate both real and personal be held by my wife Sarah Wilkins during her natural life & the same be subject to her support to all intents & purposes
Tenthly I further will and desire & say that neither my son William Wilkins & George Wilkins shall not receive or have any part of my Estate whatsoever
And further will that after the death of my wife Sarah all my property not heretofore disposed of be sold as a Credit of Twelve months & the money arising therefrom appropriated by my Executor as above stated
Eleventhly I do hereby constitute nominate and appoint my friend Absalom Seales Executor of this my last will and Testament
Twelfthly I hereby revoke all former wills and Testaments

25 heretofore made by me and say the foregoing is my will
And desire in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of August
1832 —

Signed sealed and delivered John ^{his} Wilkins ^(seal)
in the presence of us
Samuel Joyce
Daniel Hudson
Perrin Joyce

Stokes County Court June Term 1838 The Execution of the
last will & Testament of John Wilkins of which the foregoing
is a true copy was duly proved in open court by the oath of Samuel
Joyce one of the subscribing witnesses, & he also proved the handwriting
of the other subscribing witness Daniel Hudson and was duly proved according
to Law & ordered to be recorded
which is accordingly done Reuben J. Holdingbale

Translation of the last Will & Testament of
Christian Thomas Focke.

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Carolina being by my tolerable advanced age reminded that the
days of my pilgrimage might perhaps soon draw to a close do
hereby in writing ordain what is to be done with my mortal
body & my very slender property & effects after my decease —
For the first & foremost I commend my poor soul into the
faithful hands of my gracious God & Savior for reception into
his heavenly Kingdom & my body unto the earth till the day of
resurrection but I do hereby expressly will that before the same be
committed to the grave it be opened by the Physicians in such a
manner as perfectly to convince them that not the least spark of
life is remaining in it

Next I will

1. That my dear wife Elizabeth (whose maiden name was
Focke) be the sole heir of my worldly property of whatever
kind & that she consequently pay all my lawful debts —
It is my will

2. That my dear wife Elizabeth do not take up any of the small sum
which is placed on trust at 5 per cent with the Sustentation
Society of Salem (except in case of necessity) but use only
the yearly interest, & that this small principal after both of us
shall have died be divided amongst our then living children
in equal shares by virtue of an agreement between myself
& my dear wife Elizabeth in the year 1834 in which we

resolved to give to each of our 7 children 4 sons & 3 daughters the
sum of \$25 from this principal upon their marriage or removal
from us to some other parts of the Country our 4 sons (viz) Samuel
Thomas & Theodore Christians when they were married and Gotthold
Benjamin & Charles Thomas when they left us did each receive
his \$25 but our 3 daughters who are still remaining with us (viz)
Dorothy Elizabeth, Charlotte Frederick, Caroline Sophia Mat
having as yet received any of it. I do hereby ordain that the sum
of \$25 be paid unto every one of our above mentioned daughters
immediately after my decease — in order that my beloved wife
may have the remaining principal at her sole disposal —

3. It is my desire that out of my books my dear wife select
such as she desires to possess, and that then the children divide the
remainder amongst themselves in such a manner as may be useful
to them, or perhaps in future to their children such books as they
do not wish to retain may be sold & the money derived from
them be added to the principal for the use of the mother —

4. Lastly it is my will that after my decease my dear wife
Elizabeth and my two sons Samuel Thomas and Theodore
Christians be the Executors of this my last Will & Testament
In testimony whereof I have signed & sealed this
my last Will & Testament with my own hand
in the presence of the undersigned witnesses at
Salem Dec 23rd AD 1836 —

Sister Theodore Shultz

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Stokes County Court June Term AD 1838 The execution
of the last will and Testament of Christian Thomas Focke was duly
proved in open court by the oath of Theodore Shultz the subscribing
witness. The same being written in the German Language & sworn
Theodore Shultz and Emanuel Shobert & John C. Baum was qualified
to translate the same which they duly performed in writing
of which the foregoing is a true copy taken from the translated
copy which is filed with the original German will & is
ordered by the Court that the translation copy be recorded
according to Law which is accordingly done

Reuben J. Holdingbale