

Know all men by these presents that I Jacob Schaub of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina on this the nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, make & ordain this my last will & testament and hereby revoking all former wills & testaments made or executed by me

- Firstly, It is my will that my body receive a decent Christian burial and that all the expenses be defrayed out of my Estate
- Second, That all my just debts be paid
- Thirdly, That all my lands be sold as soon after my death as may be by the Executor be considered advisable & that the Executor sell them at private or public sale as he may consider proper, and in such quantities as he may believe most advantageous.
- Fourthly, That my negro woman named Mary be sold at public sale & if she the said negro woman shall choose to have her children sold with her then all shall be sold together & if not sold separate.
- Fifthly, That my beloved wife Maria Salome have one desk & book case two tables her choice, one chest, one family bed & one single bed and furniture, one set of knives & saws, one set of knives & forks, one set of earthen plates, one sugar bowl, one cream cup, one set of tea spoons, one copper can & four chairs. And I further will that she shall be supported out of my Estate as long as she may live & that during the settlement of my Estate & her situation require it that the Executor pay over to her at different times sufficient for her comfort & that at the final settlement of my Estate my children bind themselves for her support before they receive their equitable portion of my Estate. Also to pay all necessary expenses for her comfort.
- Sixthly, That my daughter Betty have one bed & furniture, one cotton wheel, one flax wheel, one pair of cards & one cow & calf over her equitable portion.
- Seventhly, That my son Jacob have fifty dollars over & above his equitable of my Estate, to be paid to him or his guardian at the final settlement of my affairs.
- Eighthly, That all the balance of my property be sold at public sale on such credit as may be deemed most advisable by the Executor & then that an equal division be made between my five children viz: my son Samuel, my daughter Rebecca wife of Olisha Spawshover my daughter Elizabeth (Staley) & my daughter Polly (Mary) wife of John H. Waldrauer & my son Jacob. I hereby will & appoint J. F. Wilson my Executor in the settlement & management of my affairs.
- Witness my hand & sealed on the day & in the year first above written
- John Jacob Schaub

* Interlined between seventeenth & eighteenth line from top with the word "and say"...

In relation to the clause in the above will & testament touching the sale of my negro woman & children it is my will that the negro boy named Charles should be sold separate & by himself & that the said negro woman have no choice in relation to said boy, but retain the knowledge as it relates to the girl as stated in said clause.

Signed, sealed & executed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven, May the ninth.

In the presence of

Sam^l Struke

John Jacob Schaub

June Term 1837.

The Executions of the last will & testament of John Jacob Schaub of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open court by the oath of Samuel Struke a subscribing witness, & Peter Pfaff the other subscribing witness & subscribe the same in the presence of the Testator whereupon it is ordered that said will be recorded

M. Hill, cler.

In the name of God Amen

I John William Jacob Cook of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory & calling to mind the mortality of man so make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following; that is to say,

- Firstly, I give & bequeath unto my friend Lewis Livingood my tract of land situated in Sanderson County containing 50 1/2 acres more or less.
- Secondly, I likewise give & bequeath unto Lewis Livingood all the rest of my property of whatever kind. The foregoing bequests unto the aforesaid Lewis Livingood are made under the express stipulation that he the aforesaid Lewis Livingood after my death pay all my just & lawful debts. I do hereby constitute John Hine (son of Frederic Hine) Executor of this my last will & testament whom I hereby empower to convey my land & make right & title to the same.
- In witness whereof I the said John William Jacob Cook have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal this the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven.
- Signed, sealed, published & confirmed by the said John William Jacob Cook as his last will & testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing thereof
- Jacob Livingood
Philip Linder
- John William Jacob Cook

June term 1837.

The Execution of the last will & testament of John William Jacob Cook of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Jacob Livingston & Philip Under the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

W. Hill. c. r.

I Joseph Collier of Stokes County in the State of North Carolina being very weak in body but of sound mind & memory do make and ordain this my last will & testament & request it be reduced to writing in manner & form following to wit.

Item first.

My will is that all my property of every description that my wife and children stand in need of & may be of use to them for their accommodation to remain in possession of my wife Sarah Martha

Item 2d.

And my will is that all the balance of my property be sold & the proceeds thereof applied for the schooling of my children if it should be needed for that purpose

Item 3d.

My will is that my two plantations lying from my home tract known by the names Adam Fulks place & Daniel Fulks place be rented & as much of the proceeds of said rents as is necessary be applied to repairing of Adam Fulks old house.

Acknowledged before

Erury Boyles &
Alexander Boyles

June term 1837

The Execution of the last will & testament of Joseph Collier of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Erury Boyles and Alexander Boyles subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

W. Hill. c. r.

Revised at September 1837

In the name of God amen. I Simon Croom of the State of North Carolina & County of Stokes being long in health but of sound & perfect mind & memory (Blessed be God) do this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four make & publish this my last will & testament in the following manner to wit.

First. I will & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife one mare all the stock of a cattle & hogs, all my household & kitchen furniture, also all my farming utensils & all other things belonging to me (except my lands) to belong to her as long as she remains my widow, at her death or marriage the property to belong to my children to be equally divided between my son John my daughter Elizabeth & daughter Patsy

Second. I will & bequeath to my wife my plantation whereon I now reside so long as she remains my widow, after her death or marriage I will & bequeath to my son John the plantation whereon I now reside

Thirdly, I will & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth & Patsy my land of Land lying joining John Croom Sr. do this

And I hereby make & ordain this my last will & testament

In witness whereof I the said Simon Croom have set my hand and seal the day & date above written.

Signed in the presence of
W. BlackburnSimon Croom (Seal)
mark

In addition to the above will. I will & bequeath to my Rifle gun to my son John. Witness my hand & seal day date above

Signed in the presence of
W. BlackburnSimon Croom (Seal)
mark

June term 1837

The Execution of the last will & testament of Simon Croom of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of John Blackburn a subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded

W. Hill. c. r.