

I Hampton Ryman of Town Fork, do make  
 & establish this to be my last will & testament  
 First. I will & direct that all my debts be paid  
 second. I give unto my grand son, John Gray Ryman  
 one thousand dollars, in full of his portion of my  
 estate, his father having in his lifetime, received about  
 his portion of my estate

Third— I will & direct that all the rest & residue of my  
 estate, real, personal & mixed, shall be equally divided  
 three & three alike, among & between my six children  
 to wit, Martha, Benjamin, Margaret, Preston, Hampton  
 & Harriet. In the division of the land, Martha however  
 is to have her choice of lots

Fourth— In the division of my estate, the land & negroes, which  
 shall fall to my daughter Harriet, I give & devise to her  
 sole use, separate & apart from her husband Abraham  
Martin, during her life, remainder to her children,  
 living at her death; but in default of children living  
 at her death, I will & direct that said share of my  
 estate shall be equally divided between my five other  
 children, named in the third clause of my will

Fifth— Besides an equal share of my estate as before set forth  
 I give unto my daughter Martha, one horse, the carriage  
 & harness, and such of the household & kitchen furniture  
 as she may require.

Sixth— Should any of my children be indebted to me, or should  
 I or my executors pay any debts or other sums for them  
 the same shall be deducted from their portion of my  
 estate

Seventh— I appoint Lydia Glen, D. H. Ryman & W. H. Ryman  
 executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking  
 all other wills by me heretofore made

Witness my hand & publish this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1859  
 in the presence of us

S. G. Montgomery  
 & James M. Shank

Hampton Ryman

March Term 1861

The execution of the last will & testament of Hampton Ryman  
 (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by  
 the oath of S. G. Montgomery and James M. Shank the subscribing witnesses  
 & it was ordered to be recorded

State of North Carolina }  
 Stokes County }

I John Woods of the County of Stokes and State of North  
Carolina being of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for  
 the same, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly  
 existence, do make, publish and declare this to be  
 my last will and testament in manner and form  
 following (viz)

First— It is my desire after my decease that my executor  
 herein after named provide for my body a decent  
 interment for my burial, suitable to the wishes of my relation  
 family— It is my desire that my dear beloved wife Stacey shall  
 have and enjoy all my property, money or effects during  
 her natural life, both real and personal. I have  
 some time past sold my lands on which I formerly  
 lived to James & Wm. Hunt, for which they hold my  
 title bond for a right and if they should finally not  
 be able to comply with the terms of the sale, and the  
 land should fall back again to my estate, it is my  
 will that my beloved wife Stacey shall enjoy the said  
 lands during her natural life, and after the death of  
 my beloved wife Stacey it is my will that all my  
 property be sold to the highest bidder & all debts that  
 may be due to me collected, and the money arising  
 from said sale and debt be equally divided, among  
 my children namely Asa— Matthew, James, Andrew  
Sally who intermarried with Asa Taylor, Henry— Sally  
 who intermarried with William Padman, Justus, Richard  
Jackson— Elizabeth who intermarried with William  
Young— John— Edmund— Martha S. who intermarried  
 with Ezekiel Selly, and William to them and their heirs  
 of their body forever

Lastly— I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint  
John Woods and my son in Law William  
 executors to this my last will and testament, hereby  
 revoking all other wills by me made by me  
 in witness whereof I the said John Woods have

inwrote at my hand and did this the 26th day of  
December A. D. 1858

signed sealed published and declared  
to be my last will and testament in  
the presence of each other and at  
the request of the said John Blood  
Nathl Moody  
J. B. Taylor

John Blood (Seal)

March Term 1861

The last will and Testament of John Blood deceased  
(of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open  
court by the oath of Nathl Moody and J. B. Taylor the subscribing  
witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

I Isabella Rutledge of the County of Stokes and State  
of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and  
knowing the certainty of death, do make, establish and  
ordain this my last will and testament viz,  
Item first - I will and bequeath to my two grand sons  
Martin Rutledge and Irvin A. Rutledge the tract of land  
upon which my son John Rutledge now lives, and adjoining  
the lands of Benjamin Cole and John Popper and others containing  
one hundred acres more or less, but the land must be sold  
by commissioners appointed by the County Court, and the help of  
the valuation thereof my said grand sons Martin & Irvin A.  
Rutledge must pay to the heirs of my son Burgis Rutledge deceased  
and my grand sons aforesaid in consideration of the above bequest  
some eight and other din supporting my son John Rutledge &  
his wife Isabella Rutledge during their natural life -  
Item second - I will and bequeath to the lawful heirs of my two sons  
John Rutledge and Benjamin Rutledge the tract of land lying bet  
of and adjoining the lands of Benjamin Cole deceased, Charles Smith  
and others containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less to be  
equally divided between them their heirs and assigns and it is my

wish and desire that my sons James and Benjamin should build  
upon, and improve the said lands for the use and benefit of their  
children, and upon their coming to lawful age must be equally divided  
between them or their assigns  
Item third - I will and bequeath to my two sons William Rutledge,  
and Irvin Rutledge the tract of land upon which I now live -  
containing fifty acres more or less, and also a tract of fifty acres  
purchase of Joseph Sigmore both of said tracts lying on the waters  
of Newton Creek, and adjoining the lands of Michael Kiser and others  
and likewise all of my personal property; both the land and personal  
property to be equally divided between them share and share alike -  
Item fourth - I consider that I have paid to, or for my son Abraham  
B. Rutledge from time to time more perhaps than either of my other heirs  
will get, and therefore will him nothing  
Item fifth and last - Having full confidence in my two sons  
William and Irvin Rutledge, I hereby constitute and appoint them  
Executors to this my last will and testament

Given under my hand and did this the first day of November  
A. D. 1859

signed and sealed in presence of  
Jas H. Hill  
Neddy R. Carrell

Isabella Rutledge (Seal)  
mark

March Term 1861

The execution of the last will and Testament of  
Isabella Rutledge (of which the foregoing is a true copy)  
was duly proved in open court by the oath of Jas H. Hill  
and Neddy R. Carrell the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered  
to be recorded