

24. In the name of God Amen:

I Joseph Epof of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being weakly in body but of perfect mind & memory thank be unto God, calling into mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men one to die as much and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and of touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form

First I give & bequeath to Betsey my dearly beloved wife two head of horses eight head of cattle and twelve of sheep all the farming utensils and all the household furniture except three beds and their furniture & the whole stock of hogs and all the grain and provisions now on the place & to have her choice of the whole stock for her share -

Also I give to my son Thomas Epof one dollar

Also I give to my son Jonathan Epof one horse of two years old & one cow

Also I give to my daughter Mary Epof eighty dollars including her share which she is to take at its valuation Also I give to my daughter Hannah Epof eighty dollars including her share which she is to take at its valuation

Also I give to my daughter Priscilla Jackson one dollar which Jonathan is to have the privilege of sitting on the east side of the land and also of tending a part of the plantation where my beloved wife think most most convenient which is to remain her share in widowhood then to be equally divided

between my two sons Jonathan & Leash Epof one half of all the perishable property at the end of her widowhood to belong to Leash Epof & the other half for her own use during life The balance of my horse cattle sheep and waggon to be sold by my executors and also any part of the property left to her if she thinks proper and my last debt paid by my Executors and if George Baber buy a certain parcel of land of Peter Haunting that enough of money be had out of the estate to pay for one hundred twenty acres upon either of them to make the right to Jonathan & Leash Epof if either of them die without an heir the other is to have the land Relieving and confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament in writing wherof I have signed with my hand and seal this fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifteen I likewise constitute make and ordain Thomas Epof and Jacob Norton my sole executors of this my last will & Testament signed sealed published & declared by the said Joseph Epof as his last will & Testament in the presence of us who are his present friends in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

Jonathan Epof
Shadrach ^{his mark} Epof
James ^{his mark} Leash
mark

Joseph Epof

Stokes County September Term 1820

The execution of the last Will & Testament of Joseph Epof of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court & ordered to be recorded

W. R. Moore Clerk
R. L. Banner Jr.