

Joseph Patterson of Stokes County in North Carolina
being of sound mind & memory & knowing that it is
appointed unto all men once to die I do make
and ordain this my last will & testament in
maner & form following viz.

It is my will that at my just death be
paid one of my personal estate I do give unto
my son John two hundred & fifty acres of
land of the lower end of the tract wherein
I now live joining Samuel Pitts to him this
hers forever

I do give unto my son Joseph the remain-
der of my land lying between that I have
given my son John & that he purchased of his
brother Andrew to him this hers forever

I do give unto my daughter Elizabeth
the feather bed that she claims as her
with the furniture thereunto belonging also one
cow & aforesaid the puercey to shed from
the east end my house during the time she
remains in a unmarried state

I do give all the residue of my estate
to my children namely Simmons, Jordan,
Joseph, John, Dennis, Sarah, Anna &
Elizabeth Also it is my will that Jenny
Beason Children namely Joseph, William,
Elizabeth, Jane Dennis, Sarah have the
ninth part and that to be equally divided
between them & my other named children
to have the rest equally divided between
them & Lastly I do appoint my son Dennis
& Benjamin Beason executors of this my last
will & testament made this twenty

day of the month month 1809. 165
Notarized before me
Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
in the presence of us Joseph Patterson Esq
John Pitts his
John Brooks
William Patterson

Stokes County December term 1809.
The execution of the last will & testament of Joseph
Patterson an^d of which the foregoing is a true
Copy was duly proven in open Court by
John Pitts Deacon to be genuine

Rob Williams, Esq
J. H. Marshall Esq

In the name of God amen. I Stephen Fountain
of the state of North Carolina and County of Stokes being
weak in body but in a perfect state of Mind & Memory
do constitute and appoint this the other to be my last
will & Testament prior to my death First I do recommend
my soul into the hand of Almighty God who for your it
me & my body to be buried in a Christian like manner by my
surviving friends Secondly I give & bequeath to my elder daugh-
ter Martha Fountain and to my younger daughter Sally Fountain
each of them one bed instead Furniture a piece and a
one peester dish and one peester plate a purse and one Cow
& Calf spine and I also give to my wife Jane Fountain
all the Corn & Meal that I have and I also give to my
wife two horses which she shall choose and I also give to
my wife Jane Fountain the tract of land where I now
live during her life and after her deceas to be equally
divided between Fountain & Marshall son of Richard
Marshall and Stephen Fountain son of James Fountain
and the remaining part of my property I will to be sold &
equally divided between my wife Jane Fountain and my