

I Christian Britts of the county of Stokes in the State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & memory at this day the 3<sup>d</sup> of September 1844 - execute, make and ordain this to be my last will & testament hereby revoking all others hereto fore made. First I will that my body be decently buried in the usual manner of the United Brethern Church & my funeral expenses paid

2 I will that my executor hereinafter named shall collect all my notes, book account & other dues, & discharge all my debts,

3 I give and bequeath unto my son Levin R. Britts my house & out house when I now reside subject to a lease on the premises, and also my large house clock, to belong to him forever

4 I give & bequeath unto my daughter Lucetta S. Britts ten shares of Cape Fear Bank stock & the Fort Piano which she now claims to be hers forever.

5 I give & bequeath unto my grand son James G. Britts ten shares of Cape Fear Bank stock to him forever.

6 I give unto my son Charles G. Britts the sum of one thousand dollars to be collected out of my notes & other dues, and also my desk & book case to him forever.

7 I will that all my personal property consisting of household & kitchen furniture & other articles as well as my stock in the Salem Cotton Factory shall be sold at public sale with the exception of my clothing or wearing apparel, which my two sons Charles G. & Levin R. shall divide between them selves, and the proceeds of said sale as well as monies not heretofore disposed in this will shall be equally divided share & share alike between my sons Charles G. Britts Levin R. Britts & my daughter Lucetta S. Britts & my grand son James G. Britts

And I do hereby constitute appoint my son Charles G. Britts to be my executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have this day the date & year above written put my hand & seal signed sealed and acknowledged the presence of

Wm. M. Miller, Peter M. C. Clarke 3 Christian Britts Ed

March term 1845

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Christian Britts (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open court by the oath of Wm. C. Clarke & Peter M. C. Clarke subscribing witnesses, Reads & ordered to be recorded

Wm. Hill

In the name of God Amen I Noble S. Patton of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina, being at this time in a low state of health in my body over come with time, yet still retaining by the Grace of God my powers of discretion and disposition of mind do make & ordain this my last will and Testament.

In the first place, to my God as I commit my soul from whom I emanate to dispose of at his own Good pleasure, and my flesh to its mother earth to await the resurrection morn.

In the second place to my wife Margaret S. Patton as I give all and singular in my estate of every description that out of said estate she may pay all my just debts of every description that I am just then all the rest to be hers during her natural life or widowhood. I will that she my wife, out of the effects of said property, give to my only child Franklin Webb Patton a good & sufficient education for a profession, should he choose to make choice of the same, should the profits of my estate be found insufficient for said purpose of educating my child then my wife may have it in her power to sell a negro or any other portion or part of my estate to continue my child's education. I will that should my wife Margaret S. Patton again marry then she then can have no farther controul over my property, it then being by the intimation of what is here written, my son Franklin Webb Patton to all intents and purposes, I will however that if my son die before my wife dies or marries then all the property is hers and entirely at her

187 disposed. To my wife I leave the care and charge of the duties of the execution of this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & placed my seal this 1<sup>st</sup> of February in the Year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ one thousand eight hundred & forty five

Witness  
 William Withers  
 Nancy & Mr. Daily  
 Mark

Subata L. Walton

March Term 1845

The Execution of the last will & testament of Subata L. Walton (of which the foregoing is attested copy) was duly proved in open Court by Mr. Withers & Nancy O. Daily subscribing witnesses Hereto & ordered to be recorded.

Mo. Rec. 1845

In the name of God Amen, Whereas I Barbara Fotts of Salem Stokes County N.C. being weak in body, But of sound mind & memory, & of advanced age, as this day the 1<sup>st</sup> day December A.D. 1838, make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following

And first of all I will that my body be decently buried in the customary manner & form of the United Brethren Church.

Second, I will that all my personal property and all debts due me as well as the monies which may be found in my hands at my death shall be & belong to my daughter Anna Fotts forever, and also my house & lot in Salem shall be & belong to my said daughter Anna Fotts forever, as her sole property.

I make this bequest in consideration for the services rendered to me by my said daughter in my advanced age, & therefore consider her entitled to the whole of what I may possess at my decease.

It is however my will that all my children to wit, my daughter Polly Wagman & my son George Fotts shall each of them have Ten Dollars before the above legacy to my daughter Anna Fotts be in

And I do hereby appoint my executor of this my last will & testament

hereby revoking all other wills & principles heretofore made & declares this & no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written signed sealed & delivered in the presence

of George Vige  
 Emanuel Ruck

Barbara Fotts  
 her wife  
 Mark

March Term 1845

The Execution of the last will & testament of Barbara Fotts and (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of George Vige & Emanuel Ruck subscribing witnesses Hereto & ordered to be recorded. Mo. Rec. 1845

State of North Carolina Stokes County

In the name of God Amen, I Conrad Krueger, being of sound & perfect mind & memory, do this first day of March A.D. 1840 make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following, Whereas I having during my lifetime given & divided amongst my natural Brothers & Sisters one half of my parental legacy, I do not in any wise consider them or their heirs in this my last will -

- 1 I will that all my just debts be paid, my body decently buried according to the custom & usage of the United Brethren Church & the expenses accruing thereon be defrayed out of such money as will be found on hand after my decease, or as come out of my estate.
- 2 It is my will that after my death my estate shall be divided by my executors in manner as follows that is to say
- 3 unto my friend Charles Leving, now of Bartholomew County Indiana, I give & bequeath the sum of Eight hundred & seventy four dollars it being the principal of a bond bearing date the first day of June A.D. 1831 due me from said Charles Leving. But as the said Charles Leving has failed to pay the yearly interest on said bond since June 1840, it is my that if the interest on said bond due me at my decease should amount to \$300. or over that then amount over \$300. shall be collected by my executors from said Leving & be paid over to said Fotts as Warden of Salem Congregation or his successor or successors in office should the interest due on said bond at my decease amount