

In the name of God Ammen

Being weak in body, but of sound mind & memory I leave this as my last will & testament viz.

- 1) I recommend my soul unto God who gave me life & who has preserved me unto this day.
- 2) I give a bequest that after my decease my daughter Susannah shall receive the following articles viz. The House where I now live in, also 21 acres of land more or less which belong to the house, also all the house furniture & the wheat fan.
- 3) I give a bequest to my grand child Sophia my large bed & bedding also my flea wheel.
- 4) I give a bequest to my grand son William Brown my cow.
- 5) I give a bequest to my grand daughter Melinda my chest.
- 6) I give a bequest to my grand son Stephen my small or single bedded and the bedding which belongs to it.
- 7) I give a bequest to my daughter Catharine my Dutch oven.
- 8) I will that my Daughter Susanna Ward shall hold in trust for her children all the property bequeathed to her children & after her decease to be divided among her children.
- 9) I appoint Mr. Hollis Bayham as my lawful Executor.

Signed the 9th day of January 1836.

Witness  
A. P. Bayham

By me Sophia Catharine Ward  
mark

Stokes County March Term 1836.

The Execution of the last will & testament of Sophia Catharine Ward and of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the acts of A.P. Bayham a subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded.

John Hill, exec

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I James B. Frost of Stokes County & State of North Carolina being possessed of some property which if left without an expression of my will with regard to it might be attended with some trouble to my friends and believing that I shall not survive but a short time I therefore wish the following to be regarded as my will with respect to my property.

I give to my dear wife Louisa ~~six~~ six dollars which is all the cash I can command. I also give to my wife my horse called Brother, also a bed work stand, bed clothes six prints (part of which are portraits) & various other articles such as table cloths towels &c all of which I wish my dear wife to retain as her own. I wish my wife however to give to each of our children fifty dollars after the settlement of my father's estate out of her part of said estate. The last expression of my will was made to prevent too great disparity between my bequests to my wife & children which I should like to make satisfactory to my wife and all concerned. It is further my desire that my wife select fifteen of the likelyest sheep out of my flock to dispose of as she pleases. — My two colts (a gray three years old & a white two years old) I leave to be sold & the proceeds handed over to the guardians of my dearest little children Elizabeth & James, as with regard to the residue of my flock of sheep let them be sold & the proceeds be disposed of for the benefit of my children. My watch books &c to be disposed of in the same manner & for the same purpose.

A literary work called the "Ledge Book" I particularly request my wife a friend to preserve without damage for my daughter Elizabeth until she arrives at the years of discretion. As with regard to another work "The New York Mirror" let it be carefully preserved & delivered to my son James Frost. — Having taken a deed for one hundred acres of land of Joshua Freeman more to constitute me a purchaser than any thing else, I expect the said land will be valued to any time & if so, my Executor will as well to sell as soon as convenient at a rate of perhaps two year or at a time as circumstances seem to justify.

I appoint my brother in law John H. Winston Executor of this my last will & Testament. I also desire that John H. Winston take the guardianship of my children jointly with my wife Louisa.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 19th day of March in presence of

Witness  
A. B. Rutledge  
John Golding

Stokes County June Term 1836.

The Execution of the last will & testament of James B. Frost an<sup>d</sup> of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the acts of A.B. Rutledge & John Golding Subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

John Hill