and my Daughter Gizzella the remainder of my estate — Property which I have not mentioned in this said Will above, to be equally devided amongst them besides the hundred dollars I give to my wife Gizzella, and besides the hundred dollars I give to my daughter Martha W. and my lawful debts to be paid out of the remainder, which I give to them mentioned in this said will above

I hereby make and ordain my son John Pedford Executor of my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said John Pedford have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal day and year above written

John Pedford (Seal)

Stokes County March Term 1826

The foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of John Pedford

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Joseph Ransoms Will.

N. Carolina
Stokes County

This day came William Stuck before me one of the acting Justices of the peace and gave the following information, and testifyes that he was present with Joseph Ransom and his wife Mary Ransom, when the following conversation took place; Joseph Ransom said they were now old and in very low state of health, and being all alone and stand in need of some persons help, aid and assistance, as we now are in a low state and I for my part, do not expect to continue long in this world, and my will is that my wife Mary Ransom shall after my death be in possession of all and every part of my personal estate during her natural life after the death of of my wife Mary Ransom, the above mentioned personal estate, shall decend to my grand-daughter, Nancy Ransom daughter of Thomas Ransom, my will is for her to have all my personal estate for taking care of us in our last and expiring hours

The above named William Stuck, gave further information, that he was present with Mary Ransom, widow of Joseph Ransom, and the following conversation took place; my grand daughter, has now been a long time with me and has taked care of me when I was not able to take care of myself, and, I will, that she the s.d Nancy Ransom, shall have each and every part of my personal estate of which I am now possess, for her services and kindness to me and my husband

This information given by William Stuck, this forth day of February 1826 —

H. Doub J.P.

William Stuck

In the name of God amen! I Laurence Wolff being weak in body but of a sound mind and memory, blessed be God, do make this my last will in manner following — I recommend my soul to God, who gave it, and my body to be buried in a decent christian like manner — As to my worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, I dispose of it in the following manner

1st All my just debts and funeral expences shall first be paid and if money are not on hand, my executors herein after named shall be authorised to sell as much of the personal estate which my wife Maria Barbara can do without of her option, and do that, ~~either by~~ public or private sale at their discretion to the best advantage

2d The person who goes by the name of Daniel Wolf, and is the son of my deceased wife Hester, has nothing to receive, what was right he did receive —

3rd All the rest and residue of my ~~estate~~, both real personal and ~~mixed~~ I give to my beloved wife Maria Barbara, during her widowhood, and at her marriage, the same is to be devided by appraisement of indifferent persons, one third of which I then give to my said wife forever, and two thirds to my daughter Rebecca part of the profits of which she is then to be raised, and the principal and real estate falling to her ~~estate~~ share, is to vest in her ~~and~~ she be put in possession thereof at the age of eighteen years or marriage —

4) If my said wife dies a widow, then all my ~~estate~~ herein bequeathed to her during her widowhood, I give ~~the~~ bequeath to my said daughter Rebecca, to be put in possession at the age of eighteen years or marriage and the interest or rents of the land she may enjoy before. — But if she dies before she is 18 years old or marriage then all is to decend & be bequeathed to my next heirs — And I do nominate and appoint my said wife Maria Barbara & my friend John Bellillen or the survivors of them Executors of this my last Will and Testament — And I do hereby revoke all other wills legacies and bequeathes by me made and only acknowledge this to be my last Will & Testament —

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and seal this first day of July A.D. One thousand eight hundred and eighteen —

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who in his presence & at his request approved our names as witnesses

Lorentz Wolff (Seal)

Lewis Wolff
William A. Wolff 3 Jurat

Stokes County June Term AD 1826 The last Will and Testament of Lorenz Wolff (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proven in open Court by the oath of the Subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded

Nath.l Moore C.C.C.