

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Pitts
of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being
of sound & perfect Mind & Memory blessed be God. I do
this twenty third day of May Eighteen Hundred & Forty
make and publish my last will & Testament in manner
following that is to say After my funeral Charges
& all my just debts are paid

I leave to my bequeathed wife Elizabeth all my
lands that is known to be mine excepting fifty acres
and I give to my wife one horse and all my household
furniture and all my farming tools I leave to my
wife during her natural life & widowhood then
my lands to be equally divided between my sons
Andrew, Samuel Benjamin Isaac Levi & to my son
Joshua I give my home place after his mother
dies including all my dwelling house & buildings
and to my son Samuel I give one Colt. I give to
my son John five Dollars. I give to my son
Cadwallader fifty acres of land including his farm
& buildings. I give to my Daughter Martha one
feather bed & furniture & one cow when married
I give to my Daughter Elizabeth one feather bed &
furniture and one cow when married. and after my
bequeathed wife's departure then all my personal
property to be made sale of and an equal division
to be made between all my Children.

And I hereby make and obtain my worthy friends
Isaac Pitts & Cad Pitts Executors of this my last will &
testaments In Witness whereof I the said Samuel
Pitts do this my last will & Testament set my hand
& make the day & year above Written. Signed sealed
in the presence of us.

Witness James Pitts
Andrew Pitts
Samuel Pitts.

Samuel Pitts (Seal)

Stokes County Court March Term 1843.

The execution of the last will & Testament
of Samuel Pitts dec'd of which the foregoing
is a true copy was duly proven in open Court
by James Pitts & Andrew Pitts & ordered to be
recorded. Done accordingly.

Robt Williams, C.C.
Thos. T. Cunningham, C.C.

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Pitts of
Stokes County N. Carolina considering the mortality of man
think proper to make my last will & Testament being
of sound & perfect mind & understanding.
and therefore do make as following. first I will that
all my just debts be paid by my executor hereafter named
& my funeral expenses be paid out of my estate.

And then I will that my daughter Sarah & Rebecca shall
have the plantation whereon I now live together with
all my stock of every kind which I now possess including
a span &c.

And then I give to my daughter Peggy wife of J. Ferguson
a half of land adjoining a part of mine & capable
to a line established between myself & them for her to enjoy
or if she chooses to give to her children Henry & Polly.
I also give to my daughter Polly wife of John T. Allen
& to my daughter Bethany wife of John T. Allen a bond
of One Hundred pounds on Anthony Rutledge in the
Western Country. in full of their share of inheritance
they having each of them rec'd already two hundred
acres of land. And lastly I appoint my trusty friends
John Randelman & Christian Lusk to be the executors
of this my last will. And hereby declare this to be

111 other to be my last will & testament
in ~~the~~ Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand this the sixth day of
October nexten hundred & twelve.

Signed Sealed, pronounced & declared by the testator as
his last will in presence of
George Hauser &
Henry Hauser

Stokes County Court March Term 1812.

The execution of the last will & testament of
Abraham Bury dec'd of which the foregoing is a
true copy was duly proven in open Court by
the oath of George Hauser & ordered to be
recorded

Done accordingly

Robt Williams Clk

J. Thos. T. Armstrong D.C.

In the name of God Amen. The sixth day
of November 1811. I William Swain of Stokes County
& State of North Carolina farmer being very sick
& weak in body but of perfect mind & memory
Thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind
the mortality of my body and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die do make &
ordain this my last will & testament that is to say
principally first of all I give & recommend my soul
unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it
and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried
in a decent Christian Burial at the direction of my

Executors nothing doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
mighty power of God. And as touching such
worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless
me in his life I give devise & dispose of the same
in following manner & form

First I give & bequeath to Nancy my dearly beloved
wife all and singular my lands & tenements by her
grace to be possessed & enjoyed during her life and also
all my household goods & furniture during her life except
so much as will sale to satisfy all my just debts
and except a certain tract of land adjoining Jacob
Hem's & others lying in Stokes County containing about
twelve or thirteen acres.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to Jonathan Swain
my beloved son one certain tract of land lying in Stokes
County adjoining the lands of Jacob Hem's & others containing
about twelve or thirteen acres. by him freely to be possessed
& enjoyed.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto Selas Swain &
Michael Swain my beloved sons all and singular my
lands & tenements whereon I now live by them jointly to
be possessed & enjoyed from and after the decease of
my dearly beloved wife Nancy last until then
and it is my will & desire that the said lands &
tenements be equally divided between them according
to the value of the said.

Fourthly. I give & bequeath to Michael Swain my
beloved son one certain good mare now in my
possession by him freely to be possessed from and after
the day of my decease.

Fifthly. Whereas many of my children have
married off & have received their portions or so much