

Last Will of Maria Salome Hepler (translated)

1) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Maria Salome Schaub my Bureau one large table, closet stool, Teakettle, chafin dish, Coffee roaster, Coffee mill & box & a large Coffee pot, fire tong, and shovel, two chairs & Chest (at Mr Fries) one bedstead, one feather bed, & pillow, one silver table spoon, two tea spoon, two pair knives and forks my best grey black three good shifts, three bed sheets, my best linsywoolsey petticoat one white and two colored black and blue shawls my light green, and white gown, one smoothing Iron, one small kitchen cupboard, six white plates, three pair cups and saucers my best candle stick and snuffers and Fifty dollars in money, to receive from my son Christian which I lent him.

2) I give and bequeath unto my son Christian Nisua my large Wardrobe, one small bench, two chairs, one small brown Chest, Heplers featherbed and pillow two bed sheets, one silver table spoon, two tea spoons, two pair knives and forks, one small corner cupboard, two pair cups and saucers, two shawls, three good Linnen for a shirt for said Christian, two shifts & two aprons for his wife & twenty five dollars which of money which I lent him.

3) I give and bequeath unto Johanna Elizabeth Fries, my wash kettle, Iron Coal rake, one silver table spoon, two tea spoons, my black cloak, one upper bed and pillow, two bed sheets, one green gown, one blue striped, one white & one brown shawl, one smoothing Iron, one spinning wheel, one medicine chest, Looking glass, bed quilt, my finest white gown, one bible, one book the title of which (Stewes fine Henty) one blue pitcher with lid, one large stone ware sugar pot, one snuffers, one new bonnet, two Aprons, one large silk handkerchief and twenty five dollars in money, to receive from my son Christian which I lent him.

Lastly all the balance of my trumpery, books &c. it is my will that they may divide it amicably between them —
 the 20th day of March 1815
 With Fries
 Carl Gottlieb Klauser
 Maria Salome Hepler

Stokes County Court June term 1821

The last will and testament of Maria Salome Hepler
 of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in
 open court by
 Matthew Moore b6
 By Thos. Yarnell D.C.

In the Name of God, Amen.

I John James of Stokes County and of the State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this twenty seventh day of February in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand eight hundred and thirteen make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following, that is to say first, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Hannah provided she should be the longest lived one negro woman named Ollin, and her child named Edmund, and her bed and furniture, One horse creater, one cow and calf and her choice of the Hogs, as many as four, with whatsoever household furniture she may deem necessary, to her and only her proper use for and during her natural life and after her decease the property to be sold on a credit of twelve months, and the monies thereof arising when collected, to be equally divided amongst my eight children, Second I give and bequeath unto my eight children, William Cary James, John Bailey James, Thos James, Cary James, Joseph James, Martha Love, Mary Meritt, Mary Pindicator, all the lands which I may have a just right and title to at the time of my death, to be sold on a credit of twelve months also all the negroes which I may have a right and title to at my decease with all my personal property, consisting of Horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and stock of every description, with my household furniture, Farming utensils and tools of every kind, to be sold on a credit of twelve