

In the name of God Amen

I Martha Elizabeth Vierling of Salem Stokes County North Carolina being at present of perfect sound mind & memory and calling to mind the mortality of man kind do make & declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following,

1st I desire that my hereinafter named Executors shall provide for my body a decent burial according to the rites of the Church of the United Brethren

2^d to pay all my funeral expenses together with all my just debts and legal claims against me known or and to whomsoever owing out of my estate & also collect all money due me

3^d I give & bequeath to Edward Rice at present in Bethlehem Northampton County Penn. a large silver dinner marked B. V.

4th I give & bequeath to each of my grand children namely

Samuel Shultz	one large silver teaspoon
Romulus Shultz	Do. Do. Do. Do.
Edmund Shultz	" " " "
Lewis Shultz	" " " "
Sideon Shultz	" " " "
William Vierling	" " " "
Samuel Benjamin Vierling	one silver spoon marked B. V.
Angelica Reichel	one small silver spoon
Amelia Reichel	Do. Do. Do. Do.
Ernestina Reichel	" " " "
Martha Shultz	" " " "
Caroline Shultz	" " " "
Charlotte Shultz	" " " "
Ernestina Vierling	" " " "
Carolina Vierling	" " " "
Eliza Vierling	" " " "
David Michels	" " " "
Sophia Kramer	" " " "
Eliza Kramer	" " " "
Edward Reichel	one old family bible
William Reichel	one large Bible new edition
Class Reichel	12 doz cups & saucers
Sophia Reichel	one silver table spoon
Frederica Shultz	one Do. Do. Do.

5th I give & bequeath to my friend Sophia Pitter one silver table spoon.

6th I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza wife of Charles Kramer

a nap tea kettle & a small round silver spoon my clock book picture &c I wish to be divided equally

7th My household & kitchen furniture shall be sold at public auction, and the money arising from said sale as also the rest & residue of all my earthly goods, I wish to be divided in unequal shares in the following manner,

To the children of my departed daughter Eliza Shultz as also to the children of my departed daughter Frederick Reichel each one share to my son Ernst one share

To my son Theophilus one share

To my daughter Eliza wife of Charles Kramer of Salem one share

To my daughter Caroline wife of John Michels of Bethlehem Penn. one share to have & to hold as their property for ever

However it is my will that the interest of the share coming to my son Ernst shall be only applied to his benefit & the principal to be retained for his heirs after him.

8th I appoint my friend C. C. Reichel of Salem Executor of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal

March 16 AD 1844

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of

Charles Cooper
Lewis Belo

Martha E. Vierling

March Term 1844

The Execution of the last will & testament of Martha E. Vierling deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open court by the oath of Charles Cooper one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Wm. Hill. *cc*