

In the name of God Amen! I George Thompson
of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory but calling to
mind and considering the uncertainty of this transitory
life and knowing it is appointed for all men once
to die do make publish and declare this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following.
First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of
almighty God who gives it and my body to the earth
to be buried at the direction of my executors hereafter
named not doubting but at the General resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God. And as touching my worldly Estate I give
and devise as hereafter directed.

Then after all my just debts being paid I leave
unto my loving and faithful wife Eliza Thompson
all my living of every description during her natural
life or widowhood to support herself and children
and to dispose of as she thinks to the best advantage
and as the children arrive to age my will &
desires is that they shall be furnished with a
cow and calf a Bed & furniture and a saddle
each Edy Mary and John they have had their
saddle, and Nancy has had her bed and furniture
and her cow & calf A.B. my will and desire is
that if it is not convenient to furnish the children
as they come of age they shall wait until they
can be made without distress to their mother.

It is my will and desire that after the

decease of my loving wife that every thing
left of my Estate if any shall be equally divided
among all my children

I do appoint my loving wife Eliza Thompson
and my son John Thompson my whole and
sole executors of this my last Will and Testament
Signed Sealed and Delivered
in presence of us
Samuel H. Lee Junr.
George Bowman } Witnesses
George Thompson (Test)

Stokes County December Term 1846

The Execution of the last Will and Testament
of George Thompson last of which the foregoing is
a true Copy was duly proven in open Court by Samuel
H. Lee and George Bowman and ordered to be recorded
and Recorded

Not William C.
by Thomas C. Armstrong

In the name of God Amen I declare Hannah of the County
of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of sound and
perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) though weak and
feeble in body do this 21st day of June in the year of our Lord
1846 make and publish this my last will and testament in
manner and form following, that is to say after recommending
my soul to God who gave it and my body to its mother Earth
to be buried in usual Christian burial by my executors
hereafter named. I will in the first place that my beloved
wife Leah Hawley remain and continue to remain
in the possession of the House and plantation where I now
live together with my children during her natural
life or widowhood in order to raise the children
and give them as much schooling as the nature of

my estate & the family circumstances and I for
 his purpose ^{the} my wife Leah is to have the use of the plantation
 and in case she and the Children living together with
 her at any time hereafter could not manage the whole of
 the plantation such part that they cannot manage
 or cultivate shall be rented not to the best advantage
 for my Children by my executors. And in case my
 beloved wife Leah should die before my youngest
 Child comes of age or marry a disagreeable husband
 or one who would if living on my plantation be in
 anywise an injury to my Estate in the opinion of
 my executors I will that all my purchable Estate in
~~the opinion of my executors~~ be sold at public sale
 and the plantation rented out until my youngest
 Child comes of age by my executors who are in that
 case to see to the bringing up of the Children that
 are not able to shift for themselves and see that
 they are put out to good places. the boys to profitable
 trades when the fear of God shall be kept before
 their eyes. And that my wife have only an equal
 part with one of my Children in case of such
 marriage, aforesaid and all the profits of the sale
 of all my purchable property and rent of the plantation
 that should not be needed by any of my Children
 old enough to shift for themselves in case they should
 enter into family circumstances, to be put out on interest
 with good security until my youngest Child comes
 of age: And in case any of my Children living
 with my wife should be so unruly and disobedient
 that they cannot be brought under subjection by my
 wife my executors shall have privilege to bind

one such Child or Children and in case any of my
 Children who shall be obedient while living with my
 wife but leave her and the family before they come of
 age a reasonable deduction is to be made out of their
 part of the Estate in the final settlement for such time
 that they or any of them may go away under age, and
 in case any of my Children being obedient & stay a longer
 time with my wife and family than till they are of age
 such Child or Children shall be allowed a reasonable
 allowance in their final settlement for such time such
 Child or Children may stay after they are of age. &
 in case my wife Leah should leave the plantation &
 live with some one or other of her Children that may
 be settled she shall still draw the rent of the plantation
 for her maintenance and that of the Children and in this
 case the purchable property is to be sold at public sale and
 the proceeds let out on interest as mentioned in case of
 my wife's death or disagreeable marriage.

Enough. I will that all my Children go equal
 share in the whole of my estate at the final division
 and settlement that is to say my son Joseph Hauer
 Aaron Hauer Samuel Hauer, Elijah Hauer, Charles
 Hauer, Abraham Hauer and my daughters Susannah
 Mary Hauer married to Joseph Hauer Rachel Hauer
 & Leah Hauer six sons & three daughters except her
 exception hereafter made that is I will that my son
 Joseph have and keep the property he now has from
 me without being charged for it out of my estate but
 he is to have it for the time he stayed with me after
 he was of age and otherwise he is to go an equal
 share with the rest of my Children And my daughter
 Susannah Mary Hauer married to Joseph Hauer
 is to be charged by my estate as I have charged her
 on her husband Joseph Hauer in my paper to which

amount is to be added one Cow and yearling and twenty hives which they have been advanced with which are to be valued and added to the amount in my papers with which taken in the account at the final settlement and division of my estate the my daughter Susannah Haume into go an equal share and my son Moses if he stays with and takes care of his mother and children and the plantation which he ought to do shall have the man Colt he now claims without being charged for it out of my estate and otherwise go an equal share with the rest of my children. And I also will that each of my sons Samuel Elijah Martin & William each have the privilege to raise a horse creature for themselves on the plantation and have the same without being charged for them in the final division but go an equal share besides besides a horse creature to each of my said sons.

Thirdly I will that at the death of my wife Leah or before with her consent and my son William being of age that the land and plantation be divided into three parcels or divisions and valued by impartial judges not less than three in number in such a way as three of my sons may wish to cultivate it that is my three sons Elijah Martin & William shall have the first offer of said parcels and in case of the death of either of them leaving no heirs of their body begotten or in case either of them should choose their legacy in other estate than land then any of the others of

my sons may take the lands in room of those dead or choosing other estate. Provided however that none of my sons after a division of the land is made shall have no power to sell the same to strangers without giving their or one of their or all their brothers living on this my land the first chance to purchase it of them or him who wants to sell and if they can't agree in the price of said part which any one may want to sell they are to have it valued by impartial judges then if none of the brothers willing to stay on the land will buy it at the valuation the one or those wanting to sell are at liberty to sell to whom they or he please. Should any of my sons make any improvement on my land before it is valued and divided such improvement is not to be counted in the valuation to each of my sons, but the land shall be charged with worth what improvement was on before, and each of my sons as holds and keeps the land shall pay over to the rest of his brothers and sisters allowing them a reasonable time of making payment as much as the land they get shall be valued more than their part of my estate in the final settlement.

Fourthly. I will that at the death of my wife Leah all such property of my estate remaining in her hands be equally divided amongst all my children.

Fifthly I will that as soon as can conveniently be done so much of my perishable property be sold at public sale as can best be spared, or shall be sufficient to pay all my just debts. I also will that my sawmill be kept at work if possible if not the frame running works and all to be sold at private sale to the best advantage and if it cannot be sold at private sale to be sold at public sale for the most

W. that can be got for it

And I humbly make and receive my beloved
son Joseph Haun and my worthy friend John
Doubtless Executors of this my last will and
Testament In Witness whereof I the said Martin
Haun have to this my last Will & Testament
set my hand and seal the day & year above
written.

Martin Haun

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said
Martin Haun the Testator as his last will &
testament in presence of us who were present
at the signing & sealing thereof.

Daniel Phareshaun Knut

Isaac Church

Thomas W. Yates

Lick County December Term 1844

The execution of the last Will and
Testament of Martin Haun and of which
the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven
in open Court by Daniel Phareshaun and
ordered to be recorded.

Robt Williams CC

by Thos. T. Armstrong

I David Brooks of Lick County North Carolina State
of a sound mind and disposing memory do make and
ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following.

First I will that all my just debts be paid out of my
personal Estate. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my
beloved wife Sarah Brooks all my estate of every kind
and nature during her widowhood but in case she should
marry my will is that all said Estate be taken out of
her hands and applied to the use of my Children.

Thirdly I give unto my son Jesse the land whereon
I now reside containing two hundred acres be the same
more or less with all the privileges therunto belonging
and all my farming Stools which my son Jesse
is to have at the death or marriage of his mother
both the land & property aforesaid to him and his heirs
forever; also he is to have my waggon & harness.

Fourthly. And as the I have manumitted a
negro man named Harry, yet being well acquainted
with his abilities, I leave him under the care of my
two sons John & Jesse and if he should be reduced
to a state of want that they my said sons shall
provide and allow him suitable maintenance
in lieu of the land & property I have given them.

Fifthly All the residue of my estate of every
kind and nature I give and bequeath unto my
seven Children namely Elizabeth John Jane
Mary Sarah Jesse and Octavia which Estate I
will to be sold at the marriage or death of their
mother and the monies arising from such
sale equally divided among my said Children
part and part alike.