

21 In the name of God Amen I Margaret Miller of Stokes County being of sound & perfect mind and memory, blessed be God do this 24th day of March A.D. 1842. Make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner following

That is to say
First I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Spack my black & black Monks dress one Callico dress one Silk dress & H. Kef.

Secondly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Bodenhamer one black shawl wadding fastener for a dress, one Callico dress one silk dress & H. Kef & one walnut chest

Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Catherine Schuman one purple shawl black fig stuff for a dress one Callico dress & one silk dress & H. Kef.

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my son Michael Miller one silk pocket H. Kef.

Fifthly I give & bequeath unto my son Francis Miller one silk pocket H. Kef.

Sixthly The balance of my Estate after defraying all necessary expenses incident to my burial to be equally divided among all my children, That is to say, one share to Elizabeth Spack, one to Nancy Bodenhamer, one to Catherine Schuman, one to Michael Miller, one to Francis Miller, one to the children of John Miller ^{you to the children of Jacob Miller} & one to the children of my deceased Daughter Rosa Warner.

Lastly and I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend J. G. Lusk Executor of this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Margaret Miller here to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal the day & year above written Signed sealed published & declared by the said Margaret Miller the testator as her last will & Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof

Thos B. Lusk

Adam Snow

Margaret Miller
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June Term 1846.

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Margaret Miller and (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Adam Snow one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

M. Hills.

22 In the name of God Amen I Martin Ripple of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being afflicted in body, but of sound mind and memory (thanks be given to God) calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing to appoint unto men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament That is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I commend to the earth to which I was born in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor, hereafter mentioned. And as touching such worldly things as it pleases my gracious God to interest me with in this life I give devise and dispose of in the following manner.

1st I will that all my last debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my personal property.

2nd I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Christiana all the right title interest to the plantation upon which I now live during her natural life term, or widowhood with a sufficient quantity of my house hold & kitchen furniture as to render her comfortable, also my negro man Jacob, provided his conduct is such that he is a benefit to her but should he become disobedient I will that my executor make sale of him & my wife receive the interest of that money. I further will unto her two cows three sheep one of the two young mares, one sow & pig, four killing hogs, also all the wheat & corn that now upon hand, and a sufficient quantity of the ensuing crop now growing to do her for the next twelve months, also all her washing utensils, one turn plough, one shovel plough, one hoe, harrow, one mattock, one axe and spade, my carriage & harness, also one set of gears, forty pounds of coffee. I will that the remainder of my property be sold at public sale that not been mentioned, together with my live stock, except my old man Lade. I wish my wife to keep the old man & let my house lock.

3rd I will & bequeath unto my brother John Ripple the sum of one dollar after the death of my wife.

4th I will & bequeath to my brother Christian Ripple one dollar after the death of my wife.

5th I will & bequeath to my brother Henry Ripple one dollar after the death of my wife.

6th I will & bequeath to my nephew Edwin Light & his sister toward the wife of Edmund Lecher one dollar each after the death of my wife.

7th I will & bequeath to my sister Susanna Hider the wife of John Hider one dollar after the death of my wife.

213⁸ I will and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Heiser
the wife of Henry Heiser one dollar after the death of my wife
9th I further will that my Executor shall have paid off all
my just debts that should then be any money left,
I will that my wife receive that money as her own,
10th I further will that at the death of my wife Christina or
marrying that all the property then remaining with the
plantation upon which I now live, also my ^{own} man tract
all be sold at public sale, and the money arising therefrom
be equally divided among them alike, between Polyan
Gimmumson, Christina Gladfetter daughter of George Gladfetter
& Eliza Miller that now living with us or should Eliza
Miller depart this life before my wife & leaving no family
of her own, then her share to be equally divided between
Polyan Gimmumson & Christina Gladfetter
11th Lastly I constitute make & ordain Frances Heiser my sole
Executor of this my last will & Testament and confirming
I ratify this & no other to be my last will & Testament
On witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
Piquette, Valet & acknowledged in the presence of us, this
August the fourteenth in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred & forty five
John Mc Stafford
H. H. Thomas

Martin Rippel

June Term 1846.

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Martin Rippel
deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in
open Court by the oath of Schuchle Stafford one of the subscribing
witnesses thereof & ordered to be recorded.

J. D. Hill. c.

John C Burkhard of the County of Stokes & State of North
Carolina being of sound mind & memory, but considering
the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & publish
this my last will & Testament in manner & form that
is to wit
1st That my Executor herein after named shall provide
for my body a decent burial, and pay all funeral expenses
together with ~~my~~ my just debts howsoever & to whomsoever
owing out of the money that may first come into their hands
as part or parcel of my Estate,
2nd I give & bequeath to my Children John & Charlotte Christina
Butner my large wardrobe, my best table, my small table
clock, my work bench, the carpet in my room, my
thermometer & one of my new painted chairs
3rd It is my will that my sons Frederick Burkhard & John Butner
& each of them alike have the use of my crop cut saw, bar
hackle, ginseng & Pepper mill to themselves & their heirs
forever.
4th I give & bequeath to my Daughter Caroline Beale the
mattress in my bed formerly belonging to her Mother,
my watch & silver snuff box, the table in my room,
my silver table spoon, frame looking glass, & one of my
new painted chairs, ~~which I have~~ I request my Executor
to also the sum of twenty five dollars above her share
which sum I request my Executors to pay out to her
out of the first money coming into their hands in consideration
for her services done me in keeping house
5th I give & bequeath to my son Frederick & to his heirs forever
my bed furniture all my clothing & linen my corner
cupboard, my desk & my large chair, my chair with the
hatter cushion, one of my chairs painted new, my writing
apparatus, one water pot & what belongs to it, one silver
tea spoon marked with my name,
6th I give & bequeath to my grand child Maria Christina
Butner & her heirs forever, my clock & looking glass
& if she should die before she has arrived at the age
of twenty one years then to her parents John & Charlotte
Christina Butner
7th It is further my will that if any one of my before mentioned
children would wish to have my carriage he or she who
takes it shall pay out to the other two the sum of thirty
dollars share & share alike, but if either of them should
decline having it, in that case my executor shall sell the
same either at private or public sale & the proceeds of the