

211 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 A. K. H. K.

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

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

Fourthly I give & bequeath unto my son Michael Miller one silk pocket A. K. H. K.

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

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 Lehman, one to Michael Miller, one to Francis Miller one to the children of John 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 have 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 Mow

Margaret Miller
her mark

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 Mow one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

M. H. Lusk

212 In the name of God Amen I Martin Rippel 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 an unto man 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 am bound in a decent Christian burial at the direction of my Executors, 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 time, 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 also 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 mare Jade. I wish my wife to keep the old man & also my house lock.

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

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

5th I will & bequeath to my brother Henry Rippel 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.