

her decease to whomsoever she please. And lastly I nominate
constitute & appoint my friend Phileas Transon of Bathurst
to be the executor of this my last will declaring this to be
my last will and testament. In witness whereof I John Statts
the Testator have to this my will set my hand & seal,
Signed sealed published and declared the by the above
named John Statts as & for his last will & testament in the
presence of us who at his request and in his presence have
subscribed our names as witnesses therunto

Elias Shaub

Abraham Conrad

John Statts

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December Term 1841

The execution of the last will & Testament of John Statts in
which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court
by the oaths of Elias Shaub & Abraham Conrad the subscribing witnesses
therein and ordered to be recorded. Done accordingly.

M^r. Hill. c.c.

In the name of God Amen

I Nathaniel Preston of Stokes County & State of North Carolina,
Being of sound mind and memory do this 1st day of August in the
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, make
and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and
form following, viz. First I will that my just debts and
funeral charges be paid by my executor out of my cash in hand,
2^dly I will that my wife Elizabeth Preston possess and enjoy
my plantation whereon I now live including all the hundred
acres of land deeded to me by my father with the profits thereof
together with my house hold & kitchen furniture also
my stock and crop and farming tools of every description &
my tract of land on Bull Run containing 5000 acres beside by
my executor, and my wife Elizabeth Preston to have the money
arising from the same and also my two work horses and let
it be specially remembered that my wife Elizabeth hold and
enjoy all the above named property enduring her natural life
or enduring her widowhood & 2^dly I will that the money due on
bonds one on C. Blumhau for \$100. one on A. Wheeler \$100.
one on C. Quillen \$100. do on C. Quillen \$50. one judgment
against Peter Hulp for \$100. be and the same is to be equally divided
between my nine children namely Melvin A. Preston Dan
George M. Preston & John M. Preston & Nancy S. Preston & Mary
Preston & Minnie C. Preston & Charles S. Preston and

Nathaniel Preston & Charles R. Preston by my executor and I
also desire that my executor pay the taxes annually on the 31st acres of
land given me by my father will make otherwise provide.
3^dly I do hereby nominate appoint and ordain my worthy friend
Nathan Preston executor of this my last will and testament to carry
the same into effect and I do hereby revoke and make void all
former wills by me at any time heretofore made ratifying
establishing and confirming this and no other to be my last will
and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the day and date above written signed sealed
published and declared by the said Nathaniel Preston the
testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us
who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Nathaniel Preston

George Cook

Arion Linville

Nathaniel Preston
his mark

December Term 1841.

The execution of the last will and Testament of Nathaniel Preston
of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open
Court by the oaths of George Cook and Arion Linville subscribing
witnesses therein and ordered to be recorded. Done accordingly.
M^r. Hill. c.c.

In the name of God Amen

I Rosa Barbara Shott of Salom Stokes County State of North
Carolina, Spinster being weak in body but of sound memory
do this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred & forty one, make & publish this my
last will & testament in manner following viz. First I
desire that all my just debts & funeral expenses be duly paid
secondly I give and bequeath unto my brother Solomon Shott
the sum of ten dollars which he has in hand from me for
some time past. Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my brother
Henry Shott the sum of ten dollars. Fourthly I give & bequeath
unto my friend Sybilla Reich of Salom Stokes County the sum
of ten dollars. Fifthly I give & bequeath unto my nurse Ama
Lohane Spanner of Salom Stokes County the sum of five
dollars & my new parcel. Sixthly I give & bequeath unto my father
George Shott my best wither spotted hand here kil & the pasture
of my mare should there be any. Seventhly I give & bequeath unto
my mother Mary Shott my pillow & pillowcase & my white
blankets. Eighthly I give & bequeath unto my sister