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Stokes County North Carolina September Term 1837
The execution of the last will and Testament of Jacob Daut
Decease was duly proved in open Court by John F. H. older
& Elijah Spunkhauer jr and ordered to be Recorded
and done accordingly
Rushen, D. Holding & Co.

The Last Will and Testament of Rushen Shields

I Rushen Shields considering the uncertainty of this
Mortal life and being of sound mind and Memory Blessed be the
Almighty God for the same do make and Publish this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following
First. I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife Elizabeth Shields
my house and a sufficient support and maintenance of the
Plantation during her life or widowhood and after her decent support
is made out the Ballance of Grain and other produce Raised to
belong to my Grandson Elisha Shields who now lives with me
and tends the Farm provided said Elisha Shields continues
to tend and cultivate said Farm
Secondly. I Will that my wife Elizabeth have my Gray mare also
I Will that my wife Elizabeth have one cow and to have her chain
also I Will that my wife Elizabeth have one Feather Bed and have her
Chamber with its necessary furniture
Thirdly. I Will that my wife Elizabeth have one half of all the
Ballance of household and Kitchen Furniture
Fourth. I Will that all the before mentioned articles that I
bequeath to my Beloved wife Elizabeth accept the same that she
Will and Dispose of said property as she thinks proper
Fifth. I Will that my Grandson Elisha Shields have all my lands
and premises in fee clear of all Incumbrances whatsoever
at the death or marriage of my beloved wife
Sixth. I Will that if the said Elisha Shields should die without issue
that my Grandson Andrew Shields heir to some lands in fee
Seventh. I Will that my son that Shields have one dollar of my estate and no more
Eighth. I Will that my son Samuel Shields have one dollar of my Estate and no more
Ninth. I Will that my daughter Lydia wife of Isaac Deason
have one dollar of my Estate and no more
Tenth. I Will that the Ballance of my personal property be
sold after my death and equally divided between
the list of my heirs that is to say William Shields

Benjamin Shields Susanah Teague Lemsha Solol Elizabeth
Payne and my Grand Daughter Mary Solol
Eleventh I Will that my Grandson Elisha Shields have one half
that comes of the Gray mare
Twelfth I Nominate Ordain and appoint Daniel Hendricks sole
Executor of this my last will and Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
this August 25th 1837
Rushen Shields
Witness
Roberson Stefford
Daniel Matthews } Jurant

Stokes County December Term AD 1837 The Execution of
the Last will and Testament of Rushen Shields Decease was duly
proven in open Court by Roberson Stefford & David Matthews
and Ordered to be Recorded And done accordingly
Rushen, D. Holding & Co.

In the Name of God Amen

I William Spurgeon of Stokes County North Carolina being of
a sound a perfect memory Blessed be God do this 17th day of
October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Thirty seven
make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following
That is to say
First I Give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Margaret Spurgeon
all my land with the exception of my Sawmill and such privileges
as is necessary thereto and ad certain Negro Boys named Adam to have
while she remains to be my Widow and also fifty Dollars in cash to
buy her a House to have forever and one years provision
my Sawmill I wish rented out for Ten years and the proceeds to
be applied to the education of my two sons Joseph and William
after this I wish all my property both personal and real to be
equally divided after all just debts are paid between my
Children and Wife that is to say my Dearly beloved wife
Margaret Spurgeon my Daughter Christina Spurgeon Sarah Spurgeon
and Phoebe Jane Spurgeon and my sons Joseph R. Spurgeon
and William J. Spurgeon and I hereby make and appoint my
friend Jacob Ferguson and my beloved Wife Margaret Spurgeon
Executor & Executrix of this my last will and Testament in writing
whereof I the said Wm Spurgeon have at my hand and seal
the day and year above written
Signed sealed published and declared by
the said William Spurgeon the Testator
In the presence of us
William Spurgeon