

In the name of God Amen.

I Joshua Cox Junr of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina taking into consideration the certainty of death & the uncertainty of life do make ordain & publish this as my last will & testament, in manner & form following, that is to say.

First. It is my will & desire that Letitia Watson have one hundred acres of land to be taken off of the lower end of my tract to run from one side to one side of said tract & that she hold the same in fee simple.

Secondly. I will & bequeath all of my stock of cattle, hogs & one horse to James Watson.

Thirdly. It is my will & desire that my sister Nancy have twenty dollars out of my estate.

Fourthly. It is my will & desire that the balance of my land be equally divided between my sisters now living & the heirs of those who have died.

It is my desire that Richard Hill be constituted & appointed the executor of this my last will & testament.

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal the 23rd day of May 1836.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of
Mat. R. Moore
Thomas Martin

Joshua Cox Junr

May 23rd 1836 on reflection some doubts are entertained as to the effect or distribution which may take place under the fourth item, to remove all doubts on this subject it is further stated by way of explanation that to each of my sisters living I bequeath one seventh part of said land & to the heirs of each of my sisters as are dead I bequeath one seventh part of said land.

Mat. R. Moore
Th. Martin

Joshua Cox Junr

June term 1836

The Execution of the last will & testament of Joshua Cox Junr and of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Matthew R. Moore & Thomas Martin the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill. cler.

In the name of God Amen.

The third day of August 1836 Richard Hill of Stokes County & State of North Carolina being sick, but of sound mind & memory did this day call upon us Samuel Hill Junr & John Norton to write his will within the limits of law, after my death this is the day of August 1836 it being the third day after his death in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six, we certify this to be his will to us prescribed agreeable to his request on the day first above mentioned.

Item 1st. It is my will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate in the following manner viz: that my negroes be hired out & my cotton plantation be rented until my debts are paid with such perishable property as can conveniently be spared.

Item 2nd. - It is my will that my wife Nancy have the use of all the rest of my estate during her widowhood & prudent behavior for her support & children, until my youngest child becomes of age, and then to be equally divided amongst all my children, with the exception of one negro girl named Mary or Caroline, which said negro to remain in her possession during her natural life & then said negro & increase also to be equally divided amongst all my children. Given under our hands & seals this 15th day of August A.D. 1836.

Samuel Hill Junr
John Norton
Richard Hill dec?

State of North Carolina
Stokes County

This day Samuel Hill Junr & John Norton came before us William C. Cole one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County & made oath in our form & said that the within will is in substance the request of Richard Hill as it purports. Given under my hand this 15th day of August 1836.

Wm. C. Cole J.P.

September Term 1836.

The Execution of the negro copulative will of Richard Hill dec? of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Samuel Hill Junr & John Norton & ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill. cler.