

In the name of God Amen.

I Abraham Ransom Senior of Stokes County & State of North Carolina being infirm & weak in body but of perfect & sound mind & memory do this day make this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say:

1. I will that my body be decently buried in manner customary in the church of the United Brethren
2. I will that all my just debts be paid & my dues collected by my Executors.
3. I will that my wife Eva shall remain in full possession of my home & lot & out lots in Bethanias, as long as she lives. Should she die the executor shall proceed to make sale of said house & lot & out lots, either public or private, as they may think best & divide the proceeds hereinafter directed.
4. I will that my wife Eva shall have one cow, her bed & bedstead & such of my kitchen furniture as she may need as long as she lives in my said house in Bethanias, & in case of her removal, then my Executors shall proceed as in article the 3rd but her bed shall be & remain her & her heirs.
5. I will that all my property both real & personal not otherwise directed or bequeathed herein shall be sold either by public or private sale by my Executors & afterwards divided in equal parts between my wife Eva & my six children, Philip, Abraham, Solomon, Mary, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene & Philipine there & share alike. And I do hereby appoint my son Philip Ransom & my son in law John C. Bloom my Executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal this day of October A.D. 1824.

Signed, sealed, published & declared in presence of us

In Jacob Bloom
Lease Boner

Abraham Ransom (Seal)

September Term 1833.

The Executions of the last will & testament of Abraham Ransom one of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Lease Boner one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

W. H. Hill, ckr

In the name of God Amen
I Rudolph Christ of Yalton Stokes County, State of North Carolina having attained to a high age but being of sound & perfect mind & memory do this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty, make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner and form following that is to say:
1st. It is my will that all my just debts & funeral expenses shall be paid out of the proceeds of my personal estate by my Executors hereinafter named

2nd. I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Anna Christian my dwelling house & weaver shop during her life. But in case her own interest requires & she with the consent of the Executors prefers to sell the same or either of said houses, it is my will that the purchase money received for the same shall be placed on interest -

3rd. I give & bequeath unto my said beloved wife & her heirs forever a complete desk, house clock, two silver table & four silver tea spoons & such other house hold & kitchen furniture, bed, beddings & bedsteads as she may want & choose with the advice of my Executors.

Of my clothes she shall have as many as she wants for my youngest son Traugott Frederic, but none of them shall be sold at public sale -

4. I give & bequeath the remaining silver table & tea spoons unto my three children Anna Elizabeth, Jacob Rudolph, & Traugott Frederic & their heirs forever, to be equally divided among them as near as possible there & share alike, excepting those already belonging to them & marked with their initials -

5. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Anna Elizabeth & her heirs a piano forte forever -

6. I give & bequeath unto my son Jacob Rudolph on weaving loom with all & several the apparatus belonging thereto for the sum of Eighty dollars which sum he has to pay or to settle with my Executors by giving his note for the same -

7. I give & bequeath unto my youngest son Traugott Frederic & his heirs the sum of one hundred dollars to be placed on interest until his age of twenty one years.

8. It is my will that the tract & parcel of land containing five hundred acres more or less, lying & being on the waters of Panther creek in the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina shall be sold as soon as it can be effected by my Executors either by private or public sale, the monies arising from the sale to be placed likewise on interest.

9. - It is further my will that all my bond, note & book account shall be collected & secured & all the rest of my good, chattels & effects not otherwise granted & bequeathed shall be sold by my Executors at public vendue & the proceeds thereof & the money on hand at my death or which shall be received by my Executors for debts owing me -

shall be placed on interest

10- Having with joint consent of my wife Anna Christina in the year one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight authorized John C. Blum of Salem aforesaid to sell or cause to be sold our share & third part of a valuable tract of land lying & being in the State of Tennessee containing in the whole two thousand five hundred acres, the amount of which purchase is due to me according to a note of promise given unto me as a pledge by said John C. Blum dated March the 8th A.D. one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight

It is my earnest will & request that my Executors should take particular care of the true performance of said promise & to see the purchase sum of said third parts of 2500 acres of land duly paid or truly secured for & placed on interest, which interest with all the same mentioned before & arising out of the sales alluded to in sect 2d the 6th the eighth & ninth, I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife for & during her life time, especially as she has yet to provide for my youngest son Randolph Frederic during his minority & after her decease the whole of the remaining monies & property shall be equally divided between my three before mentioned children or their heirs share & share alike, & in order to secure the better all monies before said I do hereby give full liberty & authorize my Executors to secure the same on interest even below six per centum if they think proper & can not otherwise do it.

11. I hereby make & ordain my worthy friend Daniel C. Wilcox & William L. Benjen or either of them Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking, disannulling & making void all my former wills & testaments either by word of mouth or in writing & ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I the said Randolph Christ have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal the day & year above written Signed, sealed & declared by the said Randolph Christ the testator at his last will & testament in the presence of us
Madison Shuttle
Abraham Stearns Jr

Randolph Christ (Seal)

September term 1833

The Execution of the last will & testament of Randolph Christ one of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Madison Shuttle & ordered to be recorded

W. H. Hill, esq.

In the name of God - Amen.

I Martha Barner of the County of Stokes being of sound & perfect mind & memory (Praised be God) at this nineteenth day of January 1833 make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following, that is to say - First, I give & devise unto two of my Daughters to wit Judah Barner & Patsy Barner fifty six acres of Land lying & being in the County aforesaid, to be so laid off as to include the house & orchard where I now live, & I further give unto my two Daughters aforesaid, one share & two cows the balance of my tract of Land to be equally divided as to number of acres into three parts, one part to my Daughter Edny Stone, & one part to my Daughter Christina Stone & the third & last part to be divided between my Daughter Rebecca Moore three eldest Daughters to wit, Polly, Judah & Patsy. - My will is that all the balance of my property of whatever nature, the sold by my Executor, & my son John Barner to have one dollar & no more, & my son Horatio one dollar & no more, my Daughter Rebecca Moore one dollar & no more & the balance of the money arising from the sale of my property to be divided into six equal parts, one part to my Daughter Patsy, one part to my Daughter Judah one part to my Daughter Edny, one part to my Daughter Christina & the fifth part to be equally divided between Patsy & Polly Simmons. The sixth & last part to be equally divided between Judah Moore, Polly Moore & Patsy Moore - And I hereby make & ordain my friend William Stone Executor of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I the said Martha Barner have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal, the day & year above written - Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Martha Barner to be her last will & testament in the presence of us - P. T. Kirby
Jacob Butner
Martha Barner
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December Term 1833.

The execution of the last will & testament of Martha Barner one of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Jacob Butner & ordered to be recorded

W. H. Hill, esq.