

the payment of the charges and debts of said estate. I direct my said Executors to make sale of all such of my stock of all kinds as my family can conveniently spare. Secondly. All the balance of my estate both real and personal, I devise and bequeath to my wife Nancy during her life, or widowhood to be by her kept together for the use, benefit and support of her and my children. Thirdly. I will that after the death or marriage of my wife Nancy, the whole of my estate be equally divided amongst my children, and that in dividing amongst them my Land, they shall begin at the upper part of my Land and lay off the share from side to side all crossing the Creek. The eldest of my children having the uppermost Lot: the next in point of age the next Lot Thence and so on until they get through the children and to the lower end of my Land making the share as nearly equal in point of value as possible. Fourthly. Should any of my children marry during the life or widowhood of my wife, it is my will that such child or children so marrying have the privilege of sitting on any part of my Land until the general division, so as not to interfere with that part of the Land which my wife may desire to use for the benefit and support of herself and my unmarried children. Fifthly. It is my request that my Executors pay strict attention to my children and see that they are brought up in habits of morality and industry, and it is my special request that they visit them in sickness and see that they are properly treated and provided for, and should my wife think proper to marry again, and unfortunately marry a man who might not be disposed to treat my children properly then and in that case, I will that my Executors take my children away and provide for them or have them provided for in that way which to them may seem best. Sixthly. My shot-gun is not intended to pass to my wife in the bequest which I have herein made to her, and I do hereby will and bequeath the said shot-gun to my son Thomas Jefferson Stokes. And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my two friends, Reuben O. Golding and Isaac A. Stokes Executors of this my

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Last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of January A.D. 1851.
Signed & sealed in the presence of us } Benja Stokes (Seal)
John Pepper
Jas A. Pepper

June term 1852
The execution of the last will & Testament of Benjamin Stokes deceased, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open court by the oaths of John Pepper & James A. Pepper, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.
McCallie, c.

State of North Carolina, Stokes County, September and 10 one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. In the name of god amen. I Samuel H. Hopper being of sound mind and good memory, make this my last will and testament that is to say, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mildred, all of the property she owned at the time we married (to wit) one negro girl, Julia, a one span horse, bridle and saddle, one bed and bedstead and furniture, one cherry chest, two trunks, one dressing table, one candle stand, all her books she brought with her when she came and hymn book and pious propers. also I leave to my wife Mildred during her natural life the plantation I now live on together with the improvements or a part of the land thereof bounded as follows, to wit; by Henry Peller Lewis to the north, John C. Hopper, Corley George and others in front, all of my land lying north of the road running from Henry Peller's to the mill, until it comes in contact with Joseph's line then with said line to Corley George's line, also three negroes (to wit) Wagon, Drury, and Sarah, also I leave my wife Mildred the Park land one choice yoke of oxen also my horse and ten of the best hogs and all of my corn, also I want my wife to have timber, hickory, pounds of pork and then split, and then

for a beef and fifty barrels of corn and after
 seeing to have fifteen bushels of wheat to make
 feed for our family, also eight head of my choice
 sheep and five good fat stacks and three good
 fodder stacks also enough chucks & straw to winter
 the above mentioned stock also all of the farming
 tools and enough other tools to keep up the things
 of the plantation two beds bedsteads and furniture
 and the necessary book case and side board my family
 bible and other religious books such as I may
 desire the use of also one good folding table and
 one walnut dining table also my grand stone
 and one dog common sitting chairs also the clock
 and one large walnut bureau one walnut
 cupboard and all the furniture thereto belonging
 also all of the bee stands and empty bee gums
 all of the cooking utensils and kitchen furniture
 also all of the pans that may be on hand at my
 death also all of the tubs, bowls, barrels, hogsheads &c
 three large stone jugs two large stone jars and
 two small stone jugs also all of the medical bottles
 and the contents together with all other medicine
 also the loom slays and harnesses &c &c &c
 also my wheat fan also a sufficiency of potatoes
 and other vegetables and in case the above mentioned
 division does not take place at a season of the year
 for my wife to have the above mentioned porks she
 I want her to have a sufficiency of beaver and
 land in proportion to the the porks spoken of.
 also I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary A
 Atkinson and her heirs one tract of land lying
 west of Slippins & Bennings Mills the tract whereon
 Orally George now lives containing one hundred
 and fifty acres more or less valued to her in the
 dead hereof at two hundred and twenty five dollars
 also I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter
 M. Atkinson the tract whereon the M. Atkinson
 now lives to her with a certain wagon road leading
 from Edmund Walling to George Byrnes all of
 the land down on the East side of said road
 valued to be at two hundred and fifty dollars the
 last lot of land spoken of is lying in Patrick
 County Va on the waters of Peters Creek

also I will and bequeath to my son Joseph T Slippin
 a certain piece or parcel of land it being a part
 of the land sold to Mary A Atkinson the land whereon
 the said Joseph T Slippin now lives being the upper
 north side of said Slippins plantation at a marked
 tree that I marked some years ago and runs west
 to the back line of the said old tract thence from
 the said tree east or nearly so up the hill the weight
 I have heretofore directed the land valued at ten
 hundred dollars exclusive of the improvements and
 there I have been heretofore satisfied for in his living
 helping me to improve the place whereon I now live
 I also will and bequeath to my son Joseph T Slippin
 a certain stock of apes now in his possession which
 property I will to him on account of his services
 to me when building in stock also a part of a
 set of black smith tools I will and bequeath to
 him in the same weight of his improvements and
 stock for former services rendered to me, in short
 I only hold him bound on a settlement with the
 remainder of my live for the valuation of his
 land to wit; six hundred dollars, also I will and
 bequeath to my son John T Slippin a certain
 tract of land of four hundred and thirteen acres
 which land I have lately sold to him valued
 at six hundred dollars, also I will and bequeath to
 my son John T Slippin a set of black smith tools
 now in his possession the tools and other services I
 give to my son John T Slippin on account of the
 smith work he has done for me, and consequently
 I only hold him bound on settlement for the valuation
 of his land to wit; six hundred dollars, also I
 will and bequeath to my son Raleigh T Slippin
 a tract of land whereon he now lives lying
 and being in Patrick County Va on the waters
 of Peters Creek the upper and north end of the
 said old tract valued at four hundred and
 fifty dollars, also I will and bequeath to my
 son Samuel T Slippin the tract of land
 whereon he now lives the land I made
 him as and to not long since and valued at
 eight hundred dollars it being the last part of
 the above old tract, also I will and bequeath
 to my son Henry A Bennings a certain tract of land

the payment of the charges and debts aforesaid, I direct my said Executors to make sale of all such of my stock of all kinds as my family can conveniently spare, promptly. All the balance of my estate both real and personal, I devise and bequeath to my wife Nancy during her life, or widowhood to be by her kept together for the use, benefit and support of her and my children. Thirdly, I will that after the death or marriage of my wife Nancy, the whole of my estate be equally divided amongst my children, and that in dividing amongst them my Land, they shall begin at the upper part of my Land and lay off the share from side to side all crossing the creek. The eldest of my children having the uppermost Lot; the next in point of age the next Lot thereto and so on until they get through the children and to the lower end of my Land making the shares as nearly equal in point of value as possible. Fourthly, Should any of my children marry during the life or widowhood of my wife, it is my will that such child or children so marrying have the privilege of settling on any part of my Land until the general division, so as not to interfere with that part of the Land which my wife may desire to use for the benefit and support of herself and my unmarried children. Fifthly, It is my request that my Executors pay strict attention to my children and see that they are brought up in habits of morality and industry, and it is my special request that they visit them in sickness and see that they are properly treated and provided for, and should my wife think proper to marry again, and unfortunately marry a man who might not be disposed to treat my children properly then and in that case, I will that my Executors take my children away and provide for them or have them provided for in that way which to them may seem best. Sixthly, My shot-gun is not intended to pass to my wife in the bequest which I have herein made to her, and I do hereby will and bequeath the said shot-gun to my son Thomas Jefferson Boley. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my two friends Nathan D. Golding and Isaac S. Gibson Executors of this will.

Last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of January A.D. 1851.
Signed & sealed in the presence of us }
John Pepper }
Jas. H. Pepper }

Benja Boley (witness)

June term 1852

The execution of the last will & Testament of Benjamin Boley deceased, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open court by the oaths of John Pepper & James H. Pepper, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.
M. H. Hill, c.

State of North Carolina, Stokes County, September 2nd A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. In the name of God amen, I Samuel H. Boley being of sound mind and good memory make this my last will and testament that is to say, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mildred all of the property she owned at the time we married (to wit) one negro girl, July, one roan horse, bridle and saddle, ones bed and bedstead and furniture, one chimney chest, two trunks, one dressing table, one candle stand, all her books she brought with her when she came and hymn books and pilgrims progress, also I loan to my wife Mildred during her natural life the plantation I now live on together with the improvements or a part of the land thereof bounded as follows, to wit, by Henry Potts, Lewis H. Wanner, John H. H. Boley, Presley George and others in short all of my land lying north of the road running from Henry Potts to the mill until it comes in contact with Lepus's line then with said line to Presley George's line, also three negroes (to wit) Heph, Drury and Sarah, also I loan my wife Mildred the Part and one share of one of them also my thing horse and ten of the out hogs and all of my open land, also I want my wife to have twelve hundred pounds of pork and three milk cows and calves

of Henry Pells, Jephth McKenney and others which
Land I made her a deed to not long since containing
two hundred and ninety four and a half acres more
or less valued at six hundred dollars, also I will
and bequeath to my daughter Martha I George
a certain piece of Land being the west end of the
old Lyon tract containing five hundred and
fifty two acres more or less which land I have
sately deeded to my daughter Martha I and Bradley
George valued at eight hundred dollars, also I will
and bequeath to my daughter Sam M. Finney
a certain piece of Land to wit beginning in
Henry Pells line on the south side of the Road
between my barn and said Pells house Thence
with said Pells line to the Patriotic and Germanton
Road thence along said Road towards Germanton
as it meanders to the fork thence down said Road
to a new line just then between the tract and
to Mary A. Atkinson and said tract thence north
with sd. line to Jephthys line thence with sd.
Jephthys line to his corner in the old field on the
South side of the big Creek thence north to
the Road near my dwelling house thence up the
Road to the beginning, number of acres not known
thence I value said tract at eight hundred dollars.
also I wish this bounding together with my interest
in the mill to be sold at my death and the money
equally divided between all of my lawful heirs
to wit, beginning at a corner in Preston Atkinsons
line near the ford of the creek on the west side
of said creek thence east along said Road until
it comes to the Road running up to Jephthys mill
thence up said Road to Jephthys corner in said
Road thence west with said Jephthys line crossing
the creek just below Jephthys mill thence down
the edge of the water as it meanders with
sd. Atkinsons line to the beginning, as I have
heretofore omitted stating what my interest is
I here say one half of the mill and one
half of the saw-mill and the grist-mill and
mine together with its improvements is mine
also the Milling house is mine. The remainder of
the tract is to be divided between the heirs of the

Laying east of the Mills I want - sold at the same time and place of the Mills and the money equally divided as heretofore mentioned. also I leave to my brother John Shippin the tract of land he now lives on it being a tract of two hundred acres and at the death of said John Shippin son I want that tract sold and the money equally divided between my lawful heirs. also I wish and make at my will that at my death all the body I hold against said John Shippin son to be handed to him by my executor clear of charge. also I will and bequeath to John Shippin or rather to the use of my brother John Shippin family as long as the continue to live together and to be the property of his son John at his becoming twenty one years of age one horse now in the possession of said Shippin together with all of the stock of cattle and hogs now in the possession of said Shippin. also I will and bequeath that the down tract of land willd to my wife Mildred at her natural death to be sold and the money equally divided among my lawful heirs. also I will and bequeath that all my negroes not loaned to my wife Mildred be allotted and equally divided between my lawful heirs and if my heirs cannot equally make said division I wish said slaves hired out until the proceeds together with the slaves can be equally divided. and at the death of my beloved wife Mildred I wish the three slaves loaned to her to be divided in the same way above spoken of. also all other property not otherwise disposed to be sold and all debts due to me to be collected. and just debts paid. the remainder of money if any to be equally divided between all of my lawful heirs. also all of the property loaned to my wife Mildred during her natural life at her death to be sold and the money equally divided between my lawful heirs. I also will and bequeath that if any difficulty arises between any of my heirs that they settle they shall call upon an disinterested persons to settle said difficulty and if they

cannot agree that there are persons call upon
 those other persons to make said settlement and
 in case two out of the last three agree it
 shall be a lawful decision. I also nominate
 and appoint Lewis B Banner as my executor
 of my last will and testament. also I
 will and bequeath that he shall have one
 dollar and fifty cents per day for his services
 and his expenses paid also I will and bequeath
 that my executor L B Banner take a list of
 all the property I own to my wife and see
 that it is rightly appraised as above spoken of
 In the presence of these subscribing witnesses I
 hereby subscribe and make the above my
 last and final will the day and year first
 above written wherefore I put my hand and seal

Witness

Wilson Hutton
 G. W. J. J. J.
 Muriel P. Bell

Samuel Shipp

September Term 1858

The execution of the last will and testament of
 Samuel Shipp deceased of which the foregoing
 is a true copy was duly proved in open Court
 by the oaths of Wilson Hutton and Muriel P. Bell
 subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded

Wm. H. Taylor
 By Saml. H. Taylor Clk

In the name of God Amen—
 I Thomas Shipp of Stokes County and State of North
 Carolina, being now in a state of health and sound mind
 and memory but desiring to mind the mortals of
 my body and moving that it is appointed for all
 men to die, do make and give and appoint and do by
 these presents make and give and appointed
 this to be my last will and testament in
 the following manner.

First I give to my son Bartlett Shipp one feather
 bed & furniture. I also will to my grand son
 Albert McRae Shipp one horse, one feather
 bed & furniture. I further will all the rest of
 my property of every description with the exception
 of two and negroes Rier & Lewis to be sold
 by my Executors on a nine months credit at
 public sale and the amount to be well
 secured by security and the money to be equally
 divided between my daughter Nancy Grimes and
 my two grand sons William Thomas Shipp
 and Albert McRae Shipp. Sixteen hundred
 acres of Land including where I now live &
 plantation house cattle, hogs, sheep some land
 & kitchen furniture and in short all of my
 property that I have above will to (give) the two
 boys and one horse. the two negroes above Rier
 & Lewis is to be free at my death, and I enjoin
 on my daughter above and my two grand sons above
 named to give such obligations in Court as the
 Court may think proper to indemnify the County
 to prevent the negroes from becoming chargeable to
 the same. and for other things the Court may
 think proper in regard to freeing these two negroes
 and they or some of them want some in to the obligations
 with the Court. I will the money arising from the
 sale of my property shall be left in my Executors
 hands whilst these two negroes live and them to support
 out of it so as to prevent them from becoming a
 County charge. after subsisting on their own labor
 as far as they are able, and the rest of the money
 after all this is done to be equally divided as before
 stated. I will that all my just debts be paid out
 of the proceeds arising from my property. I don't see
 much the more I owe. I owe to some of my friends