

Joseph Patterson of Stokes County in North Carolina  
being of sound mind & memory & knowing that it is  
appointed unto all men once to die I do make  
and ordain this my last will & testament in  
maner & form following viz.

It is my will that at my just death be  
paid one of my personal estate I do give unto  
my son John two hundred & fifty acres of  
land of the lower end of the tract wherein  
I now live joining Samuel Pitts to him this  
hers forever

I do give unto my son Joseph the remain-  
der of my land lying between that I have  
given my son John & that he purchased of his  
brother Andrew to him this hers forever

I do give unto my daughter Elizabeth  
the feather bed that she claims as her  
with the furniture thereunto belonging also one  
cow & aforesaid the puerulus to shed a room  
at east end my house during the time she  
remains in a unmarried state

I do give all the residue of my estate  
to my children namely Simmons, Jordan,  
Joseph, John, Dennis, Sarah, Anna &  
Elizabeth Also it is my will that Jenny  
Beason Children namely Joseph, William,  
Elizabeth, Jane Dennis, Sarah have the  
ninth part and that to be equally divided  
between them & my other named children  
to have the rest equally divided between  
them & Lastly I do appoint my son Dennis  
& Benjamin Beason executors of this my last  
will & testament made this twenty

day of the month month 1809. 165  
Notarized before me  
Signed Sealed & Acknowledged  
in the presence of us Joseph Patterson Esq  
John Pitts his  
John Brooks  
William Patterson

Stokes County December term 1809.  
The execution of the last will & testament of Joseph  
Patterson an<sup>d</sup> of which the foregoing is a true  
Copy was duly proven in open Court by  
John Pitts Deacon to be genuine

Rob Williams, Esq  
J. H. Marshall Esq

In the name of God amen. I Stephen Fountain  
of the state of North Carolina and County of Stokes being  
weak in body but in a perfect state of Mind & Memory  
do constitute and appoint this the other to be my last  
will & Testament prior to my death First I do recommend  
my soul into the hand of Almighty God who for your it  
me & my body to be buried in a Christian like manner by my  
surviving friends Secondly I give & bequeath to my elder daugh-  
ter Martha Fountain and to my younger daughter Sally Fountain  
each of them one bed instead Furniture a piece and a  
one peester dish and one peester plate a purse and one Cow  
& Calf spine and I also give to my wife Jane Fountain  
all the Corn & Meal that I have and I also give to my  
wife two horses which she shall choose and I also give to  
my wife Jane Fountain the tract of land where I now  
live during her life and after her deceas to be equally  
divided betwixt Fountain & Marshall son of Richard  
Marshall and Stephen Fountain son of James Fountain  
and the remaining part of my property I will to be sold &  
equally divided betwixt my wife Jane Fountain and my

66 Your children which is Martha Fountain Sally Marshall  
James Fountain and Sally Fountain.

I also constitute my truly friends Joseph Waggoner  
and James Fountain to be my executors I hereby revoke  
and disannull all other wills and Constitute this and  
no other to be my last will & Testament In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my seal this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February A.D. 1903.

Agreed sealed and delivered in the presence  
of us the undersigned Subscribers,

First James Fountain  
Joseph Waggoner

Stokes County Court  
March Term 1810. The last will & Testament  
of Stephen Fountain of which the foregoing is a  
true Copy was duly proven in open Court by  
the oath of Joseph Waggoner & Sam'l Fountain  
and ordered to be recorded which is done  
accordingly

Rob Williams Co  
for The T. & G. Co.

In the name of God Amen. I Richard Cox of  
Stokes County & State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect  
mind & memory (blessed be God) do this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nine  
make and Publish this my last will & Testament in the  
manner following viz. I give & bequeath to my beloved  
wife Jane the tract of land plantation whereon I have  
also two smaller tracts of land containing 95 acres that  
lie near the aforesd land plantation to her to enjoy  
enjoy as long as she shall live & then for the above mentioned  
land plantation to fall to my son Joshua also I give &  
bequeath to my beloved wife Jane all my plantation tools  
& stock such as is necessary which as is not necessary may be  
sold by Smith tools I give to my son Joshua but he is not  
to move them off the plantation and all my stock plantation  
tools home hold furniture is to be equally divided between  
my eight children at my wifes death also I give to my  
beloved wife four Negroes namely Jolley and old Aaron  
& Jacob her Captain and after her death to be equally divided  
between my eight children and all my other tracts of land  
beside the above mentioned land is to be equally divided  
between my seven daughters after my decease also I give  
and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Sally one Negroe by  
the name of Lewis & to my next eldest daughter Polly one Negroe  
girl by the name of Lucy and to my daughter Cate one  
Negroe girl Agnes by the name of Rebecca and to my  
daughter Agnes one negroe girl by the name of Mingo  
Also I give to my daughter Nancy one negroe by the name  
& Sampson and to my daughter Betsy one negroe boy  
by the name of Martin and to my daughter Sistras one  
negroe girl by the name of Jane which negro is to be  
divided at my decease also I give & bequeath to my  
son Joshua one negroe man by the name of Bob  
If any of these aforesaid negroes before my children