

chose a Master, and they shall out of the proceeds of this sale take the five hundred dollars above named to purchase a tract of land for my Daughter Serah to the best of their judgment, should said negro sell for more than five hundred dollars the balance shall be added to the proceeds of the sale of my personal property and dealt with as that is herein ordered to be dealt with—

Item. It is my will that my beloved wife Ann Mary shall have liberty to choose whatever article she may think proper to make choice of of my household and kitchen furniture, which articles shall be her property during her life—

Item. It is my will that all the remainder of my personal property shall be by my executors sold at public sale to the highest bidder the proceeds of which sale after my just debts have been discharged shall by my executors be loaned out on interest to safe persons and so much of the yearly interest thereof as my wife Ann Mary may want for her decent maintenance shall be at her disposal during her natural life, and after her death the proceeds of this sale and such interest as may not have been wanted as above shall be equally divided among my five children, Henry, Frederic, George, Serah & Mary share and share alike—

Item. It is my will, that should the plantation on which I at present reside, be valued at more than five hundred dollars, or be sold for more at public sale, the sum over and above shall be added to the proceeds of the sale of my personal property and be dealt with as that is ordered to be dealt with—

Item. I give and bequeath unto my four children by my first wife viz, Anna (wife of Valentine Dieckel), Christine, Elizabeth, and John, one dollar to each of them, and no more—

And lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my son Henry, my son George, and my friend Jacob Bonnes (Nephew) to be the executors of this my last will, hereby revoking all other wills, legacies and bequests, by me heretofore made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

the seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one—

Signed, sealed, declared and acknowledged in presence of

Christian Lash Jurat

Wm. F. Lash

William Hunter

Heinrich Hauser

Stokes County September term 1821.

The last will and testament of Henry Hauser of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by Christian Lash and ordered to be recorded—

Matth. Moore C.C.

By Nathaniel J. C.

To all to whom these presents may come Greeting know ye that I Thompson Smith of Stokes County & State of North Carolina calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all men once to die & Being blessed with some worldly property which I desire to be disposed in the following manner by my Executors hereafter mentioned— First of all I desire my funeral charges with

all my just debts be discharged by my Executors—

Item. I give and bequeath to my five sons Elizer, Jacob, Moses, Thompson & John Smith all my land where I now live computed to be two hundred and ninety acres to be equally divided between them share & share alike reserving to my beloved wife Rachel my Dwelling house & her living of my plantation as long as she shall live—

I also give to my loving wife Rachel her choice of my horn creature one cow & all my sheep two feather beds and furniture also all my kitchen furniture at her disposal as long as she may live—

74 And it is also my will and desire that all the residue of my estate be equally divided between my five sons Elizer, Jacob, Moses, Thompson & John & my four Daughters Martha, Mary, Leah, & Rachel share and alike —
And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my loving wife Rachel & my trusty sons Elizer, & Moses joint Executors to this my will hereby ratifying & confirming ~~making~~ this and no other to be my last will and testament in manner and form aforesaid. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th of April 1815 —
Signed seal & acknowledged
in the presence of
John Shield
John Sell Lucat
Thompson Smith

Stokes County September term 1821.
The last Will and testament Thompson Smith of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by John Sell and ordered to be recorded.
Matthew Moore C.C.
By R. D. Russell D.C.

In the Name of God ^{amen} I Gottlieb Rank of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being at present very sick and weak in body but yet of perfect Mind and memory thanks be to God for the same considering and calling to mind the mortality of my body do now ordain and declare this to be my last Will and Testament as specified in these Resolves I will that after my Death all my just debts shall be paid and all my claims or credits be recovered and collected by my herein named Executors as soon as possible it can be done and if any balance remains I hereby give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Mary
I will that Mary share in the Bethany mill shall be sold by my Executors to the best advantage and for the sole benefit of my beloved wife Mary

75 I will that my Bethany town Lot with its improvements shall be sold by my Executors as soon as it can be done after my decease in such a manner and on such terms as they think most suitable the times and circumstances will admit —
I will that my land lying in Stokes County as well as that tract of land lying in Rockingham County shall be sold by my Executors as soon as possible after my decease and in what manner my Executors shall think best I further will that such of my house furniture and other property shall be sold at private or public sale by my Executors as my beloved wife Mary wishes to have sold either on account to pay my just debts, or on her own account. Lastly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary all the rest and residue of my personal and real Estate with all its income and profits from Notes bonds Book account or in whatever manner or way any money or money are coming to me or due me and hereby declare her my beloved wife, as my sole heir, and I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary my friends Abraham Lash and Joseph Rank executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and declaring this and none other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th Day of January — Anno Domini 1822
Signed, Sealed published and delivered
in the presence of us
P. Hauser }
Christen Grabs } Execs
Gottlieb Rank
mark

Solomon Trammell
Stokes County Court March term 1822.
The execution of the last Will and Testament of Gottlieb Rank and of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court by P. Hauser & Christen Grabs & ordered to be recorded.
Matthew Moore C.C.
By R. D. Goffing D.C.