

23) Stokes County March Term A.D. 1841

The Execution of the last will and Testament of John Shean and
as of which it is certified the foregoing to be a true copy was duly proven
in open court by the oaths of Thomas Hancock and Jacob Shores witnesses
whom I think according to law and ordered to be recorded and
done accordingly by
R.D. Golding Clerk

I Thomas Cross of Stokes County and State of North
Carolina being in health of body and of sound and
disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the
uncertainty of life and knowing it is appointed unto all
men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and
testament in manner & form following First I will
that my body be decently buried at the discretion of my
Executors herein after named and my funeral expenses by
them be paid I will that my just debts which I may
owe at the time of my decease shall be well and truly
paid and discharged by my executors within convenient
time after my decease
I then I will and bequeath unto my wife Mary Cross all
my estate real & personal of ~~any~~ kind and nature
during and for the term of her natural
life after the decease of my wife I will that all my
estate real & personal be sold in the common way by
my Executors and the proceeds be equally divided between
my children namely
Sally Jordan Patsy Duggins Ashley Cross Polly Warren
Mason Fry Tully Duggins Constant Wheeler Betsy
and Thomas Cross & Milley Fry
Milley Fry my daughter being dead I give and bequeath
unto her three children Lewis Fry Betsy Fry & Mary
Fry all their mother's distributable share to them and their
heirs forever to be equally divided between them
the distribution that is above named to my children and is to
them and their heirs forever
I earnestly request my children and their companions to
purchase among them slaves so as to keep them in the family
a certain negro woman named Betsy & her children
as to a negro man named Nathan he is not my
property he belongs to my son Thomas Cross
And lastly I appoint my son Ashley Cross and my son in
law Solomon Warren Executors of this my last will and
testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and

affixed my seal this fourteenth day of May A.D. 1841
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty
signed sealed pronounced and declared Thomas Cross ^{his} ~~mark~~
by the said Thomas Cross to be
his last will & Testament
in presence of us
Geo Linville Suror
Demina Linville

Stokes County March Term A.D. 1841 The Execution of the last
will and testament of Thomas Cross as of which I certify the foregoing
to be a true copy was duly proven in open court by George Hancock
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto according to law & ordered to be
recorded
Richard D. Golding Clerk

I John C. Gibbins of Stokes County North Carolina Planter
being weak in body but of sound disposing mind & memory
& understanding Considering the certainty of death and the
uncertainty of ^{the} time thereof and being disposed to settle my
worldly affairs and thereby to be further prepared to leave this
world when it may please God to call me hence do there
fore make and publish this my last will and testament
In the manner and form following
Item 1st my will and desire is that all my just debts
should be paid out of my personal estate
Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary
Gibbins my plantations during her life with all the the
Buildings her profits & her rents be longing containing
one hundred & twelve acres of land & also my mare named
Blaze & two cows & six sheep & half my hogs two beds & furniture
one loom and all the household & kitchen furniture
Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter
Catharine one dollar in money Item 4th I give and
bequeath unto my daughter Christina one dollar each Item 5th
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susannah Swain one
dollar in money Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Elizabeth Smith one dollar in money
Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter
Maryann Gibbins one bed & furniture one cow two sheep
one wheel and witham Gibbins to give her five dollars

In the name of God Amen.

I Mary Martin of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being at present weak in body but of sound mind & memory thank be given for the same, on this twenty third day of September one thousand eight hundred & forty six make & publish this my last will & Testament — First of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, & my body to the dust from whence it came, to be buried in a Christian like manner. And my regards such worldly estate as I have, it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. It is my will, that all of my just debts shall be paid & that my Executor sell so much of my real or personal property or such portion of either or both of them as he in his judgment may think most proper for that purpose, either at public or private sale, but it is my request of him that he reserve that part of my Land & Sheron my dwelling & other necessary houses are situated and that he let my two brothers Philip & Joseph Banner have a home of the same while they live or either of them & he is also requested to let any portion of my property remain with them during their lives that he may not find occasion to sell for the purpose of paying my debts.

I will that my Brother Benjamin Banner have my Land or such part of it as may not be sold for the purpose of paying my debts, & a slave named Coda & such other slaves of mine, viz: Old Jimmy, Harriet, Mariah that may remain unsold it is my will that my Brothers Philip & Joseph Banner keep them together with any other property of mine not otherwise devised, after my debts are paid to be equally divided between them.

I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my Brother Benjamin Banner my Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, the day & year above written.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in the

Presence of John Clayton Secy

Sharon Poyor

Wilson C. Banner

Mary Martin (Seal)
mark

December Term 1846

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Mary Martin and (of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of John Clayton Secy & Sharon Poyor two of the subscribing witnesses to the same, & ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill, ckr

Thomas Crews of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina. being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say.

First — That my Executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expences, together with my just debts, whosoever and to whom soever owing, out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

2 I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Crews all my house hold and kitchen furniture or so much thereof as

we shall say also that they

to have and to hold during

me and premises be sold property not covered by or all my debts and expences shall be loaned out and from I have support during her

to my beloved wife Mary cent burial expences are paid monies then left, the surplus all my Children in equal and each of them their share absolutely, forever

and appoint my trusty sons lawful executors to all intents my last will and testament, and meaning of the same and hereby revoking utterly void all we heretofore made. I also

power of attorney to sell my land of, I the said Thomas Crews do seal, This 20th day of September eight hundred & forty six.

Thomas Crews (Seal)
mark

on the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses there to — Leonard G. Hayman

December Term 1846.
The Execution of the last will & Testament of Thomas Crews (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Leonard G. Hayman one of the subscribing witnesses to the same, & ordered to be recorded. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, the day & year above written.