

120 the said George Brisson the Testator as his
last will and testament in the presence of
of us who were present at the time of signing
and sealing thereof

Thos. Smith

Wm. Jones

Stokes County Court at such Term P.M.

The execution of the last will and
testament of George Brisson deceased was
duly proven in open Court by the oaths of
Thomas Smith & Wm Jones and ordered to
be recorded — done accordingly

Robt. Williams cc

Thos. T. Armstrong, Esq

In the name of God amen I Thomas Gaines
of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being
in a low state of health but of sound mind
and memory at this day being the Eighth day
of January and in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and Eleven do make
ordain and constitute this to be my last
will and testament in form and substance
as follows to wit

And first I recommend my soul unto God who
gave it through Jeze Christ Amen, and secondly
I do leave my worldly estate in the following
manner Viz: I give to my beloved wife Sarah
Gaines in case she survives me the whole

of my estate both real and personal during
her natural life or so much thereof as she shall
choose for her support if she shall make choice
of the former mode my desire is that my executor
immediately after her death, should be appointed three
fit men in order to allot of my estate as I shall
hereafter describe otherwise if she shall make choice
of the latter mode that is only a part of my estate
my desire is that my executor should without delay
so soon as such choice shall be made & make
the necessary arrangements agreeable to the mode
already pointed out for dividing the balance
of my estate in the following manner and first
my will and desire is that my son Phillip
Gaines have no part of my estate for the following
reasons, I wish it understood that I have as much
real love and affection for him as any of the rest of
my Children but having at his first settling out some
doubt for him than the others and as he has since
told me that he was satisfied without having
any more I have thought myself justifiable in
leaving him no part of my estate either real or
personal as it has been a long time since I
have seen my son Richard Gaines and as I know
not whether he is dead or alive my will and
desire is that he shall have no part of my
estate either real or personal but I give and
bequeath to his Daughter Louisa Gaines one horse
bridle and saddle worth eighty dollars and
two hundred dollars in money the balance
of my estate I desire to be equally divided
between my following Children to wit

121 James S. Gaines Elizabeth Bohannon William
Gaines. Henry P. Gaines Frank Cardwell Susannah
Smith George W. Gaines and Francis T. Gaines
Except two hundred & fifty Dollars which I
wish to be deducted out of Elizabeth Bohannon
part on account of a bargain which I gave
Philemon Bohannon in a tract of land
I sold him on Rudy Creek and except
one hundred dollars to be deducted out of
Susanna Smith's share and further my
will and desire is that each of my children
as have been last mentioned which have
not been fixed off with a bed & some other
necessaries for house keeping shall be made
up equal with the rest whom my estate
shall be laid off into lots I wish my
executors to choose some person to draw in
behalf of the legatee My desire is that John
Martin & Thomas Clement be my executors
to this my last will & testament to be in the
same executed according to its true intent
and meaning
Witness
Thomas Gaines

James Lyon Junr
Wm Boyles Junr

Stokes County Court March Term 1811
The execution of the last will & Testament of
of Thomas Gaines dec'd of which the foregoing
is a true copy was duly proven in open Court
by James Lyon & Wm Boyles and ordered to be
recorded - done according to Robt Williams Ck
of the T. Remondy.

In the name of God Amen I Andrew Foster of Stokes
County in the state of North Carolina being of sound and perfect
mind and memory (blessed be God) at this eighth day of April in
the year of our Lord Christ one thousand eight hundred and Eleven
make and publish this my last will and testament in manner
and form following that is to say

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary
all the lands that I may have a lawful title to at the day
of my Death also I give unto my said wife all my stock of
Horses Cattle Hogs &c. together with my household furniture and
plantations utensils of every description all which Estate both real
and personal to be and remain to and for the sole proper use of
her my said wife Mary for and during her natural life and
after her decease to whole of said estate then remaining both
real and personal to be disposed of in the following manner
to wit that is to say the whole of my estate aforesaid to be sold by
my executors herein after named nominated and appointed, at
public sale on a Credit of Twelve months and the monies then
arising from such Vendor after discharging all just claims and
debts to be divided among my nine children viz: baby Shown,
Peter Foster Tenn, Henry, John, George, Susannah, Peggy and
Adam in the following manner that is to say I give and
bequeath unto my nine children above named when the money
for which said estate are collected an equal quota or part of all
such monies as may arise by virtue of said Estate agreeable to
the property they may already received or that I have given them
before I made this my last will. And it is my will that all
the bonds for sums of money for which my negroes are sold and
all other demands which I have against my household Creditors
may be collected when due (by my worthy executors) and immediately
equally divided amongst my beloved wife Mary and my nine
children above described &c. And I make and ordain
my beloved friend Adam Greaser and my worthy friend Samuel