

In the name of God amen.

I Leonard Bigler of the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory doth this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1840, make publish and declare the following to be my last will and Testament, to wit.

First. After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I will and bequeath the residue of my Estate both real and personal to my beloved wife Nancy, for her to use and enjoy the same during her natural life, for her own comfort and benefit and for the comfort and benefit of my four Daughters Elizabeth, Anna, Isannah and Mary.

Secondly.

After the death of my wife it is my will and desire that my Negro girl Sarah and her increase the remaining stock, house hold and Kitchen furniture, and all other property of any kind whatever (except my land) be given and I hereby give and bequeath the same in equal shares unto my four Daughters Elizabeth, Anna, Isannah and Mary.

Thirdly. It is my will and desire that my daughters above named live upon property and enjoy my land, and all the profits and benefits arising from the same, during their natural lives, after which I will and bequeath the same unto my son James Bigler.

I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my son James Bigler Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> November 1840. Signed sealed &c. in presence of.

Thomas C. Plummer  
John G. Hill

Leonard Bigler <sup>his</sup>  
mark <sup>Seal</sup>

June term 1850.

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Leonard Bigler did (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of John Hill & John G. Hill two of the subscribing witnesses to the same & ordered to be recorded.

M. Gilb. c.c.

I Thomas King of the County of Stokes and 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 expenses, together with my just debts however and to whomsoever living out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Secondly. that my executor make sale of all my property both real and personal, and if he should deem it more advantageous to the interest of my Estate to make private sale of my boy Sam and my land and possessions together with the remainder of my personal property on a credit of twelve months.

Thirdly. I give and devise to my brother George L. King the sum of one dollar to be paid to him by my executor out of any money belonging to my estate, not otherwise disposed of.

Fourthly. I give & devise to my sisters (to wit) Nancy Ashworth and Polly C. Hanby, and the heirs of their body all the remainder of my estate, after paying all my just debts and the expenses incidental to settling up my estate to be equally divided between the said Nancy Ashworth and Polly C. Hanby.

And Lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John W. Kittling my lawful executor to all intents & purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof.

In testimony whereof I the said Thomas King do hereunto set my hand & seal this 26<sup>th</sup> June A.D. 1850.

Signed sealed and declared }  
by the said Thomas King to be }  
his last will and testament in the }  
presence of us who at his request and }  
in his presence do subscribe our names }  
witness thereto  
Thomas M. Packette

Anthony S. Kittling — September term 1850.

The execution of the last will & Testament of Thomas King did (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Thomas M. Packette & Anthony S. Kittling subscribing witnesses to the same & ordered to be recorded.

John Hill. c.c.

Thomas King Seal