

15 In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas Suttle of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being weak in body though in perfect mind and memory knowing that it was once appointed unto all men to die do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament

First and principally of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and body to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with my wife and desire is that my funeral expenses and all my just debts that I may be owing at the time of depopulation be paid out of my estate as soon as convenient after my decease and as touching the burden of my estate

First I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catherine the Tract of land wherein I now live for and during her natural life or widowhood I further give and bequeath unto my said wife Catherine all of my stock of horses cattle hogs and sheep all my household and Kitchen furniture and farming tools together with every other article of property of whatever nature or description that I may be possessed of for and during her natural life or widowhood as above mentioned It is further my will and desire that my said wife Catherine have the amount of all debts that may be owing to me at the time of my decease for her own use and benefit

It is also my will and desire that in case my said wife Catherine should marry again that some fit and suitable person should administer on my estate and make sale and sell all the property which may be found belonging to my estate both real and personal on a reasonable credit and the money arising from the sale of this property to be equally divided between all my children And if at any time my said wife Catherine should Judge it necessary to dispose of any of the property which she may have in hands it is my will and desire that she make sale of said property either publicly or privately as she may think proper and apply the proceeds to her use and benefit

I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife Catherine Suttle Executrix to this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof

16 I have unto set my hand and affixed my seal this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty seven Signed ~~Suttle~~ and acknowledged in the presence of Thomas Suttle
J. Bolejack Surant
William Suttle

Stokes County March Term 1838
The Execution of the last will and Testament of Thomas Suttle of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open Court according to law by the oath of J. Bolejack and William Suttle and ordered to be recorded Done accordingly

Richard D. Golding Clerk

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I Christian Frederick Denke of Stokes County North Carolina being at present weak in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory & baling to mind the shortatly of man do make & declare this my last will & Testament in manner & form following to wit My immortal soul I return into the hands of her Creator & redeemer and

- 1) I desire that my hereinafter named Executor shall provide for my body a decent burial according to the rules of the Church of the United Brethren
- 2) To pay all my funeral expenses together with all my just debts & legal claims against me howsoever & to whomsoever owing out of my estate & also collect all moneys ^{due} ~~owed~~ to me
- 3) The residue remaining of that portion of earthly goods which the Lord the giver of all good things has blessed me I dispose of in the following manner as it shall be held & executed after my decease by my Executor unquestionably to wit I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Maria all the property belonging to me legally on the day of my decease be it in houses landed property chattles bonds or Notes Bank stock & other stock furniture books including all my beloved writings prints etc in short all and every item which I claim as my property at the hour of my decease to have & to hold at her sole disposal during her life after her decease the sum of two thousand Dollars (\$2000) shall be paid to the agents & Messengers among the United Brethren & the residents