

67/ I know all men by these presents that I William C Cole
of the County of Stokes State of North Carolina being weak of body
but of a sound & disposing mind for which I thank God & believing
that I must shortly go the way of all the earth & having a wife
& children that lies near my heart which I desire to give into the
hands of the Great being who said give thy fatherless children
unto me and wishing to dispose prudently & equally of what
little of this worlds goods I have accumulated by the blessing of God
do make & constitute this to be my last will & Testament in
Manner & form following viz

1st after my decease that all my just debts be paid out of
my estate and
2^d that my wife remain on my premises and keep all my
my estate together for the next ten years & School all my
children with a good reading writing & Arithmetic education
and that my children as they become of age have out of my
estate five hundred dollars with a bed & furniture with the
exception of those that are married & provided for which is
as follows Robert has had three hundred dollars in cash in part
of his the remainder to be made up Nancy who married Alfred
Reves has got a negroe woman & child which I give her &
price at seven hundred & fifty dollar the overplus to come
out of her part when my estate is divided

Letty who married Andrew Martin has got a negroe Girl
that I gave her price at four hundred & twenty six dollars the
remainder to be made up I do also wish my sons that are
growing up to keep up my manufacturing business if they
can by the experience of it make any thing at it and also that
my sons remain with & treat their step mother decent & well
that they may get such treatment in return and also be industrious
& frugal that their legacies may be raised without impairing
of the estate and at the end of the ten years if my wife is
then living that a reasonable provision be made for her during
her life and the remainder be equally divided amongst
all my children and also at no death her part be also
divided amongst them and furthermore I am left by my
father an agree for the children of my sister Elizabeth Duckworth
to pay to them as they become of age a legacy left them by
my father which I have made the calculation which
is one hundred & fifty dollar each of which three of them
is paid off & there is yet six more one will be of age
in September next or thereabouts for the provision
thereof I have a bond on Bailey & Young for a part

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Six hundred dollars which if it remain there with
Interest will not lack much of paying them all
And lastly I desire my wife that my son Robert B Cole my son
Barzillai L Cole my two sons in law Alfred Reves & Andrew
Martin & my Brother James L Cole be my Executors to manage
my estate My sons I want inducements given them as they
are growing up as they may be encouraged in the farm and
Manufactory
But when there is a full trial made should the management
be such that the keeping of my property together should depreciate
my estate there be disposition generally it may be equally
divided before the time of Ten Years those of my children
that have received for it to go so far in their part or should
my wife die before that time a division to take place
This I Testify to be my Will and signed with my own
hand & put my seal this 11th day of July 1840

Wm C Cole (Seal)

Stokes County
December Term 1840 } The Execution of the Last Will and Testament
of William C Cole of the County of Stokes State of North Carolina being weak of body
but of a sound mind & memory but calling to mind the Mortality of my
Body and knowing that it is appointed for all the human family once
to dye have made ordain & appointed this my Last Will & Testament
as follows That little property both real & personal it hath been
pleased God to bless me with that remain at my decease I Give
to my son Hugh Poor for the particular care & attention he
hath pt to me in my helpless condition And the above named
Hannah Poor do by these presents constitute ordain & appoint
John Barmes Esq. Executor of this my last Will & Testament in
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this ninth day
of January Eighteen hundred & thirty six

In the name of God amen
I Hannah Poor of the County of Stokes State of North Carolina being
Now of sound mind & memory but calling to mind the Mortality of my
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For Hannah Poor (Seal)
Austin Duckham
Stokes County
December Term 1840 } The execution of the last