

The Municipal will of Ferdinand Proctor late of Stokes County died
as expressed before the subscribers who were called on by him at his own
dwelling house and in his last sickness a Witness Neg.

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Jenny & Kelly to help raise the children and that he wanted his lands and
negroes to be rented & hired out for the purpose of paying his debts and an
equal division of his property to be made among his children

25th August 1824

David Dalton
Polly Cox
Mark

Stokes County March term 1825, Wm Blackburn

The execution of the last Municipal will of Ferdinand
Proctor died of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open
court by the oath of David Dalton Polly Cox & Wm Blackburn & ordered to
be recorded

Matthew R. Brown, cl
By Matthew R. Brown, Sec

In the name of God Amen I William Cook of Stokes County State
of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory that the 6th
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & twenty three make and publish this my last will & testament
in manner & form as follows that is to say that I commit my soul to God
hoping that through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour that God will
make me so happy according to the end and purpose of his own
glory secondly desire my body to be buried in a decent manner at the
disposition of my executors as touching my worldly affairs I will that all
my just debts be paid - secondly that my beloved wife Anne Cook
have & possess an enjoy all my estate both real & personal during her
natural life or widowhood and at her death the half of
the above named estate real & personal I will that my son William
Cook shall have and enjoy the same to him & his heirs for ever believing
that I have given all my children lawful heirs their proportional part of my
estate notwithstanding if the said now in Stokes Superior Court should
be decided in favour of the heirs of my brother Thomas Cook then &
in that case only shall all my lawful heirs enjoy their proportional
part of said estate - and lastly I constitute my beloved friend
Saml Welch and my executor with my wife Anne Cook

signed sealed and pronounced as my last will and testament this
6th day March in the year of our Lord 1823

In the presence of
Richard Smith Jurat
Sarah Smith
Patsy Smith

William Cook
mark

Stokes County March term 1825

The execution of the last will & testament
of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven in open
court by the oath of Richard Smith & ordered to be recorded

Matthew R. Brown, cl
By Matthew R. Brown, Sec

I John Pitts of the county of Stokes and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and perfect memory, do this 3rd day of the first
month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three
make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following.

That is to say -

- 1st I will that my just debts be paid out of my estate -
- 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth, all the household furniture,
lure, that she brought from her father, and furthermore I will to my
beloved wife, my dwelling house, garden and patches of ground
tracts, and part of the benefit of the archery - and I will to my
wife, my whole plantation, and I will that she have a sufficient support
out of it during her widowhood. And I will that my beloved
wife have one of my horses, that she have her choice of them - I
will that my wife have one pet, that she have also her choice of
them - I will to her my largest pewter dish, three silver plates,
one basin, six cups, six saucers, and six knives and forks, and
I will to my wife two checked shaws -
- 3rd I will that the rest of my estate be equally divided between my seven
children, namely - James Pitts, Abigail Kitchin, Sarah Pitts,
Henry Pitts, Andrew Pitts, John Pitts and Sarah Pitts - I will
that my three sons, James, Andrew and John, pay foreign dollars
each out of their part of my estate to my son Henry - I will my
youngest to my son John - I will that if any of my children should
die, that his or her part of my estate should be equally divided among the rest
of my children -
- And lastly - I ordain, constitute and appoint, my trusty son John Pitts
and my beloved wife Elizabeth, joint executors of this my last will and
testament - And so hereby, testify and confirm this to be my last will
and testament - In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal
to this my last will and testament - the day and date before written.

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In the name of God Amen I William Cook of Stokes County State
of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory that the Lord
be the 9th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
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