

49 Farmers tools together with all my wearing clothes
I give to my several children not now mentioned
in my will five shillings to them and each
of them
Lastly I do hereby appoint my son Thomas
Heath Executor and my wife executrix of
my estate to manage as herein directed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put
my hand and seal the 20th day of August
AD 1799 Thomas Heath ^{his} mark
Signed sealed in
presence of us

Jas Winston
Leonard ^{his} Fyler
mark

Stokes County June term 1804

The execution of the last will and
testament of Thomas Heath one of which
the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven
in open Court by the oath of Leonard Fyler
and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly
done

Robt Williams C
P. H. Armstrong

North Carolina
Stokes County

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The verbal or nuncupative
will of William Hawkins late deceased and
the 29th day of April in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred & four
in the presence of Hugh Martin and
Elizabeth Martin his wife, and it being
in the last sickness, produces the intention
of the said William Hawkins relative to
the disposition of his property after his decease
to the following effect to wit that I William
Hawkins of the County aforesaid and state
aforesaid conceiving my dissolution fast approach-
ing it is my will and desire that all my
Just debts should be paid off and discharged
and as to what little property it has pleased
my maker to give me possession of, it is my main
wish and desire as also my will both real &
personal as to the property, should remain in the
possession and safe keeping of my dear beloved
wife Nancy Hawkins the better to advance
and nourish my dear children untill the
youngest should become of age or to the age
of twenty one years and then to be equally
divided amongst my dear wife Nancy and
my beloved children to wit Benjamin Hawkins
Chilly Hawkins Betsy Hawkins William Hawkins
Lazarus Hawkins James Hawkins Joel Hawkins

50 and Nancy Hawkins; Provided nevertheless
my dear beloved wife Nancy Hawkins
should not intermarry with any person
and should she do so then it is my
will that equal distribution be im-
mediately made I desire my beloved
wife Nancy Hawkins to be my
Executrix.

So far as these witnesses (to wit
Hugh Martin & Elizabeth Martin)
recollects in understood relation
to the foregoing statement is true
I sworn before

H. Martin
May 11. 1854

Stokes County June term 1854

The execution of the Nuncupative
will of William Hawkins Dec^d of which
the foregoing is a true copy was duly
proven in open Court by the oath of
Hugh Martin and ordered to be
recorded which is accordingly done

Robt Williams C
J. Mrs. J. Armstrong

In the name of God Amen
I William Rutledge of Stokes County and
State of North Carolina being of sound & perfect
memory blessed be God do this twenty fourth day of
August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & throu make & publish this my last will
& testament in manner following that is to say
first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth all my personal property with lands
and all that appertains thereto during her natural
life After her decease my estate must be divided
amongst my children in form following that is to say
I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Johnson throu
Slaves named Frank Hannah young & Roger also I give
and bequeath unto my son W^m Rutledge eight Shillings also
I give and bequeath to my son Peter Rutledge one Negro
boy named Lewis also I give and bequeath to the last
born of my son Benjamin Rutledge one Negro named
Charles also I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin
Rutledge Eight Shillings also I give and bequeath to my
Daughter Sarah Twenty pounds hard money to be paid
her by my sons Ben^m & Elijah in this manner Benjamin
must pay five pounds out of his share part & Elijah
fifteen pounds to be paid her in payments of five
pounds each annually also I give and bequeath to
my Daughter Mary two Slaves named Chan
& Hannah (whom she has got) also I give and
bequeath to my son Elijah Rutledge five Slaves