

In the name of God Amen I William Knott of the State of North Carolina Stokes County being of perfect sound mind & memory. Releas'd be God do this 25th day of May A.D. 1830 make and published this my last will and testament in manner following: We

First I give and bequeath to my wife Tabatha Knott all my lands during her life or during her widowhood while she may continue to be my widow and no longer. And also I bequeath to my said wife Tabatha all my estate during her natural life or during the time she continues to be my widow and if she should be willing to spare any of the property such as cows or any thing of such like valuation she may give to my three Daughters Elizabeth Hutchings, Saml Knott and Polly Hutchings such things as she may think will suit them and divide equally amongst the three Daughters as aforesaid and after my said wife Tabatha is gone with the land as aforesaid.

I will and bequeath to my grand son James Knott son of William Knott one half of that part of my land which is lying on the east side of the Southeast fork of Rappahannock which land is bounded west by said creek on the south by Solomons Marins line on the east by Guilford County line and on the north by a line to be run from the Guilford line to said creek so as to make an equal division and also I in the same manner give and bequeath to my two grand children Julian Magrath Hampton Knott & John Knott children of Charles S Knott the other half of the part of my land lying on the east side of said creek and lies adjoining the lands of Philip Green and others. Also in the same manner I give and bequeath to my son Henry Knott one half of my land lying on the west side of said creek which land is bounded on the west by Linville line on the south by James Halbrooks line on the east by the said creek and on the north by a line to be run from said creek to Linville line so as to take just one half of my land lying on the west side of said creek for Henry. And also I give and bequeath to son Sterling Knott one half of my land which is lying on the west side of said creek which is bounded on the west by Linville line on the north by Linville and Going old line on the east by said creek and on the south by the line to be run between him and his brother Henry. And as I consider my son Sterling Knott a lunatic I request my son

William Knott to take care of him and manage his affairs. And also after the expiration of my said wife's time to hold possession of my three negroes Jack Molly and Manah, I give and bequeath the said negroes to my three Daughters viz Elizabeth Hutchings Jane Knott and Polly Hutchings to be equally divided amongst them and if they sell said negroes I request them to buy them amongst themselves as I desire that they shall not be sold out of the family and I desire my title and title and every thing thereunto belonging to be sold and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided amongst all of my children. Also I give and bequeath to my son Henry Knott one cow to my son Sterling Knott one cow and to my Daughter Jane Knott two cows, all the balance to be equally divided between my three Daughters. I hereby make and claim my wife Tabatha Knott and my son William Knott executors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I the said William Knott have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament the day and date above written. Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Knott the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were personally present at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Linville
Geo. Linville

James Knott
William Knott
Mark

March Term 1844.

The execution of the last will & testament of William Knott deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proved in open court by the oath of George Linville a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Mo. Hill. c. c.