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Stokes County North Carolina September Term 1837
The execution of the last will and Testament of Jacob Dantz
Deceased was duly proved in open Court by John T. Holder-
& Elijah Spurnham jun and ordered to be Recorded
and done accordingly
Rushen, DeLozier &c.

The Last Will and Testament of Reuben Shulds

I Reuben Shields considering the uncertainty of this Mortal life and being of sound mind and memory blessed be the Almighty God for the same do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz

First I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife Elizabeth Shields my house and a sufficient support and maintenance of the Plantation during her life or widowhood and after her decent support is made out the Balance of Grain and other produce Raised to belong to my Grandson Elisha Shields who now lives with me and tends the Farm provided said Elisha Shields continues to tend and cultivate said Farm

Secondly. I Will that my wife Elizabeth have my Gray Mare also I Will that my wife Elizabeth have one team and to have her chain also I Will that my wife Elizabeth have one Feather Bed and have her Chamber with its Nursery furniture

Thirdly. I Will that my wife Elizabeth have one half of all the Balance of Household and Kitchen Furniture

Fourth. I Will that all the before mentioned articles that I bequeath to my Beloved wife Elizabeth accept the Land that she lieth and dispose of said property as she thinks proper.

Fifth. I Will that my Grandson Elisha Shields have all my lands and premises in fee clear of all Incumbrances whatsoever at the death or marriage of my beloved wife

Sixth. I Will that if the said Elisha Shields should die without issue that my Grandson Andrew Shields have the same lands in fee

Seventh. I Will that my son Abel Shields have one dollar of my estate and no more

Eighth I Will that my son Samuel Shields have one dollar of my estate and no more

Ninth I Will that my daughter Lydia wife of Isaac Beason have one dollar of my estate and no more

Tenth I Will that the balance of my personal property be sold after my death and equally divided between the rest of my heirs that is to say William Shields

Benjamin Shields Susanah Teague Lemsha Idol Elizabeth
 Payne and my Grand Daughter Mary Idol
 Eleventh I Will that my Grandson Elisha Shields have one both
 third corner of the Gray mare
 Thelott I Morninate Ordain and appoint David Hendricks sole
 Executor of this my last will and testament
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this August 25th 1837.
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 Robinson Shields
 Roberson ^{Hilford}
 David ^{Middleton} } Jurant

Stokes County Deemster Term 29 1837 The Execution of
the Last Will and Testament of Reuben Shields Deceased was duly
proven in open Court by Robinson Steffora & David Matthews
and ordered to be Recorded And done accordingly
Reuben Holding Clerk

In the Name of God Amen
I William George of Stokes County North Carolina being of
a sound a perfect memory Blessed be God. do this 17th day of
October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Thirty seven
make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following
That is to say

First I give and bequath unto my dearly beloved wife Margaret Spurgin
all my Land with the exception of my Sawmill and such priviledges
as is necessary thereto and ad certain negro Boy named Adam to have
while she remains to be my Widow and also fifty Dollars in cash to
buy her A House to have forever and one Year provision
My Sawmill I wish rented out for Ten Years and the proceeds to
be applied to the education of my two sons Joseph and William
after this I wish all my property both personal and real to be
equally divided after all just debts are paid between my
Children and Wife. That is to say my Dearly beloved wife
Margaret Spurgin my Daughter Christina Spurgin Sarah Spurgin
and Phoe Jane Spurgin and my sons Joseph R Spurgin
and William J Spurgin and I hereby make and appoint my
friend Jacob Ferguson and my beloved Wife Margaret Spurgin
Executor & Executrix of this my last will and Testament in writing
whereof I the said Wm Spurgin have set my hand and seal
the day and year above written
Signed sealed published and declared by
the said William Spurgin the Testator
In the presence of us

William Spurgin