

In the name of God Amen. I William May of of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina, being in Sound mind & memory, do much afflicted in sickness, & calling to mind the mortality of life & the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form as follows, to wit: first I give to my two youngest sons namely Moses May & Laban May my one half interest with a lot of Land around it and bounded as follows - Beginning at John Vanders corner on the creek and running with his line up to the old mill race above described, thence with the mill-race to the ford of the creek below the mill thirty yards, thence with the mill-race to Reads old house thence from the house towards Chaswell Corner, thence North with his line to the beginning, containing twenty acres more or less to them three, here I do assign forever, over & above their equal parts in the remainder of my estate, and as for the balance of my estate, both real and personal I give and devise as follows I leave to my wife to my wife, Mary May, the third part of my estate, to have, enjoying her life at her discretion to do as she pleases with, and the remainder of my estate after her death to be equally divided between my eight children, as the law directs, provided, that neither of them nor the legates to my estate ever offers to break or interfere with a tract of land that I sold to Mr. Nathaniel Phenix, in order to draw part of a legacy from that; and, provided, that if any of them should attempt the same, they or either of them are cut off with one dollar from any part of my estate, and their parts of my estate, to be equally divided between the the remainder of my children, that does not act in that part contrary to my will -

I also constitute and appoint my wife, Mary May & Joseph Cardwell, Executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-sixth of October 1825, showing eight hundred and twenty four. Interlinea before signed make one acknowledgment

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in presence of

Rufus Vanders - Jurat

William Nelson

Rufus Vanders Jurat Deem

Stokes County September Term 1825

The foregoing is a true copy taken from the original will, proved by Russel Vanders & R. F. Fowler, and which is filed

Attest: Moore & Co.

By Th. B. Wood & Co.

This Deed of gift, made in year of the Eternal Lord 1824 Anno Domini on a place that if my children or their heirs contend against the rules of my gift, then there shall be the most solemn & impartial men as of God chosen to settle any difference at issue, that might be through the will of either party, and, whatsoever, such like Christian judges, shall say in such case, as there can be no better law of justice or reason, than what such Christian judges will decide on for brotherly love in friendship.

The line of division in my land, is with exception now room made I saw & give mill, on the East of my land, to mill shall be equally owned of equal labour & expences by my sons William Hestup, and Henry Hestup, also Henry is to have an equal privilege in fishing the mill, & a blacksmith shop on the East side of my land, with all the tools belonging thereto, Henry is to have equal share William - Now be it known, that as long as my daughter Elizabeth Hestup, with unmarried, shall hold or have an room of my dwelling house, with one fire place & privilege of garden & acres of ground, where may be chosen by her, and of and in peace by a religious way it must be the dwelling house altogether.

To name on the west side of my land, the exception is, that if some lowers lane, should be lotte in part to be on that side of the road adjoining a tract of land bought by William, as far as to the road is given to William Hestup - for the dividing line it begins at a rock in the line called Isaac Duttons, twenty nine paces from my north west corner in the line of William Hestup running by the head of a partition fence to a peach tree three feet west of the root of peach tree run in for a short distance to a turn, by the middle of a partition fence running Southward & cross the creek to a rock at the road thence running as the road is to the South end of my land where it joins the Moravian line.

All the land lying on the West side of this aforesaid line I give to my Henry Hestup forever - except the fine privilege of a well known spring near gun to Henry - I give my son William Hestup all my land on the East side of the aforesaid line forever - I give my daughter Elizabeth Hestup, seven hundred dollars, if there be as much in moveable property as a Negro slaves, cattle, sheep, all house, hole goods & when Elizabeth takes her portion, it shall be the privilege of William and Henry, to gather of cash, tools, iron, or any property they may want as now I may omit the memory of - & William & Henry shall

choose one man, and Elizabeth choose one man, or if the two men chosen according to the above stated rule, then the valuation of property will be reasonably known, also William Hestup or Elizabeth shall gather the money that is due me by notes or open accounts, then if it be found, above seven hundred dollars, any sum, the same shall be equally among, William Henry & Elizabeth - furthermore the three names there, are to take all my whole carriages, and when any of the same property is like to be damaged the shall deliver the property to the care of Elizabeth, at what may be found a reasonable value

Witness my hand

Christiana Bled

Christiana Bled Jurat

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John Hestup