

June Term 1844

The Execution of the last will & testament of Joseph Lusk Dec^d of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Geo. F. Wilson & Thomas M. Keaton the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

M. & Hill. c. c.

State of North Carolina Stokes County,
In the name of God Amen.

I John Null born being of sound mind & memory knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, make and ordain this as my last will & Testament in the way & manner following.

First That after my death, my body receive a decent Christian burial, and the expense thereof be paid by my executor out of my Estate.

2^d That all my just debts be paid by my Executors as soon as convenient after my departure from this world.

3^d I will that my home plantation on which I now reside, and all my personal property, here or elsewhere when be given to my beloved companion Catherine Null, during her natural life or so much of the personal property as she may choose to keep.

4th It is my will that after the death of my wife, all my property both real and personal, and not otherwise disposed of be sold by my executor, or such exact as he may think proper, and that the proceeds be divided into eight equal parts, or shares and that my son John Null for Isaac Null, Polly Beck wife of William Beck Harry Rapp wife John Rapp, Betsy Mosby wife of Nathaniel Mosby, & William Null each have one share.

5th It is my will that the remaining two shares and the plantation on which my son Henry Null now lives be given to my friend Henry Shouse, the said plantation is be valued at three thousand dollars and to be considered as so much paid of the said two shares, as the value now is considered so much of my Estate.

6th I will that the bond I hold against my son John Null be for the same.

be considered as so much paid of his share, and that it should be more than his share, that he pay the difference to the other legatees.

7th It is my will and hereby so direct that so much and such of my personal property, as my wife may not wish to keep, be sold on such exact as shall be thought advisable, and as soon as convenient after my death, and that all debts due me in bond note or account be collected, and after paying all demands justly owing by me to pay the balance over to the legatees in dividing my wife as one of them.

Having full confidence in my friends Henry Shouse & William Beck Jr. I do hereby nominate and appoint them as my executor, and do further here declare this to be my last will and testament and hereby revoke all other will or wills by me made. Given under my hand and seal this the Twenty sixth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty four Signed & sealed in the presence of, and each in the presence of the, and Geo. F. Wilson & Thomas M. Keaton called upon to witness the same.

John Clayton

John Null (Dec^d)

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The Execution of the last will & testament of John Null Dec^d of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Geo. F. Wilson & John Clayton the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

M. & Hill. c. c.

In the name of God Amen
I William Young Son of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being at present of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God, do this first day of January one thousand eight hundred & forty one make and publish this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows to wit:
First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the Quakers from whence it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors.

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it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life,
I give bequeath and dispose of the same in the
following manner, that is to say first all my funeral
expences to be paid & Just debt if any should be,
And the residue of my real & personal Estate I give
& bequeath as follows, that my beloved wife Mary shall
have her maintenance during her natural life out
of the rent of my lands which said lands I will
I bequeath among & between my children as follows,
First I give to my son Benjamin Young his heirs & assigns
forever a lot of forty five acres to be laid off on the
North East end of the tract of land on which I
now live, to be his share in full of my Estate with what
I have given him heretofore, the next I give & bequeath
to my Daughter Rebecca Mabe & her husband George Mabe
their heirs & assigns forever forty five acres of land to
be run off on the west side of my tract of land on
which I now live to run from North to South from
out side to out side, which shall be their full share
of my Estate with what I have heretofore given to them,
Next I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Debba
Hooker and Mary Young the remainder of my tract of
land containing about about ninety acres including the
house wherein I now live, also all my house hold
& kitchen furniture plantation tools & all my stock
of horses & other stock of every description, to be equally
divided between them as they may think proper, &
after they die, I will that the said tract of land shall
belong to my ^{said} children & children their heirs & assigns
forever, Next I will & bequeath unto my Daughter
Cathy & her husband John Mabe fifty cents
as I have heretofore given her, Seventy five acres
of land together with a variety of other property a
full share of my Estate, and I further will & decree
that the said John Mabe my son in law shall pay
to my other children above named forty five Dollars
for forty five acres of land by him sold over &
above the seventy five acres above mentioned to be
equally divided among my said children Benjamin,
Rebecca, Debba and Mary,
Lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my two daughters
Debba Hooker & Mary Young Executors of this my

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I herewith set my hand & seal to this my last will
& Testament the day & year first above mentioned
Signed Sealed & acknowledged by the Testator
William Young Gent as his last will Testament
in the presence of us
O. Banger
Martin ^{his} Tilly
mark
Polly ^{his} Young
mark

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The Execution of the last will & Testament of
Wm. Young Decd of which the foregoing is a true copy,
was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Charles Warner
& Polly ^{his} Young subscribing witnesses, there is no record to be
recorded.
M. & Hill. c. c.

In the name of God Amen I John Vawter of Stokes
County & State of North Carolina, Being far advanced
in Years and in a declining State of Health, But in
Sound mind and memory, Thanks be to God for the
same and calling to mind the mortality of my body,
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will
and Testament in manner and form following,
to wit, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth Vawter during her natural life, all my land
and every description of property together with all
Bonds and Claims of every kind, provided however
that if at any time there should be any ~~any~~ surplus
stock or property of any kind it is my will the same
may and shall be sold, to the highest bidder in
nine months enait.
Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved son
James M Vawter fifty Dollars in Silver and a bed
and necessary furniture to make him equal with
my other children, to him and his heirs forever,
I give and bequeath to my two ~~sons~~ Daughters
to wit Mary & Fagg & Sarah Fagg one hundred &
fifty dollars each to them and their heirs forever