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In the name of God amen, I Gott frey Meist of Salem in
Surrey County, State of North Carolina (Potter), being in good health
and sound and perfect mind and memory, thank by be given to
God, calling into mind the mortality of men, and knowing it to be
appointed for all men once to die; Do make & declare this my last
Will & Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give
my Soul into the hands of a mighty God, that gave it, and my body
I recommend into the earth to be buried in a decent Christian
burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but
at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by
the mighty power of God. — And as to my worldly estate
whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give &
devise it in the following manner, Viz, All my estate real &
personal I give to my dearly beloved wife Mary to have and
to possess the same, as her sole property for ever, provided however
that whereas my Niece Anna Elizabeth Austin, who lives
at present in Europe at Gradeney in Silesia, has lately had
an invitation from me to move over to Salem and she should
really come here then the expenses of her Land & Sea Voyage shall
be paid out of my estate and after my death she shall have
two hundred pounds out of my estate as her sole property
forever; but in case she does not come here then she shall have
one hundred Spanish Milled dollars paid to her by my
Executors; But if she dies before me, then all the aforesaid
shall belong to my wife Mary together with all my other
estate as aforesaid. And I do hereby make my wife and
constitute my trusty & beloved friend John Mike &

God, calling into mind the mortality of men, and knowing it to be
appointed for all men unto to die, Do make known that my last
Will & Testament, that is to say principally, and first of all I give
my Soul into the hands of a mighty God, that gave it, and my body
I commend into the earth to be buried in a decent Christian
burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, but
at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by
the mighty power of God. — And as to my worldly estate
whereunto it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give &
devise it in the following manner, Viz, All my estate real &
personal I give to my dearly beloved wife Mary to have and
to possess the same, as her sole property for ever, provided however
that whereas my Niece Anna Elizabeth Nestle, who lives
at present in Europe at Gradenitz in Silesia, has lately had
an invitation from me to move over to Saline, and she should
really come here then the expenses of her Land & Sea Voyage shall
be paid out of my estate and after my death she shall have
two hundred pounds out of my estate as her sole property
forever; but in case she does not come here then she shall have
one hundred Spanish milled dollars paid to her by my
Executors; But if she dies before me, then all the aforesaid
shall belong to my wife Mary together with all my other
estate as aforesaid. And I do hereby make and give
constitute my trusty & beloved friends John Mike &
of Bithabara and Gottlieb Shober of Saline executors of
this

make void all former wills & legacies either in writing or
by word of mouth testifying & confirming that I no other
to be my last will & Testament. In testifying whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourth day of April
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and eighty eight

Gottfrey Aust

Signed sealed pronounced &
declared in the presence of

John Rightly Jurat
Charles Holder

North Carolina Surry County February term 1789.

John Rightly one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
last will & Testament of Gottfrey Aust, made oath that
he saw the said Gottfrey Aust sign publish & declare
the same to be his last will & Testament, that he was
of sound disposing mind & memory; And at the same time
he saw Charles Holder, sign the same as a witness; And
ordered to be recorded. Recorded accordingly.

H. J. Williamson &c.

State of North Carolina }
Surry County }

In the name of God Amen
I Jacob Groeter of Surry County in the State of North
Carolina planter, calling to mind the mortality of my
body tho' as yet of perfect mind and memory have thought
proper to make, And do hereby make and declare this
my last Will & Testament. First of all I recommend