

Jane Stitt Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen I Jane Stitt of ^{County} Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina being at present weak in body but of a sound and disposing memory blessed be God and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows - First I recommend my soul to God who gave it, & my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor herein after named - And as touching the thing of the world which it has pleased God to bless me with in this life - I give and dispose of the same as follows -

First I Will that all my last debts and funeral Expenses be paid as soon as convenient after my decease -

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Matthews one Negro man named Isaac forever also my Negro man named Joe forever after my decease also one hundred dollars in money and the one third of all the notes that may be on hand at my decease also one bed and furniture to be equal to the one third of my bed &c. together with a -
Clothes Dress -

I Will and bequeath to the heirs of my Son William M Stitt (deceased) my Negro man ~~Isaac~~ Jacob & my Negro boy Samson together with a small tract of Land lying the McBride place and the b^l said William M Stitt

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First I Will that all my Just debts and funeral Expenses be paid as soon as convenient after my decease -

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Matthews one Negro Man named Isaac forever also my Negro Man named Sue forever after my decease also one hundred dollars in money and the one third of all the notes that may be on hand at my decease also one bed and furniture to be equal to the one third of my bed &c. together with a -
Clothes Dress -

I Will and bequeath to the heirs of my Son William M Stith (deceased) my Negro Man ~~Isaac~~ Jacob & my Negro boy Samson together with a Small tract of Land lying the M Brice place and the place in which said William M Stith died hereby confirming that distribution which said William M Stith made of the above mentioned man Jacob & boy Samson & Small Tract of land in his last will and Testament - also I will and bequeath to said heirs of William M Stith (viz) James M Stith and Mary Jane Stith the two thirds of all the notes that may be on hand

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bequeath at my decease. also I will that the ^{Saige} James M Stitt have my clock and cupboard, And that Mary Jane Stitt have one bed and furniture to be equal to the one third of the whole of my bedding.

Also it is my will that it be remembered that I gave my son - sent for James Matthews to make sale of a Negro boy named Tom and do hereby confirm said sale for ever.

Also I will and bequeath to my two Grand Children James Stitt Matthews & Elizabeth Jane Matthews my Negro Woman Eveline and her six children (Viz) Amelia - John - Aaron - Henry - Anthony and Jude together with their increase for ever - Also it is my will that my two Grand Children last named have my falling leaf Table - also I will and bequeath to said Children one bed and furniture to be equal in valuation to the one third of the whole of my Bedding -

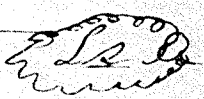
And lastly I do nominate constitute & appoint my Trusty friend Robert Howie to be the sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made hereby ratifying & confirming this to be my last will &c.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this second day of Novr., 1842.

Signed sealed published & pronounced, Jane M Stitt

Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made
hereby ratifying & confirming this to be my last will &c

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
Seal this second day of Novr., 1842.

Signed sealed published & pronounced by Jane Stith 
to be the last will of Jane Stith in
the presence of us who at her request
have subscribed our names as witnesses

W. J. Ezell—

M. J. Howard— (Juror)

State of North Carolina, County of Pleas and quarter
Union County— In Session January Term 1844
The last will and Testament of Jane Stith was exhibited in
open Court by Robert Hawie the Executor therein mentioned and
was proven in due form of law by Robert J. Howard one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto and recorded—

Hugh Stuart, Clerk