

I Levi Bateman of the County of Tyrrell & State of North Carolina being sick & weak in Body but of sound mind and memory, thank be to God for the same Calling to mind the mortality of body & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do wish to make this my last will and testament in writing and dispose of such worldly property as it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with in the following manner & form viz:

First I leave my manor plantation to be sold on a credit of twelve months securing to David Bateman and James Wood Esqs of Brunswick County the money due them for which for which they hold the said plantation in security at present.

Item I give & bequeath to my son John Bateman one Negro man ~~Leban~~ to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to Sally sides one Negro boy named Moses to her and her heirs also one woman Judas.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Herman Bateman one Negro boy named Mingo also one Negro woman Mary.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Tarkenton one Negro boy named Post. I leave the residue of my estate to be sold and all my just debts to be satisfied & paid, the balance divided between my children.

I Nominate and appoint Jebulen Tarkenton John Bateman Daniel Bateman & Herman Bateman Exrs to this my last will and testament, revoking all others ratifying this, in witness whereof I set my hand & seal this 24th November 1819.

Signed sealed & pronounced by the said Levi Bateman in the presence as list.

Nathan A. Phelps } Levi Bateman (Test)
Jos Amos }

Tyrrell County }
Samuel Term 1820 }

The foregoing will was ~~dearly~~ exhibited in open Court & proved by the oath of Nathan A. Phelps & Joseph Amos in our form of Law and ordered recorded.

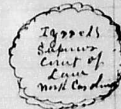
State of North Carolina }
Tyrrell County } Jos Wood Clerk

I J D Jones Clerk sworn in & for

County aforesaid do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Levi Bateman as shown by the records of my office.

Given under my hand and official seal at Columbia this 31st day July 1821.

J D Jones Clerk



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Content in him, my wife in the exercise of the discretion which I have confided to her of the power and authority which I have given to and conferred upon her in the first clause or section of this my will.

Trusting, I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Mary Collins the executrix of this my last will and testament, and and testamentary guardian to my children. And in the event of her death, I appoint my son Josiah Collins, the executor of this my will, and testamentary guardian of my other children. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand to this my last will and testament this 11th day of January 1821.

In the Name of God. I Elizabeth Arnold, of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, of Sound and disposing mind and memory, but in body and in view of the uncertainty of human life do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First I desire my Executor hereinafter named shall first pay all my just debts hereunto and to whomsoever owing out of the first moneys that may come into his hands: - Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Laura Elizabeth Rospas one Bed and all necessary bed furniture, one large looking glass and a dressing table: - Then I give and bequeath to my daughter Robert Ann Rospas one Bed and all necessary bed furniture, the large Family Bible, a looking glass, and a dressing table: - Then I give and bequeath to my son William Augustus Rospas, that portion of my land lying between the Long Ace and Lees Mill Road and joining the Lands of William Wardson and also also one bed and all necessary bed furniture and a dressing table: - Then I give and bequeath to my daughters Laura Elizabeth and Robert Ann Rospas all the money that may be owing to me at my death, my Cushioned Chairs and all my books except the Family Bible above disposed of: - Then I bind to my husband A. W. Arnold all the rest of my property, Real and personal, for and during the term of the natural life of my afflicted son Robert J. O. Rospas who is unable to provide for himself on Condition that my said husband comfortably provide for and take care of my said son until his death and in case my said husband shall fail or neglect so to provide for and take care of my said son as above specified, then and in that case I give and bequeath all of my otherwise undisposed of property Real and personal to my said son Robert J. O. Rospas during his natural life for his support and maintenance, and in either case at his death, it is my will and desire that the above described property not otherwise disposed of shall be divided among my Children as follows, viz: My two daughters Laura Elizabeth and Robert Ann Rospas to have each a cow and calf their choice, and in case my said husband shall provide for my son Robert J. O. Rospas as herein specified, I will and desire that my said husband A. W. Arnold have all the rest of my stock of Cattle, and the rest of personal property not disposed of otherwise, also in case he shall provide as above for my son Robert J. O. Rospas it is my will and desire that my said husband shall have his choice of the two pieces of my land as divided by us between my Rospas Children and Arnold Children by a

marked line beginning at the road southward of the gate running thence westerwardly to a corner on the ditch bank, thence a straight course to a corner line in Sarah H. Hyams line, for his natural life for the benefit of his children, and it is my will and desire that he may see it if he choose and purchase other lands with the proceeds taking the title in the name of his children and in case my husband shall not provide for my son Robert, as herein specified it is my desire that my daughters Laura Elizabeth and Robert Ann Rospas, shall have the northern portion of said land, and my Arnold Children to have the other or southern portion as described by the above described line, and in case my husband shall make choice of the northern portion then my two Rospas daughters shall have the southern portion, and in either case my two Rospas daughters shall pay over to my son William Augustus the sum of fifty dollars in satisfaction for his portion of the same, and provide my husband A. W. Arnold shall take care of my son Robert as herein specified he shall have the privilege of taking the whole of my lands except the portion given to W. A. Rospas on condition that he pay to my son W. A. Rospas fifty dollars and to my daughters Laura E. and Robert Ann the balance of six hundred dollars and it is also my will and desire that he have three years in which to pay for said lands, then in case my husband shall fail or neglect to take care of my son Robert, I give and bequeath to him three beds and bed furniture and the cows which Sarah Jane and Caroline W. my children, now claim, and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Wm. Johnston my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made, In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the sixteenth day of May A. D. 1878.

Elizabeth Arnold
 Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Elizabeth Arnold to be her last will + testament in presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names hereunto

W. B. Garrett
 S. D. Johnston