

Execution of the my last will and testament in witness whereof
I set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed
witness and acknowledged the testator in presence of us.

Thomas Sanderson

Joseph Taylor

John P. Bellard

Alexander Joyce

Stokes County Court March Term 1819

The execution of the last will and testament of Alexander Joyce
deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly
proven in open Court by Joseph Taylor and ordered to be
registered

Matth Moore Clerk
by Ed Banner D.C.

Be it remembered that John Nester of Stokes County
now State of North Carolina being weak in body of grand mind
& memory and knowing there is a time that all men must die
do make and ordain his my last will & testament in manner
and form as followeth (Wit)

First, I give to my beloved wife all the whole of my
estate both real and personal
I will that all my lawful debts and funeral charges
be paid. 2^d I give to my beloved wife all the whole of
my estate both real and personal during her widowhood but if
it be that she marry it is my will that she have an equal
share with as one of my children. 3^d As there are seven of
my children and all have got their dowry except Polly Micken it
is my will that she receive fifteen dollars from my Executors
hereafter to make her equal with the others that are married -
4th It is my will my children that are not married namely
Tabby, Benjamin Martha & Betty each of them receive one
hundred & twenty at the expiration of my said wife's widowhood
to be paid to them by my executors to make them equal with
them that are married

5th It is also my will if there be any thing remaining after
the above bequests are complied with that the remainder be
equally divided among the whole of my children
I do hereby I do constitute and appoint my sons William & Robert
Nester Executors to this my last will and testament as witness
my hand & seal this seventh day of the first month in the year
of our lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen

signed sealed in the
presence of us

Latham Tolga Jurat

W. Watson

John X Nester
mark of

Edw. B. Moore Clerk
by Ed Banner D.C.

Stokes County Court March Term 1819

The execution of the last will and testament of John Nester
deceased of which the foregoing is a true copy was duly proven
in open Court by Latham Tolga & ordered to be registered

Matth Moore Clerk
by Ed Banner D.C.

State of North Carolina Stokes County

In the name of God amen. I Adam Holton being in perfect
mind and memory before me do on the 12th day of March
in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen
do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner
following this is to say I do give my Executors to sell at public
sale one horse two cows and calves and out of the money arising
from said sale to pay all my just debts if sufficient if not, to see
to see so much of my other property as will satisfy all just debts
I do I bequeath my land to my beloved wife Polly Holton
during her natural life or widowhood and then to descend to my
four children equally divided provided that the oldest daughter
Phanny shall live with her mother until she becomes of age