

**Will of Samuel Stoner – 1857**

**I Samuel Stoner of the County of Rowan, State of North Carolina being of sound mine and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthy existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,**

**First, that my executor hereinafter shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts whatsoever owing out of the moneys that my first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.**

**Item – I give and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth thirty acres of land to be set out of the tract whereon I now live so as to include my mansion house, all out houses and other improvements to have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth for and during the term of her widowhood or during my money, also give to my wife all she brought her one horse, also give unto her six hides of hogs**

**Item – I give and devise to my daughter Patsy and to the heirs of her body all the \*\*\* of the tract of land whereon I now live which is about sixty acres of land to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever; I also give her one \*\*\* and \*\*\*, one gray mare and milk cows, two heifers, 12 hides of hogs, one \*\*\* and fornegar, and ewes you tenties, one \*\*\*, one cloak, two beds and furniture if she dies without heirs, etc. shall go to my eldest daughter Catherine and the heirs of her body**

**Item – I give to my eldest daughter Catherine all that tract of land whereon Thomas Preseener lives on or about ten acres more ore lees one ewe and calf, 4 hides of hogs, one bed and furniture.**

**Item – I give and devise to my daughter Crisy five dollars to her and her heirs of her body**

**Item – I give and devise to my eldest son Charles all that tract of land whereon he now lives to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple**

**And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Henry Wilhelm my lawful executor to all intents and purpose 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 witness thereof, I the said Samuel Stoner do hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 of July 1857**

**Signed, sealed, published, declared  
by the said Samuel Stoner  
to be his last will testament  
and in presence do inscribe  
our names as witnesses thereto**

**Samuel Stoner (seal)**

**Jacob File  
Augustus W Park**