

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God Amen

I, John Howard of Bladen County and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but through the mercy of God sound and perfect in my understanding and memory do certify that my last Will and Testament and desire it may be recorded by all as such.

I will and bequeath to my eldest son William Howard one negro man named Cato.

I will and bequeath to my eldest daughter Sarah Howard one negro woman named Amy.

I will and bequeath to my second daughter Elizabeth Howard one negro girl named Hagar.

I will and bequeath to my second son Prineus Howard one negro man named Sharpe.

I will and bequeath to my third daughter Mary Howard one negro woman named Hannah and one negro boy named Pompey and one slave man named Phillis.

I will and bequeath to my third son James Howard one negro man named Sam.

I bequeath to my son William Howard a Bed and bedding already in his possession And I will that every one of them should receive the same at my decease and if there is one deficient the other five children to make it good.

And I will that every one of my children should have one horse and three horses should divide into six equal divisions. Money, Furniture that is not before mentioned and all my Horses that is not named all my Plantation Tools and all my Lingo and being put in equal lots every child shall draw their own lot.

And I also will that my Books be divided in the same manner.

I will that my lands be sold to the highest bidder and the money that it brings to be equally divided among my three sons to-wit: William Howard, Prineus Howard and James Howard and all my Cattle that is not already given away to be equally divided between my three daughters to-wit: Sarah Howard, Elizabeth Howard, and Mary Howard.

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I will and appoint my sons William Howard and Prineus Howard, Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

Elizabeth Howard
Caleb Howard

John Howard

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Lelah Johnston being weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory calling to mind that all flesh born must die and being desirous to settle her worldly affairs which it hath pleased God to bless her with death make this her last will and testament and divide her property in manner and form following to-wit:

First her body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of the executors hereafter named.

2ndly I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Lucas one old cow.

3rdly I give and bequeath to my son George Lynn one two year old heifer if he should demand it.

4thly I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary White my wearing apparel which such exceptions as he hereafter mentioned, and in case Mary should be sold I give the work of Kate to her for three years, but if Mary should not be sold I give Kate to my son John Johnston here and assigns forever.

5thly I give and bequeath to my son Robert Johnson all my plantation and Cooperated 100 feet of Lumber and two droves.

6thly I give and bequeath to my daughter

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Cordence Johnson my negro boy Refty during her coverture with Robert Johnson and then to his heirs forever. I give to my said daughter in law Cordence one leather bed and furniture to it except one blanket which I give to John White.

I likewise give to my said daughter in law Cordence two iron pots and hoods one shawl one fry pan one tea kettle and all my trinkets two glass salt the remainder of my cattle one dark ground Muslin handkerchief to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my grandson David White one blanket.

I give to Jean Gate Cotton and worsted petticoat one long wrapper and one cap with doubledging laced border.

I give to Mary Harvey one cotton and linen shift two handkerchiefs and one pair new cotton stockings.

I give to Eliza Gallow one pair cotton stockings.

I give to old Darcis one old wrapper.

I give to Kate one petticoat two cotton muffs one cotton and linen shift.

I give to Mariah one bodice one cotton wrapper and one cotton and linen shift.

I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament utterly revoking and disavowing all other wills or Wills by me heretofore made and do hereby appoint my trusty friend Samuel Cain and Peter Robinson my executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of March 1789.

Signed Sealed ratified and acknowledged in the presence of
James Council }
Mary Council }
Mary Harvey }
Lelah Johnson Seal

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In the Name of God "Amen"

I Audul Hutman of the state of North Carolina in the County of Bladen being very weak in body but perfect in mind and memory and understanding do constitute this my last Will and Testament and as touching my worldly estate whomever it shall please god to bless me in this life. I give devise and dispose of it in the following manner and form

First

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Hoffman my whole estate Real and Personal during her widowhood and desire that my children may be schooled out of my estate and after my wife's death or the decease of her widowhood I give my whole possession of land to be equally divided between my two sons James and Solomon

I also give my negro boy Terney to my son James, on condition that he paye my son Solomon one half of the value of the said negro.

I likewise give my son Solomon my negro Muck named Kate.

I also give my daughter Mary, one Yeached bed and large chest, and after my wife's death or the decease of her widowhood. I give the remainder part of my Estate to be equally divided among my five youngest children.

And I appoint and constitute my beloved wife Martha Hoffman and my son James Hoffman as Executors and Executors of this my last Will and Testament

I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of March 1790

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged by Audul Hutman the Notation in presence of us
the Subscribers
Benjamin Clary
William Davis Remy
Audul ^{his} Hoffman ^{and} ^{Martha}