

RECORD OF WILLS.

of the said Society Slaves. a certain negro girl named
 Oliver, which negro was at the time hardly one year old,
 to him his heirs and assigns for ever, free and clear
 from the claim or claims of any person or persons what
 soever. Given Si and Subscribed before me this 25th
 July 1805.

W. Dooby ^{his} Secy
 John D. Dene ^{his} Secy

Richard Holmes Esq
 At D.

The Subscribed witnesses appeared before me was examined
 and sworn to the above mentioned gift before fifteen days
 had elapsed after the death of said Society Slaves
 and not before ten days had elapsed.

Richard Holmes
 The above is a copy from the original.
 Attest James S. Smith Clerk

In the name of God. "Amen"

I, Elizabeth Slaves of the
 County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of
 perfect mind and memory. Bland to get do this the 3^d
 day of January. make and publish this my last will and
 testament in the following that is to say, after recommending
 my soul to him that gave it.

It is my desire that all my debts be paid. I give
 and bequeath to my three daughters, Mary, Elizabeth and
 Anne Slaves the plantation where I now live known by
 the name of Drumton to be equally divided between
 them their heirs and assigns forever. The remainder
 of my lands of every description I give and bequeath
 to my son John Slaves. To him his heirs and assigns
 forever. I have no other children and therefore no more to be named.

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it is my desire that it should be paid out of the
 property of my estate my negroes. Stock of Parishable
 property of every kind,

I give to my four children viz Mary, John, Elizabeth
 and Anne Slaves to be equally divided between them
 share and share alike to them their heirs and assigns
 forever. And if either of them should die without issue
 the part or parts of such child or children shall be equal
 ly divided between the surviving children. I have Rob
 by my last husband Mr. Slaves.

I hereby make appoint my two Brothers James
 and Jonathan Smith. Executors of this my last will
 and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal. the day and date above written

Signed sealed published and delivered by the said
 Elizabeth Slaves the Testator as her last will and
 testament I the presence of Eliza Moore, and Anne
 Watson.

Elizabeth Slaves

Mr. Champaine Will of Robert Hodge of Bladen
 County, in the State of North Carolina, when on his
 death bed, who did then and there in the presence
 of Mr. John Thomas and his wife say that it was his
 will and desire to give and bequeath and did also
 give and bequeath unto Mrs. Lewis and Mary his wife
 the whole of his property both real and personal that is
 to say, after his just debts and funeral charges were
 paid which will and desire was expressed by the said
 Robert Hodge a little before his decease and acknowledged
 it to be his last will and testament. This day the
 John Thomas personally appeared before me and
 coach on the Holy Gravelist of Knight's job
 he repeatedly read Robert Hodge's will

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last address of as is herein directed and at the same time caused in view the said John Thomas to bear testimony of the same
 Given in before me the 25th day of March 1797
 J. Lewis Jr.

John Thomas,
 Margaret Thomas,

In the Name of God "Amen"

I Edward Holmes of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory Blessyd be to god, doth make or draw Constitute and appoint this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz
 First of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body to be decently buried at the direction of my Executor, and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased god to bless me with I give in manner and form following.

I give to my beloved Wife Ann, two negro men named Joe and Doagay, and a Negro woman named Liddy with all her increase many say excepted three head of Horses and four head of Cattle, and two feather beds and furniture to be remain her own right and property forever. to give bequest or dispose of in any manner that she may think proper and also one set of Block print tools, in manner and form aforesaid to have and to hold to her and her heirs, and assigns forever.

I also give and bequest unto my wife beloved during her Natural life or widowhood an equal share of all and my son Richard Holmes, in the

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plantation wherein I now live which I purchase my wife is to enjoy without any manner of disturbance or denial of the said Richard Holmes during her life or widowhood and no longer. And I give to my beloved wife one negro man named John, during her continuance in the plantation wherein I now live, and at her marriage dead or removal off the plantation the said negro man named John to be delivered to my son Richard Holmes, to be and remain his own right and property.

I give and bequest to my son Richard Holmes three negroes named, offay, Isiah and Billy, with all my lands held by my own right estate, whatsover and one negro woman named Isiah mother of the aforesaid three negroes which lands and negroes I give to him the said Richard Holmes his heirs and assigns forever, and all my stocks and household furniture not otherwise disposed of by this present, and also the aforesaid negro man named John at the marriage dead or removal of my wife off the plantation, wherein I now live.

I also give and bequest unto Nancy Beem now a minor, under the tutelage of Richard Holmes, three cows and calves and one negro boy named Larry, to be delivered when she arrives at twenty one years, of age but in case she should die before she arrives at the age of twenty one years, the property intended to be given I give and bequest to my son Richard Holmes.

I give and bequest unto John Chickens son of Rebecca Chickens deceased a Negro girl named Mary, provided she said John Chickens should arrive to the age of twenty one years then and in that case the Negro girl intended to be given. I give to my wife Ann to her heirs and assigns forever.

And I do by presents ordain constitute and appoint my wife beloved Isiah and my son Richard Holmes William Bryan John Migate and John Clark my Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the 5th day of April 1796. And in 22nd year of American Independence

In presence of
 John Migate Joseph Bellmire
 John Migate Joseph Migate
 Edward Holmes
 Smith