

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the name of God "Amen"

I Shadrach Hooten of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this instrument my last will and testament in the manner and form following - That is to say -

That my just debts are to be punctually paid and as speedily paid as the nature of the case may require.

I give and devise unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Hooten the following property, to wit, the plantation where on I now reside containing Thirteen Hundred and forty seven acres more or less with all the appurtenances thereto belonging and which are not otherwise disposed of and after her death it is my will and desire that the above mentioned plantation shall descend to my youngest son Shadrach Hooten.

And in case he should die without lawful issue then it is my will that the said lands be equally divided among my other children.

I also give and devise unto my wife Elizabeth Hooten the following negroes - to wit - Rebecca, Miriam, Eaddy, Polly, Esther, Emily, Rich, and Charlie.

Also all my household and kitchen furniture with the following conditions - That whenever any of my children shall marry and take her share let it be my will that they be provided for equally with those of my children who have already married and left.

Also I give to my said wife Elizabeth Hooten two horses her choice. One pig and harness one cart, one yoke of Oxen, two Cows and calves, twenty head of sheep, five Sows and pigs, and twenty five two year old hogs, three hundred bushels of Corn, all the rice that may be made from good blade stacks of Goddard, and as much tobacco as she may need, and all the other things that may be made in the home

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plantation, and all the ships. One thousand bags of seed cotton, four good plows and gear, four deer, four grab hoes, four mending hoes, two chairs of all the above mentioned articles.

It is also my will that if my wife Elizabeth Hooten should marry again then in that case two thirds of the before mentioned plantation with one half the profits of the Grist Mill shall come back to my son Shadrach Hooten.

I give and bequeath unto my two sons, John C. Hooten and Robert Hooten, my plantation on Cape Fear River to be equally divided between them.

I give and bequeath unto my son John C. Hooten one Negro man named Wade, one horse, three Cows and calves, which property is to be valued at seven hundred and five dollars, in the division of my personal estate also four Sows valued at twelve dollars.

Also I give unto my son John C. Hooten two thirds of the Crop on the plantation where he lives and one fourth of the turpentine after the expenses are paid -

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Ann Martin, two Negroes - to wit - Sarah and Leane, three Cows and calves, also five head of sheep, the property is to be valued at one thousand and thirty seven dollars, in the division of my personal estate.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann M. Ashley, to wit - Pome and Child, and Elmy valued at nine hundred dollars, also three Cows and calves, valued at thirty dollars, in the division of my personal estate.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann Martin, Ann M. Ashley, Elizabeth C. Hooten, Charlotte M. Hooten, and Harriette D. Hooten, each one hundred dollars, each as an equivalent for my estate, which I give to my sons, and the equal division in my personal estate. It is my will and desire that the

Two Hundred dollars. be raised out of my personal estate and then equally divided between my son Shadrach Hooten and Harriette A. Hooten. For the purpose of Completing their education.

Item

It is my Will and desire that after my death unto whom I have made advances of property have accounted for the same in the division. Then it is my Will that they all, share and share alike in the division of my Personal Estate.

Lastly

I hereby Nominate and Constitute my beloved wife Elizabeth Hooten, Executor, and my brother Richard Hooten Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

Shadrach Hooten. Test.

Signed Sealed published and declared to be my last Will and Testament the 1st day of August 1848.

In the presence of
Sam. J. McCall.
John C. Hooten
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The within last Will and Testament of Shadrach Hooten was duly proved in open Court and ordered to be recorded.

Test. R. C. Robinson - Clerk.

P. Hayes, J. Shipman of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit.

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That my Executor shall pay all funeral expenses to be paid with my just debts, funeral and to whomsoever coming out of the monies that may first come into his hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my most excellent wife Sarah Jane, all my estate both Real and Personal to be entirely at her disposal, with the exception herein after provided, desiring and trusting that she will so use it that it will be to the mutual benefit of herself and my dear children, Mary Eliza Hayes McNeill, Sarah Dettas, and Eliza Ann, also desiring that at the proper time she will make such advances, to them, as prudence may dictate always bearing in mind that it is my wish that all my children, shall receive after, her portion equal shares, provided nevertheless that should she choose to marry again, then and in that case it is my desire and Will that my Estate be divided according to the Laws of North Carolina with the following exceptions, to wit

That in addition to the share of my beloved wife she shall have and be put in the possession of my man Adam, my blooded mare Slutilla, the family Carriage, all the plate, the side board, the Books, with all the other Household and Kitchen furniture.

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I give and bequeath to my aged, Grandfather, John Wingate during his Natural life the following Negroes to wit, John and Daphney, to wait and attend on him, in any way that he may require, to revert to my Wife and Children after his death.

Item

And whereas one of my children are minors, this and desire is, that my Wife is hereby constituted and appointed Guardian of them, to have to hold the Custody and Guardianship of them.