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Hugh Love's Will 1779

In the name of God Amen, I Hugh Love, of the County of Brunswick, and Parish of Meherrin, being in perfect senses, but knowing that I am appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following: My soul I give to God who gave it being, and my body to be decently interred according to direction of my Executors, and in regard to the worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I dispose of as follows: Imprimis, that all my just debts be paid, Item, I give and bequeath unto my affectionate wife, Elizabeth Love, during her natural life, that tract of land lying and being on Evans Creek in the County of Brunswick whereon Mary Newton now lives, and after her death to be equally divided between my three sons, Edward, John, and William Love. Also four negroes (Viz) Joe, and Hale, fellows; Arther, a boy; and Sarah, a woman: and after the decease of my wife, the aforesaid slaves and their increase to be equally divided among all my children. I likewise leave unto my wife the use of all my household furniture and flocks of Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and Horses during her life, and after her death to be equally divided among my children. It is also my desire that while my wife lives single and the Estate is kept together, that the children be maintained out of the profits of the same. But should my wife marry before the children become of age to receive their legacies left them, in that event it is my will and desire that two thirds of the personal estate consisting of the household furniture, stocks of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses be sold and the money arising from the sale be equally divided among all my children, and that my Executor shall have the management of my children, and their Estates, Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, one hundred pound current money, and my Stock in Trade with Messrs McCall Elliott and Company, when the same can be drawn out to be at her own disposal. Item: I will and bequeath unto my son Edward Love, four negroes (Viz) Ben, Hampton, Nancey and Hesther, also one hundred pounds to be paid out of my Stock in Trade, and in case of his death before he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, or his marriage and having lawful issue, it is my desire that this legacy be equally divided among my surviving children. I also give my son Edward my silver watch. Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Love, the following negroes (Viz) Casar and Will, fellows; Pheby, a negro girl: Davy, a boy; also one hundred pounds current money to be raised out of my Stock in Trade, and in case she dies before she arrives at age, or marries, and have lawful issue. In such events my will is that the legacy be divided among my surviving children. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John Love, the following negroes (Viz) Thomas, a fellow; Johnny, a boy; Amy, a girl; and Fanny, a woman. Also one hundred pounds current money to be raised out of my Stock in Trade. also a pair of Shoe and Knee silver buckles, and a gold broach, and in case he dies before he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, or marries, and have lawful issue. In such event my will is that the legacy be divided among my surviving children. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William Love, the following negroes (Viz) Hannah, a woman; Milly, a girl; Martin, a fellow; Dick and Booker, Boys; Also a pair of set knee buckles and set gold broach. It is my will and desire that should my subject in trade yield more than the five hundred pounds given to the several legatees, that the surplus be equally divided among my children. I appoint my brother Allen Love, and my nephew John Love, Executors of this my last will and testament, made the 28th day of April 1779.

Hugh Love (L G)

Signed sealed published
and declared in presence
of; Nathaniel Roberson
Charles Floyd
Edward Walher.

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 28th day of February 1780,
this Will was proved according to law by the oaths of Nathaniel
Roberson and Edward Walher, witness there to, and ordered to be
recorded. And on the motion of Allen Love, on of the Executors
therein named who made oath according to law, at to-
gether with Beverly Brown, and Nathaniel Roberson, his securities,
entered into and acknowledge their bond in the penalty of one
hundred thousand pounds conditions as the law directs.
Certificate was granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due
liberty being secured for the other executor therein named to
join in the said probate when he may think fit.

Teste: P. Pelham Jr.

