

William Hampton Walter one of the Executors herein named and with public oaths of John Green and Lucy Green witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said William Hampton a certificate for obtaining probate of the said will is granted them they having taken the oath of an executor and with Will Smith and William Ellis their Securites entered into and acknowledged their bond according to Law

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Joshua Hightower In the name of God amen I Joshua Hightower Sen. of Seltaway County being in perfect memory and tranquillity of mind, but calling to mind the mortality of man, and not knowing how soon my change may come, do make, constitute, and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. first I recommend my soul unto the hands of God who gave it me and my Body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my two sons Joshua Hightower and William Hightower whom I appoint Executors to this my will and Testament, and as to my worldly property and estate in general, I divide dispose of and give in the following manner. Item I bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Hightower

the manor plantation and Land whereon I now live during her natural life Except my
son Wood Hightower should come of age or marry before her death then the above
mentioned Land and plantation to be equally divided between them two during her natural
life, with this distinction, that he shall take that part whereon my mill now
stands and at her death, I then give all the above mentioned Land &c. to my said
son Wood Hightower to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give unto my
said wife Phoebe Hightower one negro man named Charles and one feather
Bed and furniture one cow and calf a sow and pigs two pewter dishes half
a dozen pewter plates and half a dozen spoons and case of knives and forks & a
horse saddle and bridle of about twenty pounds price or the value of those articles
(except the said negro Charles) to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give unto my son
Joshua Hightower, one negro man named Adam, and equal part of Household and
kitchen furniture with my wife, and one Cow and calf, or the value thereof (except
the said negro Adam) to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give unto my son William
Hightower one negro man named Isaac and equal part of Household and kitchen furniture
with my said wife, and one Cow and calf, (or the value thereof except the said negro
Isaac) to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give unto my son Leveaux Hightower one
Hundred and fifty Acres of Land called by the name of Brauden and one negro woman named
Lucy and her increase after my death, and an equal part ^{of stock} Household and kitchen furniture
(including a horse saddle and bridle) equivalent with my wife (or the value thereof) except

the said Land, negro &c. to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give unto my son
Stephen Hightower two hundred acres of Land more or less ~~value~~ ^{value} by the sum of Horses,
and one negro Boy named David and equal part of household and Kitchen furniture stock
&c. (including a Horse saddle & Bridle) equivalent with my said wife, ^{or the value} thereof
except the said Land, and negro Boy) to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give
unto my son Daniel Hightower, one Hundred and seventy eight acres of Land lying
and being in Caswell County N.C. ^(land) being the ^{land} which I bought of David Culbertson
and one negro Boy named James, and an equal part of Stock, Household and Kitchen furniture
(including a Horse saddle, Bridle,) equivalent with my wife, (or the value thereof)
except said Land, and negro, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give unto my son Wood
Hightower, one negro woman named Sarah and her increase after my death, and an
equal part of Stock, Household and Kitchen furniture (including a Horse saddle and
Bridle) equivalent with my said wife (or the value thereof) except the above Land, and
negro to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give unto my Daughter Peggy Hightower one
negro Boy named Lewis and an equal stock of Household, and Kitchen furniture equi-
valent with my wife (also Money sufficient to give her three years schooling to
her and to her heirs forever. Item. I give unto my Daughter Patsy Hightower
one negro Boy named Tom and an equal part of Household and Kitchen furniture
stock &c. equivalent with my wife (also Money sufficient to give her three
years schooling) to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give unto my son

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my Daughter Eliza Hightower one Negro Boy named Joe to her and her Heirs for ever
Item I give unto my Daughter Sally Hightower one Negro Boy named John to her and her
Heirs forever Item as to the surplus or remainder of my property Goods or estate, I give to be
equally divided among or between my wife, and Eight children To wit, Joshua William,
Devenna, Stephen, Daniel Wood, Agga, and Patsey without partiality to them and
their Heirs forever. N.B. and further my Will is that if my said wife do not
stand to and abide by this my last Will and Testament that her children To wit Wood,
Agga, & Patsey shall not inherit or be intitled to, any thing heretofore Willed to them
and in Confirmation of the whole I have hereunto set my hand, and Seal, this twentieth
day of October one Thousand, Seven hundred, and Ninety Four

Signed, Read & acknowledged as

his last Will & Testament, by the

said Joshua Hightower in the presence of

James Davis

John ^{mark} Watts Jun^r

John ^{her} Watts Jun^r

Joshua Hightower Sen^r (Seal)

Notary County Court 14th December 1794

This last will and Testament of Joshua Hightower deceased was

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James Davis

John ~~Watts~~ Watts Sen^r

John Watts Jun^r

Nottawas County Court 14th December 1794

This last will and Testament of Joshua Hightower deceased was offered to proof by Joshua and William Hightower two of the Executors thereof and was proved by the oaths of John Watts Sen^r and John Watts Jun^r witnesses thereof and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Joshua and William a certificate is granted them for obtaining probat of the said will they having taken the oath of an Executor and with Charles Barker Sen^r & John North their securities entered into and ack^d bond according to law.

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In the name of God Amen