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Hudson
Wells

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Hudson son of John Edward Hudson being weak in body
but of sound mind and memory knowing it is appointed for all men here to die do make and give this my
Last Will and Testament in the following manner;—

Item When ever God in his wisdom and Justice shall think proper to take my body to the dust from which it
came, I pray him in his mercy to receive my soul to the mansion of happiness through the merits of my
redemptor Jesus Christ.

Item I Will that every debt due to or by me at the time of my death be first paid and discharged in due
manner and by such means as my Executors shall think most advantageous to my Estate.

Item I Give to my son Thomas Hudson all that part of my Estate which lies in North Carolina, consisting
of Lands, Slaves, Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Household and Kitchen furniture and Plantations Wharves
(whereof my said son is at present in possession) during his natural life, and at his death
to be divided among his Children lawfully begotten of his body (if any such there be) In such
manner as my said son Thomas shall direct, but in case my said son Thomas die without issue
lawfully begotten of his body then and in that case, I Give and bequeath the whole of the before
mentioned Estate lying in north carolina to be equally divided between my two sons William
Hudson and Edward Hudson, one moiety to my said son William Hudson and his heirs forever
and the other moiety to my said son Edward Hudson and his heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son John Hudson the following Slaves to wit. Frank, Nan, Isaac,
Harry, Sarah and Lucy (the whole of which Slaves being at present in the possession of my said son
John) to him and his heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son William Hudson all that part of my Estate which he is at present
in possession to him and his heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Edward Hudson all that part of my Estate which he is at present

I Give and bequeath unto my son Edward Hudson all that Part of my Estate wherof he is at present
in possession also a Tract of Land lying in Seneca County to be laid off by the following
bounds Wth Beginning on the main road where the back way leading from my plantation
enters the same, thence down said Road to Tract Wells' line, thence along his and Jeffries line to Waterbury
River, thence up said River to a bunch of lock bushes on said River at the old ford thence thence running in
a line dividing between the good land and old field to the corner thence the same course continued to the
last way appeared thence along the same to the beginning, which said Land and other Estate I give to my said
son Edward Hudson and to his heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath to my son James Hudson all that Part of my Estate wherof he is at present in
possession to him and his heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Polly Jordan two slaves found a good named Abby and
also named Pansy, also a feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath to Susanna Martin formerly my negro Girl named Nancy, also a feather
bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

I Survive to my beloved Wife Penelope Hudson the Part of Land on which I at present live
lying in Prince Edwards County, also that Part of my Land lying in Seneca County between the
said already devised to my son Edward Hudson, and the Tract given to my son James Hudson.
I also send unto my said Wife one half the residue of my Estate not already disposed of
and my Will is that the same be divided as allotted in the following manner Wth my said
Wife to choose a man and my Executor another and in case the persons thus appointed cannot
agree for them to choose a third Person, which two or three persons thus nominated to proceed
to divide the Residue of my Estate as proposed into two equal Parts and to divide

and these are part thereof, which part shall accrue to my Wife as aforesaid to wit: the following slaves
to wit: they namely John and a free man's slave, which said slave and other property of my Wife shall
accrue as aforesaid, I leave to my beloved Wife during her natural life, and at her death she dispose of
as herein expressed.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sons John Hudson, William Hudson, Edward Hudson & James Hudson
the remaining part of the Residue of my Estate as aforesaid to be equally divided by them and their
heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson David Hudson the Tract of land on which I sit present
live being the land which I sold to my Wife as aforesaid lying in Prince Edward and Surinburg Counties
also two slaves viz: Sam and Silvia which I have also lent to my Wife as aforesaid also one
feather bed and furniture, and one fifth part of all the Stock of every kind which may be in the
possession of my said Wife, at the time of her death and belonging to my Estate, which said land slaves
bed and furniture and Stock of every kind I give unto David Hudson and to his heirs forever
to have the same at the death of my said Wife.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sons John Hudson, William Hudson, Edward Hudson and James Hudson
the residue of that part of my Estate lent to my Wife as aforesaid and not yet disposed of to receive
the same at the time of her death.

Item I nominate constitute and appoint my sons Edward Hudson, and James Hudson Executors of
this my Last Will and Testament, which I doth publish and declare as such this 4th day of
December one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

In Presence of John Peruch Senr.

Wm

John Hudson

In said at the time of his death -

His I. Veritable Constable and Appoint my sons Edward Hudson, and James Hudson Executors of
his my Last Will and Testament, which I do Publish and declare as such this 20th day of
December one Thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

In Presence of John Punch Sen^r

William

Mr. Hudson (Seal)

John Punch

All about date for James Edward Hudson January 15th 1776.

His Last Will and Testament of Thomas Hudson Sen^r was presented in Court and proved by the Oaths of
John Billups and John Punch Sen^r. Two of the Witnesses there present that the same be Received
On the motion of Edward Hudson one of the Executors therein named, who with William Hudson, James
Vaughan and Peter Mosier his Executors entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of
Seven Thousand dollars for that purpose conditioned as the Law directs. Certificate, for obtaining a probate
thereof in due form is granted him, and leave for the other Executors therein named to take
Execution at another day.

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To

J. Matthews Esq