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 Henry Hardins Will

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Hardins of the County of Ashe State of North Carolina and County of Ashe being in perfect mind memory thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say Inmmediately and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the direction of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Caty Hardins all my money on hand at my decease and as much of my household and Kitchen furniture as she may desire my Negro Dick and young Hannah for and during her natural life and after her death to be disposed of as herein after directed.

Item

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Parsons widow of George Parsons Decd. a Negro man named Jack during her life or widow hood and after her death or marriage to belong to her three youngest sons that are now in being whose names are

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Parsons one Negro Girl named Liza and her increase during her life and to

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belong to four of his children (w.) Andrew, Cynthia, Peggy and George

Item

I give and bequeath to my daughter Cynthia Gambrell one Negro Girl named Celio and her increase during her life or widowhood and after her death or marriage the said Girl Celio and her increase to

Item

I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Ray wife of James Ray my Negro Henderson and Lucy and her increase during her life and at her death to belong to all her children share and share alike

Item

I give and bequeath to my son John Hardin one Negro boy named Isaac

Item

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Baker wife of Philip Baker, Del. one Negro Girl named Rhoda and her increase (which Girl is in her possession) & also a Negro man named Dick and if Dick should outlive my said daughter Elizabeth to go to her heirs the said Dick to go to the said Elizabeth Bakers heirs after the death of my wife Elizabeth

Item

I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Bertie two Negroes the one named Simon the other Sam to be her right and property to dispose of as she pleases to help raise her children and at her death to belong to her heirs if not sold or made away with some other way.

Item

I give & bequeath to my son James W. Hardin my Negroes Jacob, Abram & Mary.

Item

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Parsons wife of Solomon Parsons my Negro named Pat to her & her heirs after her death

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I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth wife of William Williams one Negro Girl named Sarah to her & her heirs after her death

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Item

I give and bequeath to my son Richard J. Hardin my negro named Sterling, Sclaw and Sando all my farming tools of every kind & blacksmith shop tools and one waygon one yoke of Oxen and one choice breeding mare to him and his lawful heirs after his death

Item

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Hamilton Ray one negro girl named Milly

Item

Ray with it that old Jim & old Hannah be taken care of by some of my children and be allowed to live together with them who they may choose or be sold amongst the children if my Executors thinks proper and the proceeds divided amongst all my children equally

Item

My devise is for some of the children to take Sue & her mother Rachab and after Rachab's death to sell Sue if she will bore any price and divide the proceeds and all other property to me belonging not herein bequeathed my Executors are requested to sell and divide the proceeds amongst all my children share & share alike

Item

I give and bequeath to my daughter Caty Southers wife of Thos. Southers my negroes Sinda & young Hannah after the death of my wife Caty to her & her heirs after her death.

I do appoint my three sons John Hardin James H. Hardin & Richard J. Hardin my Executors to this my last will and testament -

And I do hereby utterly disavow revoke & annul all and every other former testaments Wills Legacies Bequests

and Execution by me in any way before named
willed & bequeathed ratifying & confirming this
and no other to be my last will & testament. in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this the 16th day of June A.D. 1846.

Henry Morton (C)

Signed sealed published & pronounced & attested
by the said Henry Morton as his last will and
testament in the presence of us who in his
presence and the presence of each other have
hereunto set our names

Jas. Johnston

Mason Johnston Junr

Hamilton Ray

Alex Elrod Junr.

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter
Ashe County & Session Nov^r Term 1856

I Robert Gambell clerk of the
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County
of Ashe and State of North Carolina Do hereby
Certify that the within will was duly proven
in open Court by the oath of Mason Johnston
& Alexander Elrod the subscribing witnesses
to said will and ordered to be recorded

Just. Robt. Gambell