

wife I bequeath my bay mare and foal and the black horse. I bequeath to Solomon the three the three year old filly and also to Joshua the grea filly I bequeath to my wife three beads her choice and the half of the coubaords and kitchen furniture as for my books my first big Bible I alow to Joshua, my new big Bible I alow to my wife during her lifetime and at her decease to be for my son, Alexander, the remainder of my books I alow to be divided betwixt sons, Joshua, Alexander, Solloman Joshua daughters Peggy and Ann to my sons Solloman and Joshua I allow them one gun a peace their choice, to my son Joshua I bequeath what land lyes on the north side of the creek known by the name of the old bottom as low down as to a slppe across the creek betwixt two ash trees thence to another slope across the creek nigh a white oak corner on the west bank of said creek, to my daughter, Peggy I bequeath five dollars, to my daughter, Isabel. I Bequeath five shillings in money and one Bible, to my daughter, Polly I bequeath five shillings and one Bible, to my daughter, Ann I bequeath five dollars, to my wife over and above what is mentioned to her one table her choice one saddle and bridle and all her own clothing my waggon and farming implements I alow to remain on the plantation-but before sealing and signing I do hereby renounce and revoke the bequeathments mentioned in the first page to my grandchildren in Georgia but allow to each one ten dollars a peace any surplice money that may arise after the payment of my debts I bequeath to my sons Solloman and Joshua, the present crop of wheat and corn as it now stands to remain on the premises for the use of the family, as to my cotton after the necessities is laid in for the house I alow the balance to go to the discharging of my debts. And I do appoint and nominate John McKinley and my son, Alexander W. Harris as executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed this 21st day of September,  
one thousand eight hundred and twentyone  
In presence of  
J. Willie  
Alexr Ferguson

William Harris seal

*after 1828*

#### Will of John Holley

Know all men by these present, I, John Holley, being thro the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received by all as such. As for my burial I desire it may be decent at the discretion of my dear wife and my executors hereafter named as to worldly estate I will and positively order all my debts be paid.

First I give to my dear and loving wife, Elizabeth Holley, viz-

2nd- I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth her bed and furniture and bedstand,

3rd-the dresry and all the furniture belong to it.

4th-all the pates with all there hanghens.

5th-I will and bequearth to my wife Elizabeth a horse called pastime with her saddle and bridle, her own choice of all the cows 7th all her body

clothes.

8th- I give and bequeath my body close to be divided among my three sons.

9th- And all the rest of my estate to be sold at vandue and the money it comes to after my debts are paid to be equally divid between my three sons and two daughters.

And I do appoint and constitute this to be my last will and testament, Leonard Holley and Moses Rogers to execute this my last will and testament, and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-fifth day of November. In the year of our Lord 1799.

Test.

John Rogers  
her  
Catherine X Farle  
mark

his  
John X Holley seal  
mark

Probated Jan. sess. 1800.

#### Nuncupative will of Jacob Mussgenung.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jacob Mussgenung, of Cabarrus County and State of North Carolina, Planter, being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and 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, principally, and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion 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, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form-

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Barbara, all what I own and possess that nothing shall be sold without she is willing to sell it, that she has more than she wants and that she shall manage it as if I was a life as long as she keeps my name, that is, to her death or marriage.

Witnessed by William Heinseman

Matthias Barnhardt

no signature

Probated Oct. sess. 1803

#### Will of Charles McGinnis

In the name of God, Amen. I, Charles McGinnis, of the State of North Car. and county of Cabarrus, calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is apointed for all men once to die and being in sound mind and memory, Bless-be God, do this day make this my last willa ~~na~~ testament in the manner following, recommending my soul to God that gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came. And as for my worldly estate I do order that in the first o



place all my debts be honestly paid as my executors hereafter named shall think most proper.

2ndly- To my loving wife, Jennet McGinnis, I do bequeath all my personal property including all my stock of creatures, of every kind whatsoever, together with all my household and kitchen furniture, farming and plantation implements to be hers forever and at her decease to be at her disposal as she shall think proper.

3rdly As to my real property, viz, my plantation and negro fellow, I do bequeath to my wife during her lifetime and at her decease, I do allow said land and negro fellow, Phil, to my son, John McGinnis, him paying to his brother Joseph McGinnis two hundred dollars. To my two sons-in-law, William Cochran and James Snell I do bequeath five shillings each.

And I do apoint my two sons, Joseph and John McGinnis, executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and testamnets made or done by me.

In witness whereof I have hereinto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord, 1816.

In the presence of  
William Harris  
William W. Spears  
Agnes Spears

his  
Charles X McGinnis  
mark

*July 26th 1816*

Will of George Hartman.

In the name of God, Amen. I, George Hartman of the county of Cabarrus and the State of North Carolina being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God, thoe weak in body yet of sound mind and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received by all as such as to my worldly estate I will and positively order that all my lawful debts be paid, first I give to my dear and loving wife, Margerete Hartman as long as she continues a widow she shall have her bed and bedstides and furniture thereunto belonging and her chest and all her clothes whatever she is onour of, this house wherein I now dwell and she shall have her kitchen dresser and as maney of the furniture as will dress her own table and she shall have her choice of any one of my iron pots and my dutch oven she shall have my room table and my loom and every article thereunto belonging and her spinning wheel and two waterpails and she shall have her choice to take one of my horse beasts which she pleases and one cow and calf and one hunting sadel and one bridel one skillet with high feet she shall have her flax heckels and she shall have liberty to drie as many apels and peatches as she may have use for in her own house and also I give unto my son Charles Hartman all my tract of land whereon I now dwell for him and his heirs forever and his colt and sadel and bridel and pair of geers for to geer one beast and also one barsheer plow and one ax and one matic and two iron wedges and two iron mall rings and one new

bedstid and one bed without fethers and one civer lid to be hisen and I will that my son Charles Hartman shall give unto my wife, ten bushels of wheat and fifteen bushels of corn every year and forty pounds of beef every year and one quarter of an acre of flax to be sowed for her on my plantation by my said son every year and my said son shall find his mother in firewood to her hons every year as long as she lives with him and also my said son Charles Hartman shall finder and provide soficient food for my wifes hors beast and cow and calf every year during the time she lives with ~~my~~ said son Charles Hartman, and also I will that my wife shall have her right and liberty to live in her hous as long as she lives and she shall have a right and liberty in her garden to sow and plant as mutch as will sarve her and I will that my wife and my son, Charles Hartman shall eatch of them have thirty silver dollars to be giving to them out of my estate and I will and positively order that my daughter, Mary, shall have ten silver dollars to be paid to her out of my estate and I will and positively order that all the remainder part of my personal estate shall be equally divided amunkst my daughters and do constitute them Peter Roseman and Jacob Rurtz Executors of this my last will and testament and trustees for my wife and children in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord 1807.

Witnesses  
Phillip Shive  
George 177 /german /

his  
George x Hartman  
mark  
Probated Jan. Sessions 1822.

Will of Agnes Houston

In the name of God, Amen. I, Agnes Houston, of the county of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, Blessed be God, do, this 16th day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-four make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say

I give and bequeath to my neice, Jean Barnet one feather bed, boulder, pillows and two sheets, as also the half of my fine clothes the remaining half, I give to my neice, Susanna Herron, as also my silver buckles and gold rings.

I give and bequeath to my friend, William Houston, Doctor, my negro waman Dinah and my negro girl Mary and their increase, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give to said William Houston the whole of my estate not herein other wise willed, real and personal. I give to the above named negroes all my corse clothing, as also my pine cubboard to Dinah. I hereby make and ordain my friend William Houston, Doctor, Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Agnes Houston have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Agnes Houston as her last will and testament in the presence of us, who were present at the time of signing

Agnes Houston seal