

of North Carolina being very weak of body but, thanks be to God, of perfect mind and memory and considering the mortality of this life and that it is allotted for all men once to die, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, towit-first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent Christian burial by my executors and friends. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it pleased the Almighty to bless me with I dispose of the same in the following manner-first I will and it is my full desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be discharged.

Item-I will and bequeath to my son, David my big Bible, a psalms book, one small trunk and a set of spoon moles and two cows his choice.

Item-I will and bequeath to my beloved son, Aaron A. Houston, my mare, one cow, and a two year old heifer also my bed and furniture, except the bedstead and to Easter Houston I give my spinning wheel.

Item-I give and bequeath to my daughter, Peggy married to Joseph Patton, my chest and ten dollars in money and my sermon book, and I allow my said daughter Peggy to collect all my wearing cloth which may be left after my decease and to divide them between my daughters-in-law, Nelly and Easter Houston and herself as even as she possibly can of every sorte.

Item-I will and bequeath to my granddaughter Polly Houston, daughter of David Houston, my other bed and furniture and my bedstead, also eight geese and as for my outstanding notes and money also my corn what may remain after my decease it is my will that the same shall be equally divided between my two sons, David and Aaron Houston, for their own proper use forever.

Item-I give to my daughter, Peggy, my meal chest.

Item-It is my will and full desire that my negro man, Bat, shall be kept between my two sons David and Aaron Houston and that he shall have it in his power to choose one or the other for his master during his lifetime and it is my will that he shall never be sold or put to any other person except my said two sons, David and Aaron.

Item-I will and bequeath to my granddaughter Patsy, daughter of my son William Houston five dollars and as for the remainder of my property what may be left after my decease I will that the same shall be sold at public sale and the money so arising therefrom to be equal divided between my two sons, David and Aaron Houston. I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons, David and Aaron Houston executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby establish this and no other to be my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly revoke and disanull all former wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of November An. Di. 1805.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
to be the last will and testament of
Margeret Houston before us

Margeret Houston seal

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Probated Jan. sess. 1806

Will of Willem Heinseman

State of North Carolina I
Cabarrus County, I November 2, 1820

In the name of God, Amen. I William Heinsamen, being of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament touching such worldly estate I give demise and dispose of it in the following manner and form, towit-first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary An Heinseman, the benefit of my seat of my plantation together with all my other property that I possess and shall have full power to dispose of it as I myself has at her discretion during life and after her death all my property shall be sole and equally divided amongst my children also my land shall be equally divided and equally valued amongst my children and to this my last will and testament I ordain and appoint my beloved wife, Mary An Heinseman and George Barnhardt, executors of this my last will and testament and further if two or more of my children shall live on my plantation they shall have the privilege of grinding their own grain on the mill let it fall to hoes share it may.

I ratify and confirm this my last will and testament, in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first above written.

Signed, sealed published and declared
by the sd. Wm. Heinseman, the testator as
his last will and testament in the pres-
ence of us who were preasent at the signing
and sealing thereof.

Wilhelm Heinseman seal

George Barnhardt
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Henry Shoe

Probated April sess. 1821

Will of Michael Wiser

In the name of God, Amen. I, Michael Wiser, of the county of Cabarrus in the state of North Carolina being very weak in body but of sound and perfect memory and understanding, blessed be God Almighty for the same, calling unto mind the mortality of my body well knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die in considering that, do make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say, first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to be buried in a Christian manner according to the directions of my hereunto named executors and what concerns such worldly estates wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this world I give, devise and dispose of the same in manner and form as next following-First I order and direct that my funeral and other expenses and debts shall be paid out of my said estate by my hereunto named executors and then further I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth, except what is secured to her by a certain bond or obligation of my son-in-law, Matthias B Beam and Volly, his wife /my daughter/ which obligation is dated October fifth 1801, full power and authority to reserve and except so much and many articles of my household goods and kitchen furniture and store goods, sugar, coffee, spirits, wine and other articles of the same as she pleases except ready money

and writings as book debts, notes or bonds due to me, and to hold, enjoy and use the same during her life if she remains a widow under my own proper name but if if she should agree matrimony after my decease with another husband then she is to lefth my said place and the income thereof and except her clothes, spinning wheel to have and carry only one fourth part those my household goods and kitchen furniture heir above bequeathed to her.

Item-I give and bequeath to my two grandsons, as John fur, the son of Henry fur and Batsy his wife, my daughter and Jacob Wiser, the first born son of my daughter, batsy, now the wife of George Barringer, all my clothes garments and suits of what denominations they might be.

Item-I give and bequeath unto my daughter Volly, the sum of twenty shillings lawful money of North Carolina.

Item-I give and bequeath to my daughter, Catherina married to henry fur or to lawful heirs of her body and to Batsy, my daughter, married to George Barringer or to the lawful heirs of her body in even and equal shares all the residue of my moveable and personal property of what name and description they might or will be /after the above foregoing legates to my wife, grandchildren and my daughter Volly aforesaid be discharged and satisfied/ with condition that out of the said estate, that which is ~~saleable~~ shall be sold on public ~~auct~~ auction about one or two months after my decease and then the money of it to be shared under and amongst my said two daughters, Catherina married to henry furr and Batsy married to George Barringer or their lawful heirs in equal ~~share~~ shares as above stated, except that my negro girl Diary shall be and remain with my wife to serve and attend her during her life, in case my said wife should survive me, and then after my wifes decease the said negro girl and her issues if any should be, they also shall be sold on public auction together with all overdues and overplus my wife should lefth after her decease to the highest bidder. And the money of it shall also be shared under my said two daughters, as Catherina married to henry furr, and Batsy married to George Barringer or the lawful heirs of their bodies in even and equal shares and whereas as above described I have assured my present land and plantations unto Matthias boem, my son-in-law married to my daughter, polly, by a certain obligation dated, January 17th 1800-and my said daughter, polly having yet not any child of her body for all she live several years in the state of matrimony with the said Matthias Boem and as it seems likely and probable that no issue will become of her, therefore I order and direct hereby that in case my said son-in-law, Matthias ~~Be~~ Boem should die before my said daughter, Polly, his wife, without a lawful heir of him and my said daughter, then and in that case and accident my said daughter Polly shall have the sole possession use income and benefits of those my said land and plantations and every part of it during her my said daughter Polly, her lifetime without any diminishing and in case or accident my said daughter Volly should die before her said husband the said Matthias Boem ~~my~~ son-in-law without

any lawful issue or heirs of her body, then the said Matthias Boem or his other heirs executors or administrators shall pay one month after my said daughter Polly s decease the sum of fifty pounds lawful money of North Car. in one entirs payment to my other two daughters-Catherina married to Henry Furr and Batsy married to George Barringer aforesaid-or to the lawful heirs of their bodies in even and equal shares.

And hereby I the said Michael Wiser as testator of this foregoing will and testament constitute set and appoint my faithful son-in-law, Henry Furr, as my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament, with full power and authority to make, sign, seal execute and deliver a lawful deed unto my said son-in-law, Matthias Boem and Polly, his wife, or their lawful heirs if any be of the body of my said daughter, according to the tenor of this my said will and testament and the above described obligation dated October the 5th, 1801, of 1000 dollars from said Matthias Boem delivered unto me, and hereby revoke and make null and void all and every other former will and testament by me made and declare this and no other as my last will and testament. In witness and confirmation whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, dated October the sixth eighteen hundred one of American Independence the 26th.

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared by the sd. Michael Wiser, as his last will and testament in the presence of us as witnesses thereto. N.B. the word below between the 5 and 6 line from the bottom : and testament: was done before signing.

George Guttman
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Probated Jan. sess. 1805

Will of John Hagler

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Hagler, Senior of the State of North Carolina and the county of Cabarrus being weak in body but perfectly sound in mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament and do utterly revoke and disanull all other wills by me made and first I will and desire that all my just debts be honestly paid and then I will that my body be decently buried in a Christian maner and my soul I give to God who gave it

2nd item-I give to my wife, Caty Hagler two cows choice out of my stock and one mare chois out of my stack of horses and one negro wench named Agge, and her increas and two negro boys named jim and Sam and I will and desire that if my wife should think proper she is at liberty to sell the said negros and equally divide the money between all my heirs lawfully begotten of her body, and the youse of the plantation I now live on and all the household and chicking furniture with the plantation tools to her during her lifetime or widowhood and at her decease or marriage to be equally divided between all my heirs, males and females.

Item. I give to my three sons, Leonard Hagler, and Jacob Hagler and Chas Hagler the land and plantation as I now live on after my wifes decease to be