

signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Aaron Chadwick to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, do subscribe our names thereto.

The word Emeline, in the 25th line of the first page interlined before signed.

Samuel Seffers

Alfred H. Chadwick

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Chatham County } February Term A.D. 1862.

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Aaron Chadwick deceased, is exhibited for probate in the Court by Richard Seffers, one of the executors named, and the due execution thereof, by the said Aaron Chadwick, is proved by the oaths and affirmation of Samuel Seffers and Alfred H. Chadwick, the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing, and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Aaron Chadwick, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. Richard Seffers, executor as aforesaid, qualifies as such. Taking the oath required by law.

Jan. Rumley Clerk

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Barton Heardesty, being in sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this the 12th day of April in the year of our Lord 1861 make and publish this my last will and testament, in the manner following, that is to say, I take this opportunity dividing my property which God hath blessed with among my children in the following manner viz:

1st. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Heardesty, the land where he now lives which I have given him a deed for. I also give a tract on Cord Neck called the Jonas land containing two hundred acres and also my new patent on the head of Oyster Creek adjoining the lands of Henry Harrell, containing fifty acres to him and his heirs.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Nathan Stanton one negro woman named Ory and all her children during his lifetime which is now in his possession. And then at his death my grand children viz: Wm. P. Stanton, Burdett Stanton, Joseph D. Stanton, Mary F. Stanton, Robert B. Stanton and Jonathan Stanton Jur. I give to Benjamin F. Stanton fifty cents and the said Jan. Clegg fifty cents.

I also bequest that the negro girl Sharlet to be given to my grand daughter Mary F. Stanton on the day of her marriage, and the balance of said negroes to be equally divided among the above named and their increase from this date all except Benjamin F. Stanton and Jan. Clegg's heirs which I give fifty cents each to them and their heirs forever. 3rd. I give and bequeath to my son Micajah Heardesty one negro woman named Renda and her

children which is now in his possession and their increase to him and his heirs.

4th. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Hardisty one negro woman named Jane and her children which he has in his possession and her increase to him and his heirs.

5th. I give and bequeath to my son William Hardisty sixty acres of land on the West side of the Canal also my two new patents lying on the head of Laurel Swamp, containing one hundred and fifty acres or more to him and his heirs.

also one negro man named Daniel one boy named Jesse one girl named Ceala to him and his heirs forever. Also one horse named Bill I head of cattle if there is as many.

6th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanny Bell one negro woman named Rachael and her children which is now in her possession to her and her heirs forever.

7th. I give and bequeath to my son John Hardisty one tract of land on the West side of Long Creek called the Carolina land Two hundred acres running according to deed including a part of Camels Ridge all to the main road to Sanders Branch then due South down the line to Joseph Hardisty's line to him and his heirs.

Also one negro woman named Eliza and her children named Bethany and Malissa and their increase from this date to him and his heirs.

8th. I give and bequeath to my son Washington J. Hardisty two hundred acres of land beginning at the mouth of Yates Creek running up the Creek to the Swamp to the main road then due South with Joseph Hardisty's line to Joseph Hardisty's line and his heirs to Harlow's Creek and up the Creek to

beginning, also my Laurel Swamp patent containing two hundred acres, more or less to him and his heirs. Also one negro woman named Susan, one girl named Mary, one boy named Alex, one girl named Fanny, one boy named Simon and their increase from this date. Also two head of cattle one mare named Fooley one horse named Dobbin one bed and furniture Blacksmiths tools Coopers and Carpenters tools and the old man and bones to him and his heirs.

9th. I lend to my beloved wife Jane all my property I have not heretofore devised during her natural life or widowhood. That is to say Old plantation where I now live. Also I lend her during her life or widowhood one negro man Jim the old woman Mary one girl Hetty one horse buck all my household and Kitchen furniture of all dimensions farming tools, Crops provisions Cane stock of all kinds cattle oxen sheep hogs carts buggy and every other thing I have not devised heretofore during her natural life or widowhood and one hundred dollars in cash if there should be as much on hand.

And I want it to be understood, after my wife Jane deceased or her widowhood all the above named property I give and bequeath to my son Washington J. Hardisty - my negroes, land stock farming tools buggy household and kitchen furniture all that I have lent to my beloved wife Jane during her life or widowhood I give and bequeath to my son Washington J. Hardisty and his heirs. I also leave my beloved wife Jane to the care of my son Washington he will do all the business for her. She is not to sell nor convey any of the property I have lent her without the consent of Washington he will take care of during her natural

life or widowhood

10th. I give and bequeath to my son William Hardesty one thousand dollars in cash and also to my son John Hardesty two hundred fifty dollars in cash. And if there should be any more on hand after all debts and expenses paid I wish it to be equally divided between William Hardesty and Washington J. Hardesty.

11th. And I hereby make and ordain two sons William and Washington executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Burton Hardesty have to this my will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year herein written.

Burton Hardesty

signed sealed and declared by Burton Hardesty the testator as his will and testament, in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Jacob Taylor

Rufus W. Bell

Gideon C. Bell

Signed 13th. of May 1861.

Carters County Court. November Term 1865

The foregoing will is exhibited for probate in open Court and the execution thereof by Burton Hardesty the testator proved by the oath and examination of Rufus W. Bell and Gideon C. Bell, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. The same is considered by the Court to be the last will and testament of the said Burton Hardesty, and is ordered to be recorded and filed.

Thereupon William Hardesty, one of the executors therein named, duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Geo. Rumley

Whereas I, Isaac Taylor of the State of North Carolina and Craven County, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory (blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I give and devise unto my two sons, Alexander H. Taylor and Isaac Taylor my two plantations to be equally divided between them at their request, one in Craven County on the West side of Long Creek, and south side of Run River and the other in Carter County on the East side of Harlow's Creek, to have and to hold their heirs and assigns forever.

I further give and bequeath unto my four daughters viz: Maria Taylor Sarah Ann Taylor Margaret Taylor and Susan Taylor a maidenhood estate in the house on the above named plantation on Harlow's Creek, that is to say my dwelling house for a home for them during their maidenhood.

I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Alexander H. Taylor one negro boy by the name of Sam to have and to hold his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Isaac Taylor one negro boy by the name of David to have and to hold his heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath to my three oldest daughters one negro woman by the name of Pleasant to have and to hold their heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath unto the said three daughters viz: Maria Taylor Sarah Ann Taylor and Margaret Taylor three hundred dollars to make them equal with my sons, that is to say to make the negro woman equal in value with the two negro boys.