

widowhood it is my will that said Land belong
 to my four sons namely Isaac Stewart James
 and Nathan Hinshaw provided they shall pay
 to my daughter Betsey Hinshaw the sum of
 fifty Dollars to be due when Isaac or his sur-
 viving brother shall have arrived at the age of
 twenty one year or an year after as it shall
 come into their possession after which time
 my said daughter Betsey Hinshaw shall draw
 no part of the profits of the land And if any
 of my aforementioned children shall die whilst
 in minority and without lawful issue then
 and in that case it is my will that said land
 belong to my surviving sons or son. My intent
 and meaning is that all my children shall
 share alike in the profits of the land should
 it come into their possession before any of them
 shall come to lawful age. Item third I give
 to each of my above named children two
 Dollars to be made of such of my personal
 property as my wife can best dispense with
 Item fourth I give the balance of my personal
 property to my wife during widowhood to enable
 her to raise and educate the children I give
 her all of my household furniture (except my clock
 and one bed and furniture also one cow and calf
 and two sheep to be at her disposal Item fifth I do
 hereby nominate constitute and appoint my wife
 Mary Hinshaw executrix and William Hinshaw

Executor of this my last Will and Testament ¹¹³
In Witness whereof I the said Benjamin Minshaw ~~do~~
have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh
day of the fourth month in the year of our Lord one
thousand Eight hundred and forty

Signed sealed and pronounced Benjamin Minshaw ~~do~~
by the said Benjamin

Minshaw to be his last Will
& Testament in the presence of

Jose Hobson (Aff)

William Minshaw jur (Aff)

Chatham County & This certifies that the foregoing
August Term 1840 } last Will & Testament of Benjamin
Minshaw dec'd was proved in open
Court by the affirmations of Jose Hobson & William
Minshaw for the subscribing Witnesses & ordered to
be recorded. Whereupon William Minshaw sen one of the
executors therein named appeared in open Court
& was qualified
Sede St. A. Thomas S.C.

State of North Carolina. Chatham County
I John Watson of the County & State aforesaid being
weak in body though in sound and perfect mind &
memory do this day make & ordain this my last
Will & Testament (To wit) I in the best place bequeath
my soul to God who gave it & my body to be buried
in decent Christian burial. Secondly I give & bequeath
unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Watson during her
natural life time the following property. That is to say
I give & bequeath unto her all the land I may die
hopeful of on the north side of Pick Creek belonging
to what I call the James Brooks tract also one
acres that I bought of Samuel Brooks
where now my dwelling house stands together

I Benjamin Hinshaw of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being in tolerable health and perfect sense and memory but calling to mind that all mankind must die on this consideration I do make this my last will and Testament first I am desirous for the wellfare of my fortune being and as concerning my worldly estate I desire my just debts and funeral charges to be paid the lands I now live on comprehending all that I own I give and leave unto my daughter Jane and my two grandchildren Ruth Bogleman and Malottus Hinshaw to be divided as follows - Ruths part is to begin at a white oak sapling William Hinshaw corner in beataly line running north with D line to Ets^r corner then with Ets^r line left poles then east to William Hinshaw line then south with D line to the beginning corner be the same more or less - Jany. part is a lot as it is now inclosed between the house and barn with half the garden and half the cotton patch & half the orchard with privilege of water firewoods and timber off of the whole of it as she sees fit to support D^r lot and premises which includes the dwelling house which I now live in this & D^r lot privilege and premises to be my daughter Jany to have and to hold during her life and then to belong to Rindleton also the balances of my lands to belong to Rindleton half the profits of Rds Rindletons lands to go to my daughter in law Anna (mailed a widow) untill he is eighteen years old the other half to himself - then all to himself - also I give and leave to my daughter Jane her choice of my beds and furniture and one walnut chest likewise the cuppers and all that is on them and the looking glass two pots one each one cow (her choice) and two sheep her choice also the clock and bed and the rest of my estate if there be any to be equally divided. (after the sale of it is made) between my four sons and four daughters Abraham Jacob Benjamin William and Elizabeth Abigail Jane and in this my last will and Testament I appoint my son William Hinshaw and Benjamin Hinshaw (son of Abraham) my Executors I desire them to discharge their duty - this being made on the twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord 1831.

assigned by me
the parents of my
William Vestal
David Vestal

Benjamin Hinshaw

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May 1842 This certifies that the
foregoing last Will and
Testament of Benjamin Hinshaw Dec^d was
proved in Open Court by the oath of David Vestal
a subscribing Witness thereof & ordered to be
recorded. Whereas Wm Hinshaw one of the Executors
therein named appeared in Open Court & was
duly qualified

I Richard Webster of the County of Chatham
and State of North Carolina being of sound mind
and memory but considering the uncertainty of my
earthly existence do make and declare this my
last Will and Testament in manner and form
following that is to say. First that my Executors (here
inafter named) shall provide my body a decent
burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends
and pay all funeral expenses together with my just
debts known and to whomsoever owing out of the
moneys that may first come into their hands as a part
or parcel of my Estate. - Item I give and devise to my
beloved wife Mary the tract of Land whereon I now
live I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary One Negro woman by the name of Sally
One bed & furniture and as much of the household
& kitchen furniture as she may desire One cow and
One calf and the choice of my horses and all of my domestic
stock partly of every kind at the death of my
beloved wife Mary it is my will and desire that
the property given to her shall be sold by my Executors
(hereinafter named) and the proceeds of the same

to be equally divided amongst my children share & share alike with this exception the lands and negro woman Polly. I give devise & bequeath to my two daughters Elizabeth & Mary above. Should they be single and should one of them be married then I give devise and bequeath the lands and negro woman to my unmarried daughter and at her marriage my will and desire is that the lands & negro woman be sold by my Executors (hereinafter named) and the proceeds of the same to be equally divided amongst my children share & share alike. Item I give and bequeath to my son Richard the sum of Twenty Dollars to be paid to him whenever convenient to my Executors hereinafter named.

Item, I give and bequeath to my two single daughters Elizabeth & Mary above the sum of Twenty Dollars each to be paid to them whenever convenient to my Executors (hereinafter named). I also give and bequeath to each of my single daughters Elizabeth & Mary above One bed & furniture & one cow & calf.

Item my will and desire is that all the residue of my estate after taking out the devise and legacies above mentioned shall be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided amongst my children share & share alike. My will and desire is that my children have no law suits one with the other and as to the gifts or advancements I have made to them during my life time I want no notice taken of them in the final winding up of my estate. It is also my will and desire that my two single daughters live with their mother and the dower given to my beloved wife will then answer for her & family. I want it known to my children and the world that the reason I have given my son Richard & my two daughters Elizabeth and Mary above Twenty Dollars in cash over and above the rest of the children is for the trouble they have had with me during my sickness and the kindness they have showed me.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my truly friends Chatham Abtademan and my son Richard Richard & Richard & Richard my Executors

Executors to all intents and purposes to execute the my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof being working and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

I Witness Hereof. I the said Richard Webster do hereunto set my hands and seal this 23rd day of May A.D. 1842.

Richard Webster

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Richard Webster to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto -

Allen Goodwin

Henry M. Goodwin

Chatham County

August Term 1842

This certifies that the foregoing last will and testament of Richard Webster Dec^d was produced in open Court by the oath of Allen Goodwin & Henry M. Goodwin the subscribing witnesses and was read to be recorded. Whereupon James L. Richards & Richard two of the Executors therein named appeared in open Court and were duly qualified. At Chatham the other Executors therein named appeared in open Court & renounced his right to qualify. -

Levi Mathademan & Co.

In the name of God amen. I James Mathademan of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being in a low state but sound in mind and memory as usual that he to wit for it do make codicils and publish this my last will and testament in presence and form as follows. (viz.)

1st I commend my soul to God who gave it and to my body be decently buried at the burying ground of my family.

2nd It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid