

hand and affixed my seal this the 11th day of
August A.D. 1838
in presence of
Wm. S. Gathie (Test.)
John Whitehead

Maryannah ^{her} L. Henry
mark

Chatham County this certifies that the foregoing
August 1st 1840 Will and Testament in open Court by
oaths of Wm. S. Gathie a subscribing witness thereto
ordained to be recorded - Whereupon Joseph Holley
executed into Bond as administrator with the Will
coupled with Stephen C. Lawrence & Joseph Dan-
forth, Securitors, and was qualified.

Date A.D. 1840

State of North Carolina To all whom it may
Chatham County Concern - Know ye that I Sarah ^{the}
of the State and County aforesaid being of sound
mind and infirm in body do hereby make this
my last Will and Testament. I wish to have
my boy Jim sold but have the liberty of choosing
his own master. I wish all my stock to be sold
consisting of Cows horses and hogs and sheep but
not the horses till the crop growing on the farm
is made and secured - and that I do hereby give and
bequeath unto my three daughters that is Sarah Jane
Anna Penny and Rena Thompson all my house
and kitchen property except one bed and furniture which
I do give and bequeath unto Sarah Jane Thompson
daughter of John Thompson that is all the rest equally
divided of my household property amongst said three
daughters - And I do wish all the rest of my property
to be sold and equally divided amongst my three
daughters aforesaid except twenty five cents apiece

to all my grand children - also I wish all my crop
of corn wheat and oats now growing set a mark
divided amongst my three daughters aforesaid and my
intents in all the crop now growing
May the 17th day 1840 - And that I do appoint John
Thompson Executor to execute said Will

May 17th 1840

Sarah ^{her} Steel
mark

Test. William Glopian (Test.)
Lucinda Williams (Test.)

Chatham County this certifies that the foregoing
August 1st 1840 ^{last} Will and Testament of
Sarah Steel aforesaid was proved in open Court by the
oaths of Mr. Glopian & Mrs. Williams Jr. the subscribers
thereto and ordain to be record - Whereupon
John Thompson the Executor therein named appeared
in open Court & was duly qualified

Date A.D. 1840

Ye it remembred that I Benjamin Hinsdale
A.B. of North Carolina Chatham County being sick
and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind
and memory do make and ordain this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form
following. Item first I will and direct my
Executors hereafter named to pay all of my
past debts and expenses of burial out of my estate
they my said Executors may dispose of property
for that purpose as they may think best. Item
second I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Mary Hinckley the whole of the tract of
land on which I now live (computed to contain
ninety three acres) be the same more or less
during her natural life or so long as she
remains my widow and at the termination of the

widowhood it is my will that said Land belonging
 to my four sons namely Isaac Brewster Brown
 and Nathan Brewster provided they shall pay
 to my daughter Betsy Brewster the sum of
 Fifty Dollars to be due when Isaac or his surviving
 brother shall have arrived at the age of
 Twenty one years or as soon after as it shall
 come into their possession after which time
 my said daughter Betsy Brewster shall have
 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 ^{of} 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 dispose 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 & 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 Brewster Executrix and William Brewster ^{as}

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Eccutor of this my last Will and Testament
In witness whereof I the said Benjamin Hinshaw ~~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 Hinshaw ~~do~~
by the said Benjamin
Hinshaw to be his last Will
& Testament in the presence of

Jose Hobson (Aff)

William Hinshaw jun (Aff)

Chatham County 3 This certifies that the foregoing
August 1st 1840 last Will & Testament of Benjamin
Hinshaw ~~do~~ was proved in open
Court by the affirmation of Jose Hobson & William
Hinshaw Jr the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to
be recorded. Whereupon William Hinshaw saw one of the
executors herein named appeared in open Court
& was qualified Sept 1st A.D. 1840 86

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 (So wot) I in the first 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
possessed of on the north side of Rick Creek belonging
to what I call the James Brooks tract also one
small acre that I bought of Samuel Brooks
whereon my dwelling house stands together

I. Benjamin Hinslaw 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
 welfare 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 have and comprehending all that I own
 I give and leave unto my daughter Jessie and my two
 grandchildren Ruth Chapman and Nealton Hinslaw
 to be divided as follows - First, such is to begin at a white
 oak sapling William Hinslaw corner in Beaufort, line running
 west with 20 lines to St. Coven then with 20 lines
 back then east to William Hinslaw line then south with
 20 lines to the beginning corner be the same more or less -
 Jancy park 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 firewood and timber off
 of the whole of it as she sees fit to support sd lot and premises
 which includes the dwelling house which I now live in this sd
 lot privilege and property to be my daughter Jancy to have
 and to hold during her life and then to belong to Bulleton
 also the balance of my lands to belong to sd Bulleton half
 the profits of sd Bulletons lands to go to my daughter in law
 Anna (while a widow) until 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 bed, and furniture
 and one walnut Chest likewise the sheep and all that is
 in them and the looking glass two pots one each, one cow
 and the rest of of my estate if there be any to be equally di-
 vided (after the sale of it is made) between my four sons and four
 daughters Abrahams Jacob Benjamin William and Elizabeth
 Abigail James and in this my last will ands Testament
 Appoint my son William Hinslaw and Benjamin
 Hinslaw (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.

affixed by me
the present 9th day
of August 1842
William Bestal
David Bestal

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Benjamin Hinshaw

Chatham County
May 25th 1842 This Certifies that the
Testament of Benjamin Hinshaw Esq^r may
be found in Chen Creek by the oath of David Etter
a Subscribing Witness that it is ordered to be
recorded - Whereas Wm Hinshaw one of the Executors
therein named appears 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 worth of my relations and friends
and pay all funeral expenses together with my just
debts hereocome and to whomsoever owing out of the
monies 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 wherein I now
live & 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
Calp and the choice of my horses and all of my dom-
estic poultry 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 how
shall alike with this exception the Lands and negro
woman Colly & give devise & bequeath to my two
daughters Elizabeth & Mary Anne Should they be single
and should one of them be married then & give devise and
bequeath the Lands and negro woman to my unmarried
daughter and at her marriage my will and desire is to
the lands & negro woman be sold by my Executor (herein
after named) and the proceeds of the same to be equally
divided amongst my children shall & shall alike
stand. I give and bequeath to my son Richard the sum
of Twenty Dollars to be paid to him whenever convenient
to my Executor hereinafter mentioned.
Item. I give and bequeath to my two single daughters Eight
Dollars each the sum of Twenty Dollars each to be paid
to them whenever convenient to my Executor (hereinafter
named). I also give and bequeath to each of my single
daughters Elizabeth & Mary Anne One bed & furniture
& one cow & calf
Item My will and desire is that all the residue of my
estate after taking out the devises and bequests above
mentioneds shall be sold & the proceeds to be equally
divided amongst my children shall & shall alike
My will and desire is that my children have no less
rights 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 settling up of my estate
It is also my will and desire that my two single daughters
with their brother and the sum 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 Eight dollars and say
sum. 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
shown me.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint
my truly friends Nathan & Mathew and my
long friend Webster Richard Webster my lawyer

Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this
my last will and testamant according to the true
intent and meaning of the same and every just
and clause thereof being reciting and declaiming
utterly voids all other wills and testaments by and
herebefore made.

In witness whereof Oth said Richard Webster do
hereunto set my hands and seal the 23rd day of
May A.D. 1842.

Richard Webster
by *Mark*

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

Allen Goodwin
Henry M. Goodwin

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August 2nd 1842 This certifies that the foregoing last
will ands testamant of Richard
Webster Dec^d 1842 was pronounced in open Court by the acts of
Allen Goodwin & Henry M. Goodwin the subscribing subscribers
thereto ands ordered to be recorded. Wm. D. Lamm &
Richard Webster two of the Executors herein named appears
in open Court and were duly qualified. Attestman the
other executors therein nominated appears in open Court
& renounces his right to qualify -

Lester Mathewman 8th

In the name of God amen. I Danny Bynum
of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
being in a low state but sound in mind and memory
as usual that is to God for it do make certain and
publish this my last will and testamant in manner
and form as follows. (sig.)

1st I command my soul to God who gave it and let
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