

In the name of God amen I Benjamin
Hoody 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 &
form following That is to say first That my
lawful Executors hereinafter named shall provide
for my body a decent burial suitable to the
wishes of my relations & friends & pay all funeral
expenses together with my just debts house
rent & to whomsoever owing out of the money
that may first come into his hands as a part
parcel of my estate, Then I give and devise
my beloved wife Margaret Hoody the tract of
land wherein I now live containing one hundred
acres four acres together with all my household
w kitchen furniture one orriss horse one two
wheeled waggon all my stock of cattle hogs & sheep
all the domestic fowl & poultry to have & to hold
her the said Margaret Hoody for & during the
time of her natural life, Then I give & bequeath
my grand son Nathaniel B Hoody after the
death of my wife the above named tract of land
whereon I now live to him his and at his disposal
absolutely forever I am my wish and desire
That the said Nathaniel B Hoody shall take
care of my wife during her natural life and
then all the above mentioned perishable property
sold & all the debts due me collected to be paid
the use of settling my debts & other expenses

\$70 and if any remainder to be given
to the said Nathaniel B. Moody absolutely
forever as for my children I consider I have
already provided for them what I intended
them to have, And lastly I do hereby consti-
tute & appoint my Trusty friend Nathan Bray
my Lawful executor to all intents & purposes
to execute this my last will & testament accor-
ding to the true intent & meaning of the same
and every part and clause thereof hereby making
and declaring utterly void all other wills and
testaments by me heretofore made in writing
whenever I the said Benjamin Moody do hereby
set my hand & seal thus the 22nd day of October
1853

signed sealed published &
declared by the said Benjamin
Moody to be his last will &
testament in presence of us
who at his request in his
presence & in presence of each
other do subscribe our names
as witnesses thereto
Attest
by N. B. G. J.
Thomas & Dowd

Benjamin Moody

Feb 20 1854

The execution of the foregoing
last will & testament of Benjamin Moody was
duly proved in open court by the oath of Thomas
& Dowd a subscribing witness thereto & order
to be recorded whereupon Nathan Bray the last
there named appeared in open court and was
duly qualified as such

Teste M. Taylor Clerk

Be it remembered that I William Henshaw
of Whatham County and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind & memory but considering
the uncertainty of earthly existences do make
& declare this my last will & testament
in manner and form following that is to
say First that my Executor hereafter named
pay all my just debts hereover & to whom
when owing out of the moneys that may first
come into them hands as a part or parcel of
my estate Then I give and devise to my son
Jimmie Henshaw all the tract of land whereon
I now live to have & to hold to him & his heirs
in fee simple forever provided nevertheless he
shall pay or cause to be paid to his brother Michael
the sum of one hundred dollars
and to his brother Martin Henshaw the sum
of one hundred & fifty dollars within two
years after the probate of this my last will
& Testament Then My will and desire is
I do hereby direct that all of my personal
estate of whatsoever kind or nature be sold
by my executors hereafter named and the
debts owing to me collected and the surplus
over & above the payment of debts and expen-
ses of execution of this will that said surplus
be equally divided amongst my children
who are here named them & their heirs
to wit Michael Henshaw Jimmie Henshaw
Martin Henshaw Silphina Allen wife of
Wm Allen Malinda Potts wife of M. C. Potts