

In the name of God Amen I Isaac Hartsoe of County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health and in my seventy fifth year of age last named in mind & memory as usual thank Thanks be to God for it do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows Item I give and bequeath to my two daughters Elizabeth Hartsoe and Comfort Hartsoe all of my tract of land wherein I now live to be theirs & their heirs forever also two negro girls one by the name of Rebecca and one by the name of Sally likewise my two horses and all of my stock of cattle & hogs Item I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Matilda Copeland one bed sheet and furniture Item It is my wish and desire that my two daughters above named should have all the residue of my estate that I have not mentioned in my will

Item 4 and last I do hereby nominate and appoint my two daughters Elizabeth Hartsoe and Comfort Hartsoe or either of them my Executors or Administrators to this my last will and testament overlooking all other wills by me made this 25<sup>th</sup> May in the year of our Lord 1850

Signature sealed in the presence of

Philip Hartsoe  
Pudding Hartsoe  
S D Comstock

Isaac Hartsoe (W)

Feb 1st 1853

State of North Carolina This will certify that  
Bladen County, the last will and testa-  
ment of Isaac Hartson  
was duly proved in open court by the oaths of  
Budding Hathy & Phillip Hartson two of the  
subscribing witnesses Thence and ordered to be exec-  
uted upon C Hartson & B Hartson the executors.  
These names appeared in open court & was duly  
qualified as such

Teste

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I Henry Wedek of the County of Blad  
and State of North Carolina being of sound min-  
d and memory but considering the uncertainty of my  
earthly existence do make and declare this my  
last will and testament in the manner and form following  
that is to say, That my Executor herein after named shall  
provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the  
wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral  
expenses together with my just debts now due and  
to whomsoever owing out of the money that my post  
come into his hands as a part of a parcel of my Estate  
2<sup>nd</sup> Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Polly T  
Plantation where I now live during her natural life  
and widowhood and in like manner I leave her two cho-  
ices ten head of cattle & ten head of sheep all my  
stock of hogs and a sufficiency of grain for one year  
support for her family and stock to be laid off  
a committee chosen by her and the child done one  
way upon negroes over five years and under one hundred  
and twenty with the smith tools and as many of the

<sup>3<sup>rd</sup> farming tools as she sees proper to keep also all  
the household and kitchen furniture by her giving  
my four boys Gran Manly Henry & only a bed  
and furniture a piece when they need them and  
also I leave her three negroes by Malindy, Jane and  
Mariah as long as she sees proper to keep them  
but if she cannot control them or gets dissatisfied  
with them they shall be sold at public sale by my  
Executor and leave her one hundred dollars in cash</sup>

<sup>3<sup>rd</sup> Item I give and devise to eldest son John  
the tract of land wherein he now has known by  
the name of the Peter place valued at four hundred  
dollars to have & to hold to him & his heirs in fee simple  
forever & one by house given which I have already ad-  
vanced valued at fifty dollars & one bed & furniture  
which he has got & one cow and other advancement  
which I have made him valued at ten dollars</sup>

<sup>4<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my son Ben one tract  
of land containing three hundred and thirty seven &  
a half acres as by reference to the deed made to me  
by Robert Hartson will more fully show it being the  
same tract to have & to hold to him & his heirs  
in fee simple forever valued at two hundred &  
ninety dollars also one slave named Betsy valued  
at fifty dollars one bed weighing thirty pounds and  
furniture and ten dollars in money</sup>

<sup>5<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my son Manly one  
tract of land known by the name of the Isaac place  
valued at one hundred & twenty five dollars to have  
& to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever  
also one bed weighing thirty pounds & furniture and  
ninetey dollars in money <sup>6<sup>th</sup> Item I give & devise to  
my Henry one tract of land known by the name of the  
Eli Place valued at one hundred and fifty dollars  
to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple  
forever also one bed weighing thirty pounds & furniture and ninety dollars  
in money</sup></sup>