

In view of the uncertainty of life & the solemn
 certainty death I Jacob Hadley of the County
 of Chatham and State of North Carolina being
 of sound and perfect mind and memory do
 this day the second of April one thousand eight
 hundred and forty nine of the Christian era
 do make and publish this my last will and Tes-
 tament to wit first I give and bequeath unto
 my beloved wife Phebe Hadley the plantation
 and mill with their appurtenances wherupon we now
 live together with the negroes Lark & Mariah
 & Melina. Ann & James with their increase
 also one waggon and two choice horses or mules
 also as much cows hogs sheep Bacon grain pro-
 vider Farming tools house hold & kitchen fur-
 niture as she may wish to keep the remainder
 of the perishable property to be sold, negro
 Alexander to be sold or hired at the option of the
 executor I give and bequeath to Hannah Keelin
 my daughter and to Melissa Hadley my daughter
 three hundred dollars each the former legacy I have
 by order my agent Abram West of Indiana to pay
 over as soon as it can be collected out of a debt
 in his hands the latter to be due out of any ava-
 ilable means that may come into the hands of the
 executor to be paid over at her option also one
 horse of the value of fifty dollars and two cows
 I give and bequeath to Mifler Woody & sons colt
 also in the general distribution of my estate I desire
 that he be placed in the same relation as one of my
 son Jacob Hadley's children & that
 in the distribution be made accordingly my land in the
 State of Iowa I leave to my seven children and
 to Jacob Hadley's children Mifler Woody

included. They to constitute one share the land to remain in the case of the executor until the two thirds of the heirs shall agree to divide or sell then he shall have power by virtue hereof to cause an equalty divided amongst the eight heirs or their lawful representatives for their benefit I desire that at the death of my wife Phoebe Hadley that the plantation mill and appendages and negroes and perishable property all be sold by the executor the proceeds of said sale be equally divided amongst my heirs or their assigns namely Lina West Leah Hadley's children Wm P Hadley Martha Love Nancy Justice Hannah Annular Ruth Moody and Melissa Hadley. I desire my Executor after paying my debts with the specified legacy to Melissa Hadley and guaranteeing to Hannah & William here to retain a sufficient amount to meet contingencies arising out of the settlement of the estate as he may think sufficient and distribute the remainder equally amongst the heirs, I also give to Ruth Moody a piece of land containing ~~about~~ ^{more or less} in the County of Chatham on the Waters of Tyrols Creek adjoining Samuel Perry and others And I hereby make and ordain my son Wm P Hadley Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Jacob Hadley have set to this my last will and Testament with my hand and seal the day & year above written.

Signed read published & declared by the said Jacob Hadley the testator as his last will & testament in the presence of at the time of signing

Samuel R Perry
Hannah Henderson
John N Buckner

Chatham County 5th August Term 1849

This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament of Jacob Hadley was duly proven in open court by the oath of Heseiah Thomsen son one of the subscribing witnesses Thomsen and ordered to be recorded whereupon Wm P Hadley the Executor therein named appeared in open court and was qualified as such.

Teste Wm Taylor C C

I Stephen Gilmore being of sound mind and disposing ~~many~~ ^{my} mind & memory but considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please my God to call me hence have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my decease and after maturely considering the circumstances and condition of all those among whom my heirs at law or the objects of my gratitude or affection in my judgment my estate should be distributed I do make publish and declare this to be my last will & testament hereby making and making null & void all former last wills and testaments and writing in the nature of last wills and testaments by me heretofore made. My will and desire is first that after my death my body shall be decently buried in a Christian like manner. My will and desire is secondly that all of my just debts shall be paid by my executors hereafter named. My will and desire is thirdly that my beloved wife Sarah Gilmore shall have all my property