

In the Name of God Amen

I Elizabeth Cole being in a low state of health and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all mankind once to die, and being of sound mind and memory, and wishing to bring my lastship business to a close. I do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following, first of all my will is to recommend my soul to almighty God that gave it, and for my poor frail body, to have a decent burial by my children; my will is that all my just debts be paid my will is after that; that the legal heirs of my son Reuben Cole deceased, shall have one third part of all my <sup>realty</sup> estate that I am in possession of, that is not willed away, by my husband William Cole deceased after my death my will further is that my sons Isaac Cole and William Cole shall <sup>have</sup> after my death, and equally, divide the other two thirds of all my realty estate that I am in possession of at ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> death. that is not willed away, by my above named husband William Cole my will further is that the legal heirs of my son Reuben Cole have each of them One dollar in cash after my death, and my will further is that Isaac Cole my son and William Cole my son have after my death, each a counterpane and Pillar case and my will further is that my son Isaac Cole have after my death the newest bed quilt, and for my son William Cole to have the next newest bed quilt that I am in possession of, also my will further is, and I do this day, make and appoint my beloved son Isaac Cole my lawful Executor, and furthermore I make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament

in manner and form above written in witness whereof I Elizabeth Cole have hereunto set my my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 1855—

Signed in presence of as

Wm Beards

Mark Bynum

Elizabeth Cole <sup>her</sup> Dial  
mark

The foregoing last will and Testament of Elizabeth Cole deceased was duly proven in open Court at November Term 1855 by the oath of Mark Bynum a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Isaac Cole the executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified

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I John Horton of the county of Chatham and State of North Carolina being in my sixty ninth year of my age, and ~~in~~ a low state of health, but sound in mind and memory as usual thanks be to God for it, and knowing according to nature I must soon depart this life, do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows,

I then give and bequeath my soul to God that gave it to me, and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid  
I give and bequeath to my loving wife Maryan Horton one feather bed bedstead and furniture her a horse  
I do leave to my above named wife Maryan Horton

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during her life or widowhood the following properties,  
to wit One Negro woman by the name of Judith, one working  
hog, one cow and calf, and sow and pigs Two Ewes & Lambs her  
choice, also one pot. One frying pan one set knives & forks  
One cupboard and all the earthenware, belonging to it;  
Three sitting chairs, one third of the land I now live on  
including my dwelling house one water, pail and washing tub  
I give and bequeth to my wife Maryan Horton five  
hundred pounds of Pork fifteen barrels Corn, Twenty pounds  
sugar Ten pound of coffee

I give and bequeth unto my two sons namely Daniel  
Horton & Joel Horton all the lands I now possess or  
may own at my death

I give and bequeth unto my Grandson Jeff Horton  
son of Joel Horton Twenty five dollars.

I give and bequeth unto my two sons and three daughters  
namely Daniel Horton Mary Horton Joel Horton  
Elizabeth Brewer and Mearl Moore the residue of  
my estate that I have not hitherto willed away, to be  
equally divided amongst them

I And lastly, I do hereby, nominate appoint and ordain  
my trusty, friends William Merritt John Lavater and  
Joel Horton or either two of them or either of them  
my Executors or Excutors to this my last will and  
Testament in manner and form as above stated and  
acknowledge this and this only to be my last  
will and Testament as above stated  
Revoking all other wills made by me  
Given under my hand and seal

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 One cupboard and all the earthenware, belonging to it;  
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 Elizabeth Brewer and Michael Moore the residue of  
 my estate that I have not hitherto willed away, to be  
 equally divided amongst them

<sup>to</sup> And lastly I do hereby nominate appoint and ordain  
 my truly friends William Merritt John Lasater and  
 Joel Horton or either two of them or either of them  
 my Executors or Executrix to this my last will and  
 Testament in manner and form as above stated and  
 acknowledge this and this only to be my last  
 will and Testament as above stated

Revoking all other wills made by me  
 Given under my hand and seal

This 16<sup>th</sup> day July AD 1833

Witness

Thos Bell

Levi Horton

The foregoing last will and Testament of Levi Horton deceased was duly proven in open Court at Noanbenton 1833 by the oath of Thomas Bell a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be Recorded & thereupon Levi Horton the executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified.