

In the name of God Amen 441
I John Hunter 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 & testament
in manner and form following

Item 1st That it is my will That all my
Just debts be paid however and to whom
soever owing

Item 2nd I give and bequeath To John S
Hunter son of my nephew Wm Hunter all
of my negro Slaves property consisting of
three men namely Oliver aged about
thirty eight years Nelson aged about
thirty six years and Isaac aged thirty
years and also all of my stock of hogs
farming utensils & Blacksmiths
tools house hold and kitchen furniture
to have and to hold to him the said
John S Hunter son of my nephew
William Hunter his heirs Executors
and Administrators and assigns to his
the said John S Hunters and their only property
we are and be hold forever nevertheless
by that my nephew Wm Hunter and
father said John S Hunter shall hold
the property his lifetime for the use of
John S Hunter his son and after the
death of Wm Hunter father of John
Hunter the said John S Hunter shall
have the full possession of the above named
property

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend and nephew Mr Hunter my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute the my last will and according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby acknowledging and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said John Hunter do hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of January A.D. 1857

signed sealed published and declared by the said John Hunter to be his last will and John Hunter ^{sub} Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses Thus

Norman Melton } Hunt
Joseph H Boon }

Feb Term 1857

The execution of the foregoing last will and testament of John Hunter Sen was then duly proved in open court by the oaths of Norman Melton & J H Boon the subscribing witnesses Thus I ordered to be read whereupon Mr Hunter the executor therein named appeared in open court and was duly qualified as such

Teste Wm Taylor 666

I Benjamin M Thomas 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 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 howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

Item I give and devise to my beloved wifeabella Leatherman all of my stock and property of every description consisting of horses hogs & cows together with all of my farming tools also all of my household and kitchen furniture also all interest in all notes and accounts due me also my tract of land on which I now live containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less to have hold and use to to her own benefit during her widowhood or single life but if she marries then the property shall be equally divided between her and my three children (my) John Lewis, William Alfred and Benjamin Franklin and lastly I do nominate and appoint my trusty Brother James Thomas my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every