

24 In the name of God amen. I William Horton
Son of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina
being old and infirm, but of Sound mind and memory thanks
to almighty God for the same; therefore calling to mind the
certainly of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all
men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last Will &
testament in manner and Form as followeth: First I humbly
recommend my immortal Soul into the hands of almighty God
that gave it, hoping thro the mercy and merits of my blessed
Saviour to inherit life eternal, and my body I leave to be buried
at the discretion of my Executors: And as to my worldly estate
whereunto it hath been pleased God to bless me in this life I now
and dispose of it in the following manner.

First. My Will is that all my Just debts be regularly discharged
Secondly. I leave to my beloved Wife ~~Ann~~ Mary Horton, during her
life term or widowhood, the Land and Plantation whereon I now
live, likewise the use of the following Negroes vizt. ~~Wm~~ Saml
the Dick, Big Dick, Aggy Custis and Dilly, one Saddle
Horse, one Bay Horse, Place of my son Joseph Horton, one
old Bay Horse called Paddy and one ^{young} Gray Horse, also my
Maggie and Geer, also four choice Cows and calves my own
also five dry Cattle, such as will be my Wife's choice, also
ten Sheep, but my said Wife's choice, also two, her choice
Hens and Eggs, also all my working Tools, Household and
Kitchen Furniture, One Plaster Road and Furniture excepted
also I leave unto my said Wife one Hundred Barrels Corn
and a reasonable Portion of Wood and Colles for one year
also fifteen Hundred weight of good Salt. For her my said
Wife's year provision and Hags enough to make for fifteen
Hundred weight for her second year provision, and also
one Barrel of Brandy for my said Wife's own use

the said Lane, Godwin, Cotton, Perle, Hays & Brandy for my
said Wife's own use, except her death or marriage should prevent
her wanting the same, and in that case, if any part thereof of the
last named Articles, be left at the death or marriage of her my
said Wife, the said surplus to be conveyed as part of the said
Lane's Property, which she my said Wife was to have the use of
during her life time or widowhood. Thirdly, I give and bequeath
unto Sarah Lyon Wife of William Lyon, one Trunk Bed and
Furniture, at any time when my said Wife may think proper to
do so. Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my Grand son William
Horton son of Joseph Horton a Negro Boy by the name of
Allen (son of Caring) also one Hundred Dollars to be laid out
~~in~~ schooling said William's Fifthly, I give and bequeath
after the death or marriage of my said Wife unto my son Joseph
Horton, of to the said Joseph Horton, doth well and truly pay
First pay unto my sons Ebenezer Horton and William Horton
Fifty dollars each, the Lane ~~land~~ and Plantation, whereon
I now live, not to include the Lane bought of Henry Williams
but all the rest of my land, except what I have already
Deeded away. Sixthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Sarah White of Lake Pyram, one Abutatto Girl Slave by the
name of Charlotte. Seventhly, I will and bequeath unto my
sons, Ebenezer Horton, William Horton, Benjamin Horton, Hiram
Horton, Joseph Horton and my daughter Sarah Pyram
Wife of Lake Pyram, Minerva Pyram Wife of William
Pyram Junr, Elizabeth Williams Wife Zachariah Williams
Eight Ninths of all my Property, which I have not sold or
my house and other Goods excepted) nor lent to my aforesaid
Wife, to be equally divided between them, and also after the
death or marriage of my beloved Wife, what I have lent to her
my said Wife, and also the Good and Fowl for Eight months

of the same to be equally divided between the afore named
Sister, William, Benjamin, Martha, Joseph Sarah, Minerva
and Elizabeth. Share and share alike. Nextly I give and
bequeath to be equally divided between the lawful Heirs of
James Horton, after the death of the said James Horton my
son and his Wife Rebecca one fourth part of all my property
which I have not will'd away my house and lands except
my tent to my said Wife, and also after the death or marriage
of my said Wife, what I have tent to her, and also the house
and lands, which I now live to her in like manner as the other
one fourth of the same to be equally divided, between the
lawful Heirs of my son James Horton after the death of
him the said James Horton and his Wife Rebecca. Giving
the use of all the said Property which I have given unto the
said James Horton's heirs unto him the said James Horton
during his and his Wife Rebecca's life time - And I hereby
make and ordain my son Joseph Horton and my son
Benjamin Horton. Executors of ^{my} last Will and testa-
ment. In Witness whereof I the said William Horton
have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand
at this the fifth day of September in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty -

the latter hand out to the under eight before
assigned. —

William Horton

Signea Scilia Testibus and

declared by the said William

Horton the testator as his last Will

& Testament in the presence of us who

were present at the time of signing

& reading thereof Isaac Haby

Henry Williams

James Haby

by Isaac Haby

Henry Williams