

of age, my will is that the other should have all the land, and if they both die before they are twenty one years of age, I then give the said land to my son Lovell Jarvis and his heirs forever. Item. I bind the use of my plantation and stock, and all my estate after paying my debts to my wife Francky Jarvis, during her widowhood, and at her inslanding or death my will is that all my estate except my land shall be equally divided between my two daughters, Elphelia Jarvis and Bliff Jarvis, to them and their heirs forever. My will is that my executors should sell eight acres of my land next to Samuelle Whitehurst to said S. Whitehurst at a price stated. And I hereby ordain and appoint my son Lovell Jarvis and Altimmons <sup>my</sup> son, my executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Solomon Jarvis have to this my last will and Testament, set my hand and seal the day and year above written —

Signed, sealed, published and  
declared in presence of us — Solon Jarvis 23

Hillary Turtor  
Betsey Cowell  
Samuel Whitehurst  
<sup>mark</sup>

At Simmon's Turtor  
Recorded & Examined the day of

In the name of God Amen.

I, Malachi Holstead, son of the county of Craven, being sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be god, to this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner following. Viz. First I give and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Merce a silver dollar, to be raised out of my estate to him and his heirs forever. Item. I bind to my daughter Mary Merce during her life a certain piece of land, bounded as follows, beginning at a pine stump on the creek of Anthony Simmonds corner, running north westerly to a large pinson tree in the plantation, and so on straight to a ditch, and thence with said ditch easterly to an other ditch, thence easterly straight to the first, stanch, for her to live on during her natural life, and at her death, I give the same to William G. Merce, and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my son William G. Merce, all my land that lyeth north of the string of Juniper rails fence, straight each way, as the juniper fence now standeth to him and his heirs forever, which will cover the land I left M. Merce. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Cornelius Merce, all my land, lying on the south

side of the juniper fence, which I bounded W. G. Merce, which will cover the buildings whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever also I give to said Cornelius Merce, one negro woman named Comfort, and one negro woman named Pegg, and one negro boy named Boston, and one negro girl Edy, together with all the rest of my property, within doors and without, after paying my just debts to him and his heirs forever — And I hereby make and ordain my friend W. T. Simmons my executor, of this my last will and Testament, witness whereof I the said Malachi Holstead, son, have to this my last will and Testament, set my hand and seal the day and year above written —

Signed, sealed, published and

declared by the said J. Holstead, Jeremiah & Merce, Seal  
the Testator to his last will  
in the presence of us  
test. Wm. T. Simmons

Hillary Turtor

Altimmons Turtor

Recorded & Examined the day of

In the name of God Amen.

I, Malachi Holstead of the county of Craven, in the state of North Carolina, to this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, make, publish, pronounce and declare this instrument, of writing to be my last will and Testament, in the following manner Viz. Item. Give and bequeath to Hillary Simmonds, daughter of Altimmons, all my land and all my negroes and slaves, all my money in the hands of my guardian or else where due, to her and her heirs forever. I nominate and appoint Altimmons to be my executor to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Malachi Holstead have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written —

Signed, sealed, acknowledged,  
declared in presence of — Malachi Holstead Seal

Hillary Simmonds  
George Turtor  
Altimmons Turtor

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