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The last will and Testament of Thomas Best dec^d. Exhibited
and proved at May term 1818

North Carolina. In the name of God, Amen. The 18th day, January 1818. I Thomas Best of Hinnicket Bunkys the county of Currituck; being in perfect mind and memory, but very sick of body, calling to mind my mortal condition and that it is appointed for all men once to die and I do hereby set my last will and Testament in writing, therefore and first of all, give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that give it and my body I command unto the earth to be buried at a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same. First of all my desire is that all my lawful debts to be paid, and as touching of all my estate, I give as in manner and form following. Give beloved to wife Anna one bed and furniture. And to give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Anna two sheep and one horse with two pig cotton chair, one chest some earthen ware, one table, one broom, and the remains of half dozen spoons, five knives and forks, one bed, one pot and tea kettle, one water pail, the remains of my property I have to be sold and the money to be equally divided between my son Ezekiel Best and my daughter Polly Best, after paying my last debts. I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Anna Best to be my sole and lawful Executor, I do hereby acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament, and do make void and disannul all others, whosoever shall oppose it: As witness my hand and seal.

Attest P. T. Jones Just.
County of Currituck
made.

Thomas Best
his mark

Recorded and Examined the day of,

The last will and Testament of William Hummings
deceased. Exhibited and proved at Aug. term 1818

In the name of God, Amen: I William Hummings of Currituck county in the state of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following. I give and recommend my soul to Almighty God who first gave it me, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me with in life, I give and devise and dispose of in the following manner and form.

Item. I lend to my dear and loving wife, during her widowhood the use of all my cultivated lands, with the buildings thereon, her raising and keeping clear of expense my four youngest children untill they come to lawful age. Item. I give to my two sons Zachariah Hummings and Elijah Hummings all of that tract of land and plantation I bought of Thomas Sammons lying on North river, to be divided equally between them, to them and their heirs forever.

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Item. I give to my two daughters Peggy Hummings and Patsy Hummings here is my land and plantation on the west side of the main road commonly called the Olson plantation to be equally divided between them, my daughter Patsy Jones to have the north end of said land, to them and their heirs forever. Item. I give to my daughter Sally Hummings the part of my plantation whereon I now live, that formerly belonged to James Walls agreeable to the lines that said Walls held it by, and I jointly Thomas Whitehall lend to her and to her heirs forever, containing about fifty seven acres more or less. Item. I give to my daughter Abby Hummings that part of my plantation whereon I now live, which I bought of Thomas White and wife, agreeable to the lines they formerly held it by, containing fifty seven acres more or less, to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give to my son Kiddick Hummings that part of my land and plantation I bought of Stephen L. Sawyer, agreeable to the lines that he held it by, as well appear by deed from said Sawyer, containing about fifty seven acres more or less, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give to my son William Hummings that part of my land and plantation which I bought of Thomas Gray and wife agreeable to the lines they held it by, as well appear by deed from said Gray and wife, containing fifty seven acres more or less, to him and to his heirs forever. It is my will and desire, that if either of my two sons Kiddick Hummings or William Hummings should die before they have lawfully begotten of his body that his part of said land should go to the surviving one. It is further my will and desire that if either of my two daughters should die before they should have an heir lawfully begotten of her body, that her part of the land I have given and should go to the surviving one. I mean my two daughters Sally Hummings and Abby Hummings. Item. I lend the use of all my perishable property, money and notes and accounts excepted to my wife during her widowhood, and if she should marry or dissent from this will, I give all the said perishable property to all my children and wife, to be equally divided, to them and their heirs forever. Item. I give to my two sons Zachariah and Elijah Hummings one hundred and fifty dollars out of my notes to be equally divided between them, to them and their heirs forever. Item. I give to my wife my negro woman Chincy to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give to my two sons Kiddick and William Hummings and my daughter Sally Hummings all the remainder of my property and estate of any kind whatsoever, which I have not already given away, after paying my last debts, to be equally divided between them, excepting during my wife's widowhood she should be under the necessity to repair this house I now live in or build another's small dwelling house not to exceed twenty feet in length, and sixteen feet in breadth with a shed; then and in that case she should have as much of the above estate or money as should repair or build the said house, the house if built shall be put on my daughter Sally Hummings land. Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend Thomas Sanderson, to be my whole sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all former will or wills heretofore by me made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. And witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10th day of January 1818 signed, sealed, published and delivered by the Testator to be his last will and signed, Wm. Hummings Test.
Testament in the presence of us

T. Whitehall Just. Recorded and Examined the day of
Calib Sanderson